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Annual Drive's Goal is 1,000 Toys



Along with food, the 2023 Toy Drive Event included magic shows, dance performance and photo opportunities with Santa Claus, below. Photos courtesy of Community Partners Advocate of Little Saigon Sacramento

By Emanuel Espinoza

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - In this holiday season, Christmas cheer will fill the air with a toy drive event Dec. 15 in Elk Grove.

The eighth annual Toy Drive Event will be from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 at District 56, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

The event is presented by Community Partners Advocate of Little Saigon Sacramento and the NorCal Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce. Its purpose is to give toys to children who have so little and to brighten the Christmas season for them, because no



child should be without a toy, as the Explore Elk Grove CA website states.

Nikki Nguyen, president

of the Community Partners Advocate of Little Saigon Sacramento, said this event involves bringing

unwrapped toys to donate to underserved children. The event also provides

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Boston Named Child, Family Services Director



Shelby Boston is the new Child, Family and Adult Services director. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

**Sacramento County
News Release**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Board of Supervisors at its Dec. 3 meeting concurred with the county executive's appointment of Shelby Boston as Child, Family and Adult Services director, effective Jan. 27.

"The County of Sacramento is truly fortunate to welcome Shelby Boston as the new director of Child, Family and Adult Services," said Chevon Kothari, deputy county executive for Social Services. "With her deep passion, educational foundation and wealth of expertise, Ms. Boston is not only poised to strengthen the department but also to bring meaningful, lasting change to the lives of those we serve throughout the county. Her leadership will undoubtedly inspire progress and foster a brighter future for our community."

Boston has more than 25 years of experience serving social services agencies. Her experience includes financial administration, crisis management, organizational development, program planning and implementation.

Prior to her appointment, Boston served as the director/public guardian for Butte County's Department of Employment and Social Services since 2016, where she oversaw and managed operations for that county's largest department. Prior to that, Boston served as the assistant director for the same department where she oversaw Children, Adult Services and Public Guardian for five years.

In addition to her professional experience, Boston holds a Master of Social Work degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in health education with a minor in women's studies, both from California State University, Chico. ★

National Champions in Elk Grove



Students from Weber's Martial Arts Academy pose with trophies captured at the National Martial Arts Competition: Cloe Lam, 7, left; Ethan Do, 12; Jennifer Do, 10; Dahlia Stewart, 9 and Jason Tan, 8. Photo by Anna Chairez-Weber

**Story and photos by Ramona
and Chris Scarborough**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Nine contestants competed for the National Championship Title Oct. 3- to 5 in the National Martial Arts Competition at Mather Field. They were matched according to size and belt rank. This contest was held, according to Olympic rules.

Five young students, ranging in age from 7 to 12 years, came away

with trophies from their scores in Taekwondo form and fighting.

The winners had all taken instructions from Master David Weber, who owns Weber's Martial Arts Academy here in Elk Grove. He conducts classes Monday-Thursday for kids, teens and adults. He also is assisted by two seasoned Taekwondo instructors.

Formerly, Weber had a martial arts school in Cloverdale for 14 years. He said, "I even had one lady who

started at age 93 and continued until she was 98."

Students are gradually introduced to proper form, progress to light contact and then to self-defense. They can eventually learn board-and brick-breaking. To progress to the next rank, or belt, testing is handled according to the rules of the Kukkiwon Academy training.

This facility is the only one in the area that uses the Kukkiwon

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Illumination Fest Lights the Night

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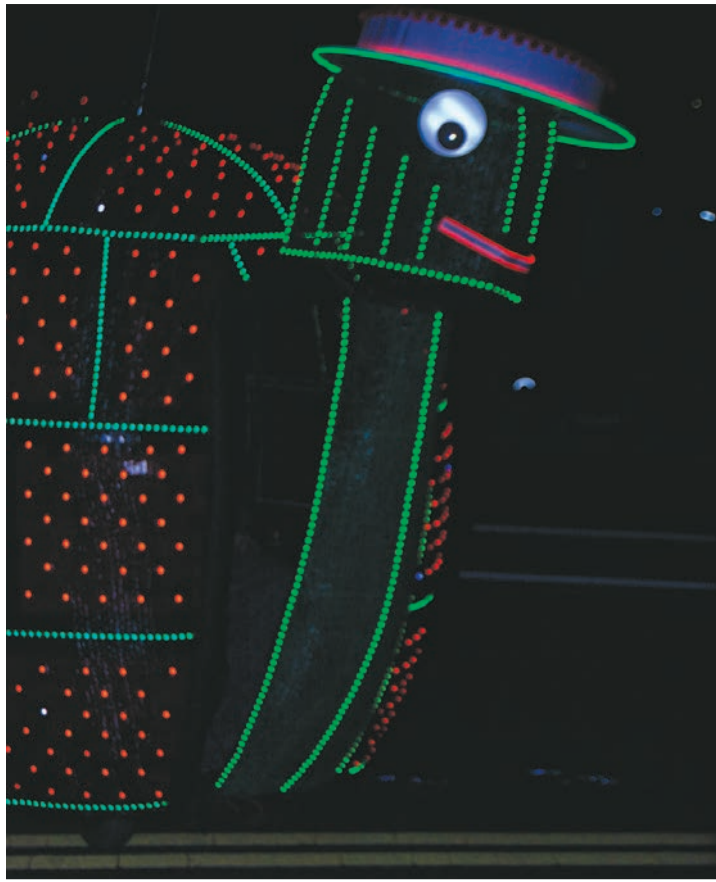
ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Hundreds of holiday revelers gathered at District56 on Saturday, Dec. 7 for the Illumination Holiday Festival.

The event began at 3 p.m. with vendor booths for holiday shopping and food trucks for noshing. Youngsters could frolic in bounce-houses or step into a life-size snow globe. They also could try out a portable ice-skating rink.

All eyes (and feet) moved to the street for the 6 p.m. parade, produced by the Elk Grove Lions.

Cosumnes Fire trucks launched the parade with lights and sirens. Following them were Scouts on floats and on foot, marching music from the Sheldon High School Band, and lighted cars, trucks, Jeeps, wagons and trains.

Following the parade, Elk Grove City Councilmember Sergio Robles, with help from the crowd, counted down the seconds until the lighting of the distinctive Ribbon Tree. ★



An illuminated turtle rolls and glows in tribute to Disneyland's Main Street Electrical Parade. Photos by J.G. Wirt



The crowd aims cellphone cameras to capture the lighting of the Ribbon Tree at District56.

Farm Bureau Honors 'Hometown Hero'

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Walter Hardesty, a cattle rancher from Elk Grove, has received the California Farm Bureau's Hometown Hero Award in recognition of his support of the Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) program in Sacramento County.

The Sacramento County Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee nominated Hardesty for the award, which was presented Dec. 7 at the 106th California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, held in Monterey.

"Walter plays a significant role in the success of our Sacramento County YF&R program," Adriana Toste of the Sacramento County Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee wrote in nominating Hardesty for the award. "He greatly enjoys socializing with our committee and mentoring our young, developing Farm Bureau leaders."

Hardesty, a Sacramento County Farm Bureau member since 1986 and a 21-year board member and multiple-time officer, donates his family's property each year for the Young Farmers & Ranchers committee's annual Young Farmers & Ranchers BBQ, its main fundraiser for leadership development.

"The reason we have been so successful and profitable with our YF&R BBQ is truly because the Hardesty family generously provides their venue free of charge," Toste said,



Walter Hardesty, left, receives the California Farm Bureau's Hometown Hero Award from Nick Rocca. The Sacramento County cattle rancher was recognized for his support of the organization's Young Farmers & Ranchers program. Photo courtesy of California Farm Bureau

adding that Hardesty also donates items for the raffle and dessert auction and invites friends, family and community members to the event.

"Their hospitality is second to none and stands as a testament to Walter's belief in the value of the YF&R program and the Farm Bureau organization," Toste said.

Hardesty also donates to the Young Farmers & Ranchers' Christmas toy drive and other activities.

"He is always willing to step up to support the next generation of farmers and ranchers and provide our members with the tools we need to be successful in our community," Toste said. "The Sacramento County YF&R committee is thankful to have Walter Hardesty in our corner, and we are privileged to

nominate such a deserving individual for this award."

The California Young Farmers & Ranchers State Committee established the Hometown Hero Award in 2022 in memory of Randy Rocca, a Fresno County farmer who was a state Young Farmers & Ranchers Discussion Meet champion and long-time Young Farmers & Ranchers supporter.

The award recognizes county Farm Bureau members who have rendered outstanding service to the Young Farmers & Ranchers program and young Farm Bureau members.

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of more than 26,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.8 million Farm Bureau members. ★

California Respects the Power of Your Vote

By Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., California Secretary of State

Californians can confidently claim this: California has made more significant reforms to our election laws and expanded voting rights than any other state.

The relevance of this accomplishment deepens as we prepare to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act next year. This landmark legislation began to undo our country's long history of voter suppression, intimidation, and disenfranchisement that far too many Americans experienced at the polls for decades.

My own parents, who were sharecroppers, were denied their right to vote in the Jim Crow era South. Before moving to Los Angeles from Hope, Arkansas, my parents, David and Mildred Nash, could not vote. My father was an adult with six children before he registered to vote and was only able to exercise that constitutional right for the first time here in California.

As California Secretary of State, I do not take the progress we have made over the years lightly. My staff and I hold sacred the obligation to ensure that our elections are safe, free, fair, and accessible to all. Therefore, before certifying the results for this year's election on Dec. 13, we have taken a number of steps to ensure that every vote is counted. We have also made sure that our ballot counting process is credible and free from interference.

To meet that deadline without a hitch, California requires election officials in all 58 counties to turn in their official results by a certain date. This year, that date was Dec. 6.

By law, every eligible voter in our state receives a vote-by-mail ballot. This ensures all registered voters can exercise their right to vote.

Whether you placed your ballot in a designated drop-off box, voted by mail, or cast your ballot at a polling center, votes are safe and secure. And we allow voters to sign up to receive text message, email, or voice call notifications about the status of their own ballots by using the Where's My Ballot? tool. To learn more or to sign up, paste this URL in your web browser: <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>

The ballots of Californians who voted by mail are also protected. The United States Postal Service partners with the State to make sure ballots are delivered on time. All mailed-in ballots are sent by First Class mail with a postage paid envelope provided to every eligible registered voter.

Election Security is our number one priority. That's why my office designed and implemented a program to back up that commitment. For more information, visit this URL: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/election-cybersecurity>

Additionally, California takes preventive actions to make sure our voting technology keeps our elections safe and protects everyone's votes.

For example, county voting systems are not connected to the internet, which protects them from cyber-threats. The State also performs regular and rigorous testing to make sure the voting systems are working optimally, and only authorized personnel are granted access.

Staff members are also given phishing and cybersecurity training.

VoteCal, the state's centralized voter registration system, is also key. The system is regularly updated, and it is used as a resource for counties to verify voter signatures.

California also provides security at all counting locations and makes sure ballot drop-off boxes are secured and monitored.

And all election processes are open to observation during specified hours.

In my role as Secretary of State of California, there is nothing more important to me than defending our democracy. I am committed to safeguarding voting rights, and to leading our state in upholding the highest democratic standards by implementing policies and practices that Californians and all Americans can trust and look to for instruction and hope.

You can contact the California Office of the Secretary of State at 1-800-345-Vote or elections@sos.ca.gov with inquiries or to report suspected incidents or irregularities. Additional information can be found at www.sos.ca.gov and the office's social media platforms:

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Cosumnes CSD Welcomes New Board Members and Honors Outgoing Directors



Cosumnes CSD Division 1 Director Gil Albani was first elected to the Cosumnes CSD Board in 2004. Photos courtesy of Cosumnes CSD



Cosumnes CSD Division 4 Director Orlando Fuentes, a longtime Laguna resident, joined the Cosumnes CSD Board in 2016.

Cosumnes CSD News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Cosumnes Community Services District extends its heartfelt gratitude to outgoing board members Gil Albani and Orlando Fuentes for their years of dedicated service and welcomes Rich Lozano and Daniella Zehnder to the Board of Directors.

Albani has been a pillar of the Elk Grove community for decades, serving on the District Board since 2004. A veteran of the Army National Guard, a long-time resident of the Elk Grove area and a respected member of the local real

estate community, Albani brought leadership and commitment to every role he undertook. He has been deeply involved in local and regional initiatives while serving on various boards, including the Mercy Foundation, Sacramento Association of Realtors and the California Exposition & State Fair. His extensive contributions to youth development, healthcare and agriculture have left a lasting legacy in Elk Grove.

Fuentes, a long-time Laguna resident, joined the Cosumnes Community Services District Board in 2016 as an advocate for community wellness and inclusivity.

His distinguished 26-year career in California state government focused on health and human services, and since retirement, he has dedicated his time to strengthening Elk Grove's community spirit. His leadership in events like the Elk Grove Multicultural Festival underscores his passion for celebrating diversity and unity.

At the Board of Directors' regular meeting on Dec. 4, district staff, city officials and community members expressed gratitude to Albani and Fuentes for their unwavering service and commitment to the community.

On Dec. 4, new board members Rich Lozano and

Daniella Zehnder were sworn into office, along with Jim Luttrell, who is beginning his third consecutive term on the Board. They join Directors Angela Spease and Peter Sakaris, who were elected in 2022.

Lozano brings decades of experience in public service, including prior terms on the District Board and as a Galt City councilmember. With a passion for safety and youth development, Lozano's extensive background in law enforcement and community engagement positions him to make a meaningful impact.

Zehnder, a dedicated Elk Grove resident, offers a fresh perspective to

the District Board. With leadership experience in financial institutions and a commitment to community development, Zehnder is poised to contribute significantly to the District's mission of enhancing the quality of life for residents.

Also at the Dec. 4 meeting, the Board of Directors appointed Angela Spease as its president for 2025.

Spease noted, "Looking ahead to 2025, we're excited about empowering

our community with top-notch parks, recreation and fire protection services. Working closely with our dedicated team and community partners, we aim to enhance the safety and quality of life for residents, businesses, visitors and employees in the District.

"With a mix of experienced leaders and new voices on the Board, we're committed to a bright future for our community."

National Champions in Elk Grove

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Academy Training, which is a worldwide agency based in Korea with specific rules for receiving a certificate of credentials. This certificate can be presented at any training center to be accepted as a member.

Weber said, "I see growth in my students in self-confidence, self-discipline and respect for others."

Dads and moms are pleased to see these qualities being inculcated in their children. However, parents are also concerned about safety for their children. Weber insists on proper conduct and gear, such as chest protectors, helmets, shin guards and mouthpieces.

There are separate classes according to students' skills: beginners, white to red belt, black belt, a masters club, teen and adult sparring, private lessons and family groups.

Advanced classes use staffs, nunchucks, swords, Kama, Escrima stick fighting and Tonfa.

To get more information on classes, see webersmaa.com or call 707-671-2393. Weber's Martial Arts Academy is at 9170 Elk-Grove-Florin Road, Suite G, Elk Grove. ★



Weber's Martial Arts Academy has protective equipment for young students' safety.



David Weber is a Taekwondo master and owner of Weber's Martial Arts Academy.

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POLICE LOGS

Nov. 22

12:19 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Essence Beshears, 19; and Teska Jefferson, 28, on grand theft charges.

7:37 p.m., 9600 block of Amber Fields Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Reginald Armstead, 66 on warrant charges.

8:53 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Erik Fuller, 57, on grand theft, conspiracy and resisting arrest charges.

Nov. 23

1:45 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Matthew Guerrero, 28, on corporal injury to an intimate partner charges.

4:47 a.m., Sheldon Road/Highway 99, Elk Grove Police arrested Nestor Solorzano, 25, on DUI charges.

8:11a.m., 7800 block of Forestdale Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Subaan Moosa, 28, on burglary and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

3:54 p.m., 7400 block of Wilsall Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Jonathan Thomas, 22, on warrant charges.

9:49 p.m., 9000 block of Levant Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Jennifer Randazzio, 32, on warrant charges.

11:59 p.m., 8500 block of Bond Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Dustin Payne, 41, on burglary charges.

Nov. 24

1:32 a.m., 10100 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Patience Geiger, 22, on warrant charges.

11:11a.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Steven Duran, 43, on trespassing charges.

2:24 p.m., 9200 block of Emerald Crest Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Farid Riahi, 41, on warrant charges.

7:35 p.m., 9000 block of Waterman Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Christopher Jamison, 52, on negligent discharge of a firearm charges.

Nov. 25

4:57 p.m., 7200 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Briannah Gipson, 28, on warrant charges.

10:50 p.m., Big Horn Boulevard/Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Kamrul Arias, 42, on warrant charges.

Nov. 26

9:46 a.m., Laguna Boulevard/Trenholm Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Omar Meneses, 50, on warrant charges.

3:03 p.m., Calvin Road/Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Shawn Sherwood, 35, on possession of a controlled substance and identity theft charges.

10:42 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Auto Center Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Randell Tillis, 37, on violation of parole charges.

11:52 p.m., 10800 block of Rau Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Daniel Werre, 35, on resisting arrest and violation of probation charges.

Nov. 27

8:31 a.m., 8900 block of Capote Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Harmanjit Singh, 32, on misuse of 911 charges.

7:54 p.m., 10300 block of Ensemble Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Angelina Escobar, 25, on warrant charges.

10:45 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Brandi Loyd, 39, on theft, identify theft and possession of a controlled substance and warrant charges.

Nov. 28

1:37 a.m., 9100 block of Nolan Street, Elk Grove Police arrested a female juvenile on warrant charges.

6:04 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Omando Cloy, 51, on warrant charges. 11:20 p.m., Big Horn Boulevard/Lewis Stein Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Myles Pruitt, 26, on drug possession charges. 11:42p.m., 8200 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Vincent Robledo, 34; and Zachary Thompson, 31, on possession of a controlled substance, parole violation, resisting arrest, conspiracy to commit a felony, grand theft and burglary charges.

Nov. 29

10:07 a.m., 8800 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Martha Tejada, 46, on vandalism and resisting arrest charges.

10:14 a.m., 9100 block of Lujan Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Reginald Belion, 52, on warrant charges.

12:44 p.m., 8600 block of Nemea Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Zion Weaver, 24, on violation of a court order charges.

3 p.m., 600 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Danielle Gonsalves, 44, on burglary and possession of a controlled substance charges.

9:18 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Tyson Renowden, 32, on burglary charges.

10:10 p.m., Elk Grove Police arrested Emmanuel Onwodi, 41, on corporal injury to an intimate partner charges.

Nov. 30

2:29 a.m., Laguna Boulevard/Big Horn Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Shari James, 44, on DUI charges.

3:37 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Julio Santiago, 33, on possession of burglary tools charges.

10:35 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Lucreto Quiocho, 46, on public intoxication charges.

Dec. 1

8:05 a.m., 10400 block of Grant Line Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Frank DeLeon, 64, on possession of drugs for sale charges.

9:09 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Jia Liu, 43, on corporal injury to an intimate partner, battery on a police officer and resisting arrest charges.

10:20 a.m., 8800 block of Wheelton Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Sharvonne Bradford, 59, on elder abuse charges.

11:51 a.m., 5900 block of Leonardo Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Dharius Velasco, 28, on assault with a deadly weapon and battery charges.

8:20 p.m., 9400 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested

Semisi Sina, 40, on warrant charges.

8:59 p.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/Calvine Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Michael Saunders, 46, on possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

10:20 p.m., 8900 block of Grant Line Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Delfino DelToro, 48, on public intoxication charges.

Dec. 2

5:01 a.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Ratu Korodrau 28, on trespassing charges.

6:34 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Cindy Klopovic, 45, on corporal injury to an intimate partner charges. 4:50 p.m., 8400 block of Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Charlene DeLeon, 27, on warrant charges.

Dec. 3

2:01 p.m., Auto Center Drive/Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Timothy Knight, 43, on warrant charges.

2:39 p.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Kallen Titus, 22, on concealed weapon and brandishing a weapon charges.

Dec. 4

2:23 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Esther Lee, 41, on corporal injury to an intimate partner charges. 3:09 p.m., 7500 block of Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove Police arrested Marian Mitroi, 34, on grand theft, organized theft and resisting arrest charges.

5:09 p.m., 9200 block of Egret Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Johnny Lara, 38, on DUI and hit-and-run charges. 8:06 p.m., 4900 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Desiree Lopez, 22, on warrant charges.

8:28 p.m., 9200 block of Survey Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Artur Boger, 24, on vandalism

9:23 p.m., 8900 block of Upbeat Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Ginger Shepard, 49, on warrant charges.

Dec. 5

8:10 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Subaan Moosa, 28, on possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest charges. 9:22 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Jackson Troglia, 20, on corporal injury to an intimate partner charges.

11:11 a.m., 9500 block of Emerald Park Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Susan Mattson, 68, on resisting arrest charges.

2:51 p.m., 8400 block of Laguna Palms Way Elk Grove Police arrested Jeremy Mendivil, 32, on warrant charges. 4:32 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Rocky Jim, 46, on drug possession charges.

4:48 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Gabriel Tinca, 29; and Maria Radu, 34, on burglary charges.

5:30 p.m., 8800 block of Calvin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Latoya Harmon, 41, on burglary charges.

5:45 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Sage Rivardgardner, 29, on warrant charges.

8:12 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Tatyana Martosich, 38, on burglary and

warrant charges.

8:15 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Dwayne O'Sullivan, 55, on burglary and resisting arrest charges.

Dec. 6

3:39 a.m., Franklin Boulevard/Tegan Road, Elk Grove Police arrested a female juvenile, 16, on receiving a stolen vehicle, reckless evading arrest and child endangerment charges.

5:54 a.m., 7400 block of Song Sparrow Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Charles Herrera, 39, on receiving a stolen vehicle charges.

8:06 a.m., 8900 block of Makeway Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Subaan Moosa, 28, on possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

2:36 p.m., 8700 block of Center Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Jenifer Suliven, 63, on burglary charges.

2:45 p.m., Bradshaw Road/Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Kevin Cecil, 38, on receiving a stolen vehicle charges.

3:28 p.m., Survey Road/East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jay Bagube, 39, on reckless driving charges.

Dec. 7

12:38 a.m., 3200 block of Claudine Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Victor Wyatt, 62, on criminal threat, battery, brandishing a weapon and warrant charges.

11:03 a.m., Elk Grove Police arrested Supian Xu, 69, on vandalism and brandishing a weapon charges. 5:25 a.m., Bruceville Road/Quail Run Lane, Elk Grove Police arrested Jelani Ketchum, 31, on possession and transportation of drugs for sale charges.

10:55 a.m., 8200 block of Geneva Pointe Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Jesus Rodriguez, 19, on felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition charges.

Dec. 8

10:31 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Darrell Rogers, 36, on damage to a communication device and corporal injury to an intimate partner charges.

10:39 a.m., Silvergate Lane/Bradshaw Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Jaiden Misciagna, 22, on possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia charges,

3:29 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Ignacio Valencia, 33, on battery on a peace officer, felon in possession of a firearm and of ammunition, carrying of a concealed weapon, carrying a loaded firearm, possession of drugs and corporal injury to an intimate partner charges. 3:44 p.m., 8400 block of Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Aston Belgarde, 40, possession of controlled substance and parole hold charges.

4 p.m., 8500 block of Bradshaw Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Cheyenne Muniz, 31, on trespassing charges.

10:30 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Adam Sanborn, 46; and Alicea Stanley, 49, on burglary charges.

11:10 p.m., Grant Line Road/Highway 99, Elk Grove Police arrested Laura McCurdy, 37, on DUI/drug charges. ★



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Police Receive \$529,000 Grant for Traffic Programs

Elk Grove Police Department News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Police Department announced Nov. 26 that it has received a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to support its ongoing enforcement and education programs to help reduce the number of serious injuries and deaths on



our roads. The program runs through September 2025.

"We are grateful to receive this grant, which

will continue to strengthen our traffic enforcement efforts and improve road safety," Elk Grove Police Department Lieutenant Jason Bolfango said.

"By increasing enforcement of traffic laws and focusing on high-risk areas, our goals is to reduce dangerous driving behaviors, prevent crashes, and make our roads safer for everyone."

The grant will provide

additional programs and resources, including:

DUI checkpoints and patrols focused on stopping suspected impaired drivers.

High-visibility distracted driving enforcement operations targeting drivers in violation of California's hands-free cell phone law.

Enforcement operations that are focused on the most dangerous driver behaviors that put the safety of people biking or

walking at risk.

Enforcement focused on top violations that cause crashes: speeding, failure to yield, stop sign and/or red-light running, and improper turning or lane changes.

Community presentations on traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding and bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Collaborative enforce-

ment efforts with neighboring agencies.

Officer training and/or recertification: Standard Field Sobriety Test, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement and Drug Recognition Expert.

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

Partnership Boosts 911 Response

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The City of Sacramento Fire Department and Medic Ambulance entered a partnership on Nov. 1 to provide Basic Life Support (BLS) transport services in Sacramento County.

This collaboration represents a major advancement in emergency response and is expected to benefit the community by better optimizing resources for critical emergencies.

"This collaboration demonstrates our commitment to modernizing

Sacramento County's emergency medical response," said Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SCEMSA) Medical Director, Dr. Greg Kann.

Under the new policy, BLS ambulances can assist with non-critical 911 calls, helping to ensure Advanced Life Support ambulances are available for patients with urgent medical needs.

By assigning Basic Life Support ambulances to appropriate non-critical calls, the county's Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances remain available and ready to

respond to life-threatening emergencies.

More Efficient Patient Transport: Approximately 10-20% of 911 calls can be safely managed by emergency medical technicians in Basic Life Support ambulances, allowing quicker and more efficient care for these patients.

Supporting Paramedic Crews at Hospitals: Medic Ambulance by emergency medical technicians will be able to assist paramedic crews at hospitals by taking over patient care during offloading, allowing paramedics to return to service faster. ★

Annual Drive's Goal is 1,000 Toys

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entertainment for families such as magic shows, other performances, photo opportunities with Santa Claus and food.

More than 100 volunteers participated in last year's event, including students from different high schools, according to Nguyen.

"This event is not only fun but it brings the spirit of Christmas and brings a lot of hope and joy," Nguyen said.

One of the nonprofit organizations receiving the donated toys is the xHope foster organization, which

is based in the Sacramento area. Nguyen added that xHope has "a lot of kids from various school districts who are underserved and a school principal could identify who the child is and they could pick a toy."

Based on the signups, the need "is so much more" this year, Nguyen said.

Vivian Vu, vice-president of the Community Partners Advocate of Little Saigon Sacramento, said that last year's event had a good turnout and included local politicians. Last year's goal was to hit 500

toy donations, Vu said, and this year's goal is for 1,000 toys.

"It was really fun to be a part of the community and bring joy to it," Vu said. "Even the politicians said it was one of their favorite events to attend and be a part of during the year. It means a lot to hear them say that."

Students have previously performed at the event, including singers, a saxophonist and martial artists doing a kung fu show.

"Hopefully for this year's event, we will have a bigger turnout," Vu said. ★



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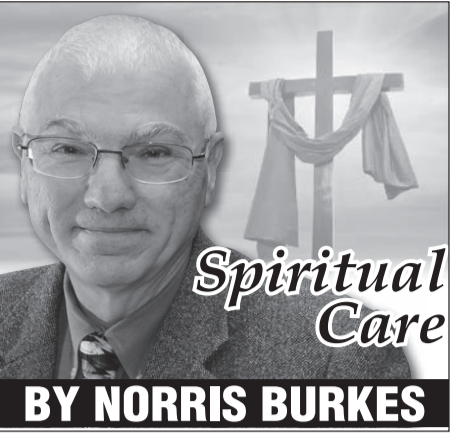
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Chaplain's Wife Misinterprets Dying Breath



BY NORRIS BURKES

This week, I'm very happy to announce the 65th birthday of my good friend Dale Swan. Yes, he's still alive, despite the wishes of his wife Jill.

No, wait. That sounds bad. Jill and Dale are a very fit and happy couple, so allow me to start this story again.

Dale Swan, a Sutter Hospice chaplain in Roseville, has always been clear with his wife, Jill, about how he wants to die. "If I get sick and can't feed myself or make my own decisions, please don't let them put in a breathing or feeding tube. Let me go peacefully."

Jill, 62, is a CPA who is used to calculating the options, responded in the way many families do: "But I don't want you to starve to death."

Dale reassured his wife of 40 years that his hospice colleagues would be there for her and wouldn't let him suffer.

Dale is an avid cyclist who showed no signs of impending problems until one summer evening in 2018. He was watching TV from his recliner, eating a veggie burger and sipping a beer, when he was hit with troubling stomach pains.

He took some antacid and told his wife he was going to lie down. When Jill checked on him an hour later, she found his pain intensifying. She suggested a doctor, but Dale declined, instead making a restroom visit that brought only mild improvement.

An hour later, Jill heard Dale moaning with extreme pain. She insisted on taking him to the ER, but Dale countered by asking her to call 911. When paramedics arrived, they began assessing pain even as they were speculating it was a heart attack.

Within a few minutes, EMTs placed him on a gurney and loaded him in their ambulance. Beside him, they hung an IV

drip of Fentanyl, a strong opiate for pain control.

Once inside the ER, the doctor ordered blood tests, a CT scan and a sonogram. Dale was suffering from pancreatitis, but staff could find no cause. They ruled out stomach blockage, gallbladder problems and even alcohol abuse.

Dale's pain level was rising to alarming levels, with no apparent diagnosis. Nurses admitted Dale to a room, ordered that he have no food for four days, and administered Dilaudid.

However, once inside the room, the pain medication slowed his respiration to six breaths per minute. Dale was rapidly losing consciousness.

Hospital staff grew concerned they'd overdosed him and instructed Jill to keep her husband awake or they'd have to give him Narcan, a drug that reverses opioid effects. "If that doesn't work," they grimly warned, "we'll have to insert a breathing tube down his throat."

Jill remembered Dale's instructions and shocked the staff by saying, "Oh no, he doesn't want that! He's always said to let him die peacefully."

Jill felt prepared. She and Dale had discussed many of the crucial questions involving the end of life and placed those answers into an advance directive, (often called a Living Will). The Advance Healthcare Directive is a document that we should all have.

The directive instructs doctors what we want done if we become incapacitated. Without the directive, doctors are obligated to do everything possible to save our life — even if "everything" means a painful delay of our inevitable death.

Fortunately, the medical staff knew this wasn't a moment to give up on a healthy and strong patient.

They helped Jill understand that Dale's document didn't apply to situations where a full recovery could be logically anticipated.

While Dale has fully recovered and returned to work, the happy couple is taking no more chances. Dale's given Jill more detailed instructions. And Jill, ever the logical number cruncher, has reviewed their life insurance policies — just in case.

More information on state-specific advance directives is available at www.caringinfo.org. ★

RELIGION NEWS

Music and Sermon Topics at Elk Grove Presbyterian

Our JAZZ & BLUES HOUR has concluded for the year but will resume in the spring. Scotty Inman performed for the community on Nov. 15 at District 56. It was a wonderful evening concert of worship and fellowship.

Joining Scotty was the Herb Henry Family, California's First Family of Gospel Music, along with Faith Valley.

A portion of the ticket proceeds went to benefit several charities: One Thousand Schools (formerly Students Helping Honduras), Chicks in Crisis, Elk Grove Food Bank Services and Sacramento Stand Down.

UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS: Rev. Dexter McNamara has announced sermon topics as we enter the Advent season: Dec. 15, "Acting and Waiting"; Dec. 22, "Agents of God's New Beginning."

CHRISTMAS EVE: Our 7 p.m. Christmas eve service will be a festival of Lessons, and Lights.

Rev. McNamara welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 am. Our church is located at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn Blvd. For more information Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or elkgrovepres@gmail.com.

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@gracechurcheg.org. Visit GraceChurchEG.org.

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.

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

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Chabad of Elk Grove 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PAMELA L. TREECE-SINCLAIR CASE NO. 24PR003411

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Pamela L. Treece-Sinclair.

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

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows December 31, 2024, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Jeff Klink, 3200 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95816; (916) 455-5575

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(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: J. MICHAEL PINKERTON, 9297 OFFICE PARK, CIRCLE, SUITE 120, ELK GROVE, CA 95758 (3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:

(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: ATLAS ACCOUNTING, PC, 9297 OFFICE PARK, CIRCLE, SUITE 120, ELK GROVE, CA 95758 (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 9297 OFFICE PARK, CIRCLE, SUITE 120, ELK GROVE, CA 95758 (6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: J. MICHAEL PINKERTON CPA (7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is JANUARY 2, 2025, at the office of R ESCROW, 1205 E CHAPMAN AVE, ORANGE, CA 92866 Escrow No. 245131-CS, Escrow Officer CANDICE SILVA (8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.

(9) The last date for filing claims is: DECEMBER 31, 2024 (10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within

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TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 24-02074-KO-CA Title No. 240285255-CA-VOI A.P.N. 1 17-1350-041-0000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/14/2005. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), 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; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The 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 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. Trustor: Dolores M. Garcia, an unmarried woman Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 12/20/2005 as Instrument No. Book 20051220 Page 1136 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Sacramento County, California. Date of Sale: : 01/07/2025 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: \$466,762.70 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 7475 Whitmore Street, Elk Grove, CA 95758 A.P.N.: 117-1350-041-0000 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. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. 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 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: 11/20/2024 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 800 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-4829327 12/06/2024, 12/13/2024, 12/20/2024
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may call 714-730-2727 or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 24-02074-KO-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 24-02074-KO-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: 11/20/2024 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 800 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-4829327 12/06/2024, 12/13/2024, 12/20/2024
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T.S. No.: 2024-10671-GSE APN: 116-1240-036-0000 Property Address: 8984 SIERRA NEVADA WAY,, ELK GROVE, CA 95624 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/21/2021. 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 a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. 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. Trustor: YOLANDA CISCO, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: Nestor Solutions, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 8/23/2021 as Instrument No. 202108231690 in Book -- Page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California Date of Sale: 1/7/2025 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: East main entrance Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$475,078.37 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8984 SIERRA NEVADA WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95624 A.P.N.: 116-1240-036-0000 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. 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 (800) 793-6107 or (888) 902-3989 or visit these internet websites www.auction.com or www.nestortrustee.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-10671-GSE. 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 TENANTS: 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 (800) 793-6107 or (888) 902-3989 or visit these internet websites www.auction.com or www.nestortrustee.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-10671-GSE 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 Date: 12/2/2024. Nestor Solutions, LLC 214 5th Street, Suite 205 Huntington Beach, California 92648 Sale Line: (888) 902-3989 Giovanna Nicholson, Sr. Trustee Sale Officer EPP 41912 Pub Dates 12/13, 12/20, 12/27/2024
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APN: 132-0910-055-0000 TS No: CA05000376-24-1 TO No: 240433700-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED December 20, 2018. 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 January 7, 2025 at 09:00 AM, East Main Entrance, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on December 28, 2018 as Instrument No. 201812280545, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by JOHN TRAN, A MARRIED MAN AS

HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for IAPPROVE LENDING as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST 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: 10178 NICK WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95757 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 without covenant or warranty, express 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. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$320,927.19 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www.auction.com or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA05000376-24-1. 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 NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California

ABOUT TOWN

Old Fashion Christmas Dec. 6-22

The Elk Grove Historical Society invites the community to Old Fashion Christmas, which will be held Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 6-22, from 3-7 p.m.

The holiday event features beautiful decorations on the museums and grounds at 9941 E. Stockton Blvd.

The Parade of Trees will be decorated by local nonprofits.

There will also be a snow-blowing machine, a holiday playland and cookie decorating.

Admission \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Elk Grove Community Band Concert Dec. 16

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

Christopher J. Tootle is musical director of the band, which includes professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians; and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians.

Future concerts are Feb. 3, 2025, April 7, 2025, and May 19, 2025. Learn more at elkgrovecommunityband.org.

Widowed Persons Activities

Dec. 17 - 11:30 a.m. - Lunch and a Movie ("Christmas Vacation") at Bert's Diner, 8972 Grant Line Road. Cost is \$15, paid in advance. Contact Cat at 916-230-4157

Dec. 18 - 1 p.m. - Book Club at 8880 Mohammed Circle, Elk Grove. Contact is Carole at 916-685-3981.

Dec. 19 - noon - Christmas Party and General Meeting at Valley Hi Country Club, 9595 Franklin Blvd. Make reservations and pay \$47 before Dec. 2. Contact is Pat at 916-802-4524.

Dec. 20 - 10 a.m. - Pinochle at EG Methodist Church, 8686 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

A widowed person may attend up to

three events before joining WPSC. Contact Bonnie Dale at 916-422-1522 if you are interested in membership

Gardeners of the Grove Meets Jan. 7

The Gardeners of the Grove will hold its January meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025.

Our featured speaker is Debbie Arrington, master rosarian, award-winning journalist and co-editor of the Sacramento Digs Gardening blog. Debbie will share her insights about rose care in the Sacramento/Elk Grove area.

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

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

American Legion Post 233

The Elk Grove American Legion Post 233, established in 1994, invites veterans to our monthly meetings every fourth Thursday of the month at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove.

There will be no scheduled general meeting in December.

We invite veterans and spouses to join us the first Saturday of each month for our Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 Family Social Breakfast at 9 am at Mimi's Cafe on the corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99).

For questions, please contact Henry at 916-205-9296 or Sue at 916-683-6128.

Other Veterans Meetings Listed

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 am., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

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

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

Lindquist is Presiding Judge of County Juvenile Court

Sacramento County Superior Court News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Superior Court Judge Kristina B. Lindquist will serve as presiding judge over Sacramento County's Juvenile Court.

Judge Lindquist had been serving as interim presiding judge of the Juvenile Court with the elevation of Judge Dena M. Coggins to the federal bench in September.

"I want to thank Judge Lindquist for her recent work in the Juvenile Division and am pleased to make her assignment as presiding judge permanent, effective immediately," said Superior Court Presiding Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi, who signed the order effective Nov. 12.



Judge Kristina Lindquist has been named presiding judge over Sacramento County's Juvenile Court. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Superior Court

Former Gov. Jerry Brown appointed Judge Lindquist to the Sacramento County bench in 2018. Since then, she has presided over traffic arraignments, trials, juvenile dependency and delinquency matters. Before joining the

judiciary, Judge Lindquist served as the deputy legal affairs secretary for the Office of the Governor, advising on criminal justice issues such as prison inmates' parole consideration and the commutation of sentences. She remained in that position until Brown's term as governor ended.

Previously, Judge Lindquist served as tax counsel at the State Board of Equalization and worked as staff counsel at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Judge Lindquist received a B.A. in philosophy and European studies from the University of Notre Dame. She completed a J.D. from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 2007. ★

Apply Now for Next Grand Jury

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Applicants are now being sought for new jurors to serve on the Sacramento County Grand Jury. The application period opened on Nov. 20.

Nineteen Sacramento County residents and 11 alternates will be selected from among qualified applicants. The one-year term for volunteer jurors runs from July 1, 2025, to

June 30, 2026.

The grand jury is appointed to provide oversight of county, city, school and special district agencies and operations within Sacramento County.

The grand jury is also authorized to hear criminal indictments and is tasked with visiting regional detention facilities. Grand jurors receive a small stipend for their volunteer work.

To serve on the Sacramento County

Grand Jury, you must be a Sacramento County resident over 18 years old and speak, read and write English.

Applications must be received by Dec. 31 to be considered. The grand jury will be empaneled in June 2025.

For more information about the Sacramento County Grand Jury, applicant criteria and how to apply, visit the Sacramento County Grand Jury website at sacgrandjury.org. ★

Don't Let Fats, Oils and Grease Ruin Your Holiday Cheer

Sacramento Area Sewer District News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - During the holiday season, the Sacramento Area Sewer District is urging residents to help prevent sewer backups, a common yet costly and disruptive issue that peaks during this time of year.

Improper disposal of fats, oils and grease (F.O.G.) often leads to blockages, which can result in unpleasant sewer backups that disrupt holiday gatherings.

To help keep festivities running

smoothly, Sacramento Area Sewer District reminds the community to follow two simple steps for safe F.O.G. disposal.

Can it. Once cooled, put hardened fats, oils and grease into a sturdy container—like a leftover soup can. Then, put the container in the garbage.

Scrape it. Scrape all food scraps including fatty and greasy leftovers into the organics cart, NOT down the drain.

When F.O.G.-containing items from holiday cooking — like food scraps, gravies and oils — go down kitchen sink drains and garbage disposals, they can

cause blockages in sewer pipes that lead to overflows. F.O.G. cools and solidifies, sticking to the sewer pipes. Over time, F.O.G. restricts sewage flow and can cause a sewer backup into customers' homes and businesses.

For large amounts of cooking oil—like what's needed for deep-fried turkeys — pour the cooled liquid oil back into gallon jugs and make sure the lid is screwed on or taped shut.

Check with your local waste service provider to determine the proper disposal method or visit SacSewer.com/

sactown-clog-squad for a listing of local F.O.G. recycling sites.

For more tips on proper F.O.G. disposal, visit sacsewer.com/stop-clog. Are you experiencing a sewer problem—like a slow drain or backup? Call the Sacramento Area Sewer District 24 hours a day, 7 days a week—even on holidays—at (916) 875-6730.

The Sacramento Area Sewer District is the Sacramento region's largest sewage collection, treatment, and resource recovery utility—providing service to more than 1.6 million people. ★

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FLORIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT NOTICE INVITING BIDS
Storage Tank No2 Interior Repair and Recoating Project

The Florin Resource Conservation District ("District") will receive sealed bids for the Storage Tank No.2 Interior Repair and Recoating Project at the office of the Elk Grove Water District no later than January 7th, 2025, at 2:00 PM at which time or thereafter said bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened. Bids shall be valid for 60 calendar days after the bid opening date. Work includes furnishing of all labor, materials, tax, equipment, and services for the completion of the Storage Tank No.2 Interior Repair and Recoating Project as outlined in the Contract Documents, including all plans, specifications, and all addenda for this project. Bids must be submitted on the District's Bid Forms. Bidders are responsible for purchasing and obtaining all the contract documents. Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at: Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange, 5370 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95819, (916) 442-8991.

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LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to California Business and Professional Codes # 21700-21716, Section 2328 of the UCC of the Penal Code Section 535 the Under-Signed, SecurCare Self Storage, will sell at public sale on or after Tuesday the 17th day of December, 2024 at 10:00am with bidding to take place on Lockerfox.com the following misc. goods: SecurCare Self Storage 2328 Maritime Dr, Elk Grove, CA 95758.

Angelic Ramirez & Toya Gary

Goods must be paid in CASH or CREDIT and removed within 48 hours of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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Finding a New Direction

By Kristin Thebaud

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

Tina Goree was 59 years old and managing a Wing Stop in Sacramento in 2018 when she decided it was time to change careers as she continued to age. She signed up for a class at a career skills center and was ready to begin a new chapter.

The next morning, the Citrus Heights resident woke up blind. She had no pain but her right eye was completely dark and her left eye could only see a blur.

"I thought, oh my gosh, I think I'm blind. I wonder if this is temporary," Goree said.

Goree called her daughter, who took her to the emergency room. Doctors determined that hypertension had caused a stroke in her right eye and it had also affected her left eye. She was legally blind.

"You want to cry and break down but you can't," Goree said. "I immediately went into the mode of thinking, well, this is what is happening to you, so now you have to figure something out."

Refusing to lose her sense of humor with her vision loss, Goree spent three days in the hospital joking and laughing with family and friends.

Yet when she came home, she felt lost, barely able to even use her flip phone.

"I was getting ready to start a new career and now I didn't know what to do," Goree said.

Fortunately, Goree's family signed her up for Social Security, ordered her a cane and connected her to the Department of Rehabilitation and local nonprofit Society for the Blind, which empowers people of all ages with vision loss with tools to maintain their independence.

Unfortunately, Goree's skepticism began to grow. She remembers sulking at the Society for the Blind orientation, thinking there was nothing they could do to help her.

Goree refused to attend Society for the Blind classes after that but she did join its weekly Coffee and Connect support group calls for a couple of months. Once the pandemic hit, she stopped calling in.

"I never broke down and cried but I did kind of feel sorry for myself," Goree said. "I kept sitting on the couch doing nothing and letting people lead me around."

In September 2022, four years after losing her vision, Goree decided it was time for a change.

"I said to myself, you cannot live like this; you are not this type of person," Goree said. "My life isn't over and I need to do something with it. I have no direction."

In early 2023, Goree's family was surprised when she announced that Paratransit would take her to Society for the Blind and she had coordinated the ride herself.

"I felt like a kindergartener on the first day of school as I rode the bus," Goree said. "I didn't know what to do, where to go or who I was going to meet. It was a new beginning for me. They took me to Society for the Blind and my life began."

Goree joined Society for the Blind's Senior IMPACT Project, which empowers seniors with vision loss to stay independent. As she began talking with other Senior IMPACT Project participants, it became clear they wanted to hear more from her and that helped her regain confidence.

"I've shed tears several times when people say they want to call me because they like the confidence I have," Goree said. "It makes me feel worthy. It makes me feel like those are skills I had before I lost my vision. That's what made me become a



Tina Goree joined Society for the Blind's Senior IMPACT Program, which empowers seniors with vision loss to stay independent. Photo courtesy of Kristin Thebaud

manager."

Now at 65, Goree's main goal is to secure a job, so she has joined Society for the Blind's Core program, which includes assistive technology and living skills classes. She has been especially surprised at her ability to pick up on new technology, including her iPhone and Victor reader. She will soon begin Core orientation and mobility classes and she hopes to finish within a year so she can work with the Department of Rehabilitation on finding employment.

"I don't yet know what I want to do but I know I want to be useful and involved in my community," Goree said. "I've worked since I was 17 years old, so I'm confident that no matter what job I get, my supervisor skills will take over. I'm pretty

sharp at figuring things out and troubleshooting."

Goree plans to stay at Society for the Blind after classes are over. She rejoined Coffee and Connect and participates in its Black Americans Senior Support group.

She organizes independent outings with her Society for the Blind friends, including a train ride and a luncheon with 22 other individuals.

"I told everyone we can do this," Goree said. "It was so heart-filling to see people who haven't been out in a couple of years trusting me and this group. We've had a lot of fun."

Goree says connecting and networking has become even more important since losing her vision.

"I love connecting with everybody and spreading the good news to people with vision loss who are

afraid to go out," Goree said. "I'm willing to step out with someone just because they want to step out and people know that."

This summer, Goree and four other women with vision loss went to the National Federation for the Blind conference in Florida for six days. They navigated their way around 2,700 participants. Goree proudly used the skills and tools she learned at Society for the Blind. Goree said she is even more confident now and that the skills feel almost automatic.

But if it were not for her decision to take that big step and go to Society for the Blind, Goree said, she would not be here.

"Coming to Society for the Blind gave me courage, a sense of being and a reason to keep going," Goree said. "I was introduced to myself again." ★

Society For the Blind Launches \$1 Million Vision Forward Initiative

Kristin Thebaud Communications News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Society for the Blind recently launched its \$1-million Vision Forward Initiative at its 70th anniversary celebration.

The three-year initiative will increase the nonprofit organization's capacity to meet growing demand for services, create a resource and learning center on the second floor of the group's Midtown Sacramento building and build Society for the Blind's endowment to respond to new opportunities and challenges. To donate, visit www.SocietyfortheBlind.org/Donate.

"Our Vision Forward Initiative will ensure our clients of all ages have access to our services for years to come," said Shari Roeseler, Society for the Blind executive director. "This will help us serve more people, reduce wait times, offer the latest assistive technologies, and quickly respond and adapt to meet the needs of our clients."

The initiative was announced to 300 event guests gathered to celebrate Society for the Blind's 70th anniversary and its 2024 Briggs Award honoree, Retinal Consultants Medical Group, for extraordinary contributions to eye care in the community. The event raised more than \$375,000 as seed funding for the Vision Forward Initiative.

The Sacramento-based Society for the Blind continues to create innovative ways



Shari Roeseler of Society for the Blind and event emcee Cristina Mendonsa announce the \$1-million Vision Forward Initiative launch at the nonprofit's 70th anniversary gala. Photo courtesy of Kristin Thebaud Communications

to empower individuals living with low vision or blindness to discover, develop and achieve their full potential. Since 1954, Society for the Blind has grown from a dedicated group of volunteers to a nationally recognized agency and the only comprehensive rehabilitative teaching center that provides services for a 27-county region of Northern California and the state of Nevada.

The nonprofit organization provides low-vision eye care, life and job skills training, mentorship and access to tools to maintain independence for more than 5,000 youth, working-age adults and seniors in the region experiencing vision loss each year.

To learn more or make a donation, visit www.SocietyfortheBlind.org. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Will coach Brown find coal in his stocking this Christmas? It was certainly looking that way after an abysmal 4-game losing streak. After consecutive losses to the Hawks, Clippers, Nets, and Thunder, the spiraling Kings stemmed the tide with a rousing win over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Sadly, Sacramento returned to their losing ways, with a 115-106 loss to the Trailblazers, followed up by another heartbreaking performance against the Spurs, losing 127-125.

In sore need of a win, the Kings gave Sacramento a reason for hope outperforming the Houston Rockets 120-111. The Rockets are young and talented, headed for the playoffs, and a convincing win over a talented team was just what the doctor ordered.

The Houston win seemed to do something to our hardwood gladiators, akin to a wake-up call. The following game the Kings gave one back, losing to the Grizzlies 115-110 in a game that they certainly could have won.

Demonstrating that the Houston win was no fluke, the Kings put up back-to-back wins over the San Antonio Spurs and the Utah Jazz by a combined winning margin of 71 points over the 2-game span.

In Sunday's win over the Jazz, the Kings shot the lights out, hitting a season high 22 3-pointers, while Kevin Huerter broke out of a prolonged slump, contributing 26 points in the victory. Huerter was equally good on the defensive end adding five boards, four assists, and a block in just 22 minutes of action.

The Kings shot a season best 50% from beyond the arc, and dominated both ends of the court from the jump.

Winners of three out of the last four games something appears to have changed, and the team is playing with more ferocity on defense, while finally connecting on both mid-range and 3-point shots with regularity.

Granted, the Jazz are at present not a good team, but there's no denying the Kings are beginning to look more like the team we've grown used to over the past two seasons.

So, what's changed? Well, I can tell you from this writer's perspective, Malik Monk has added some much-needed firepower to the starting lineup, and many basketball fans are asking

the question, why did it take so long for Monk to break into starting lineup.

Malik has long wanted to be a starter, and his college teammate DeAaron Fox makes it clear when asked that Malik makes the starting lineup much tougher on opposing teams.

Without question, the scoring has seen an immediate improvement, and Huerter looks more comfortable coming off the bench. Kevin is beginning to look like his old self again, and it couldn't have happened at a better time.

Strangely, Keon Ellis has suddenly found himself in coach Brown's doghouse, being summarily benched, ostensibly for a poor performance three games ago. Against the Rockets, Isaac Jones, Alex Len, Doug McDermott, and Jae McLaughlin all saw court action, but former Kings starter Keon Ellis rode the pines.

I have praised coach Brown in the past for seeing something in this former G-league player that others did not, and working with Keon over the past two years has seen incredible improvement to the point where he became a starter on the team.

Word has it that after an off night against the San Antonio Spurs in which Ellis scored eight points and grabbed just three boards, Brown was upset with his overall performance, and he sat the bench the following game in a win over the Rockets.

This is the same tactic used last season with Davion Mitchell when coach Brown suddenly benched the Kings defensive wizard for three straight games. Davion's confidence took a hit, and it showed in his eventual return to the court.

I would hate to see the same thing happen to Keon Ellis, at a time when the Kings are looking for anything positive, and in particular defensive help. There are ways to inspire better play, without punishing a player and simply relegating him to the end of the bench.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because the Sactown Ballers have just won three out of the last four, and just maybe Santa Claus is coming to town!

All the best and Merry Christmas to one and all!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

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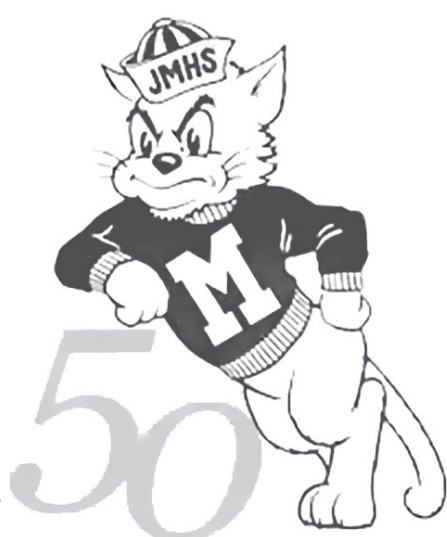
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MEETING MINDERS

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 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month 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.

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.

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ARTS CALENDAR

Art Workshops for Adults

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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.

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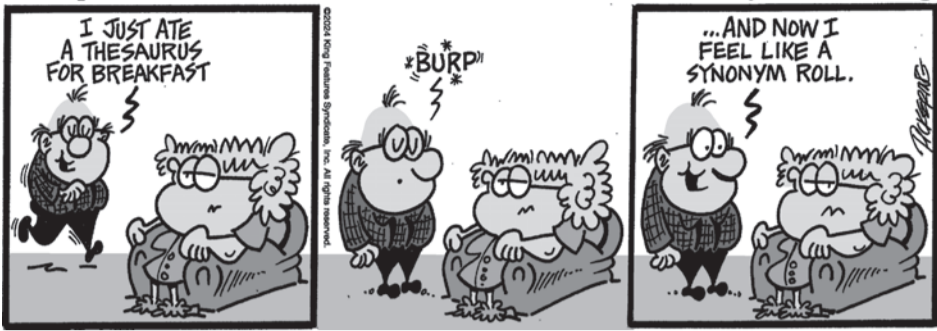
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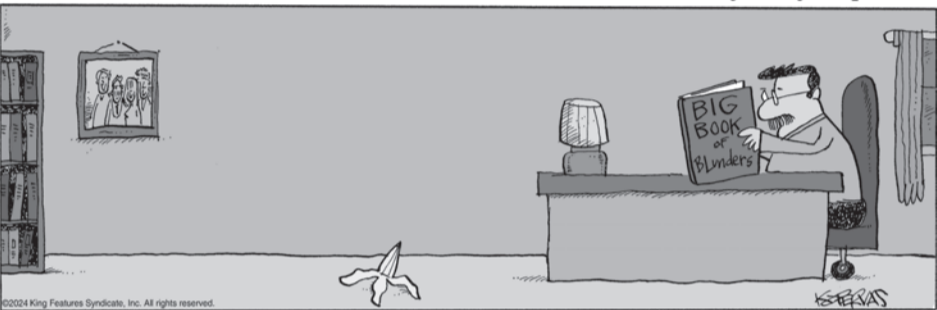
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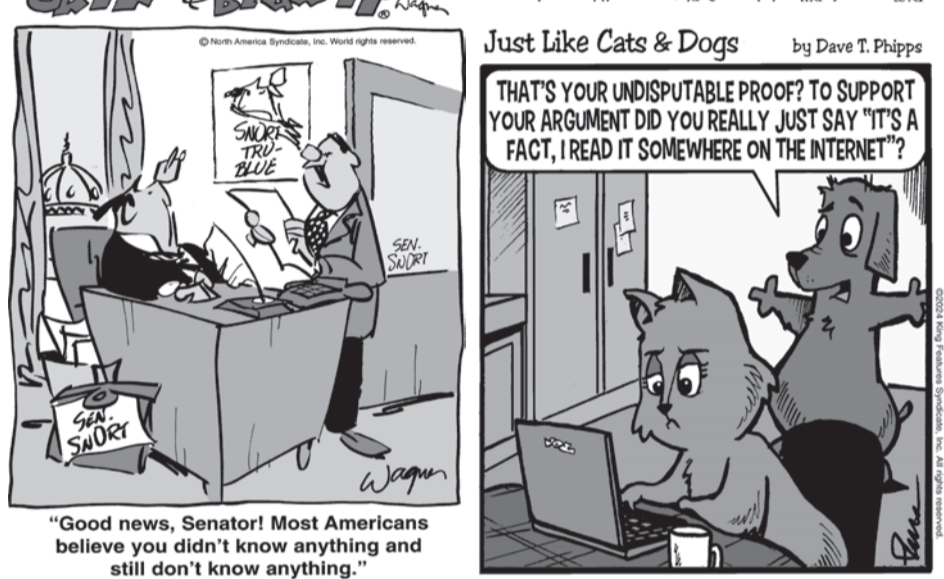
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Sac Republic FC Re-Signs Rodrigo Lopez for 2025

Sacramento Republic Football Club News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 3, Republic FC announced the club has re-signed Rodrigo Lopez for the 2025 season. The veteran midfielder will be added to the club's roster, pending league and federation approval. Per club policy, the terms of the contract were not disclosed.

"RoRo is a special player and we're thrilled to have him back in Sacramento for another season," said Republic FC President and General Manager Todd Dunivant. "We know how much winning another championship means to him, and we are looking forward to his continued leadership, both on and off the field."

"My injury last season was just a setback and it doesn't define me," said Lopez. "I'm ready to respond with everything I've got. I'm back and there is only one thing on my mind - to win another championship for this club and the city of Sacramento."

As the first signing in Indomitable Club history,



Sac Republic Football Club's veteran midfielder Rodrigo Lopez will be returning for the 2025 season. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

Lopez has been a fixture in the club's record books. He is currently the club's all-time assist leader (41), while also ranking second all-time in appearances (136), minutes

(10,108) and goals (41). In six seasons, Lopez earned several accolades including 2014 USL Championship Final MVP and two USL Championship All-League First Team selections

(2014, 2022).

He was a standout player in Sacramento's historic run to the Open Cup Final in 2022 and became the first player to be named both the

Player of the Tournament and Lower-Division Player of the Tournament (TheCup.US) after leading all players with four goals and four assists.

In 2024, he was honored when U.S. Soccer renamed the Northern California Round of 32 & Quarterfinal to the "Lopez Division" - the only division to be named after an active player, the Modern Era Open Cup assist leader.

In an injury-shortened 2024 campaign, he made 9 appearances, with two goals and one assist, and earned two Team of the Week selections before suffering a torn ACL on May 21.

Lopez's professional career began in 2005 with MLS-side Chivas USA. After three seasons with the southern California club, he would move on to compete in USL PDL, MLS Reserve League, and Mexico's top leagues - Ascenso MX and Liga MX. In addition to his stints with Republic FC, he also featured in USL Championship for Rio Grande Valley FC, helping the team reach the 2021 Western Conference Semifinals. ★

Hornet Football Inks 10 Players on National Signing Day

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento State football team added the first pieces towards the future with the addition of 10 student-athletes on National Signing Day, it was announced on Dec. 4. The group is made up of eight defensive players and three offensive players.

The defensive side consists of three players who play on the line, including a pair of junior college transfers. Mario Savala III comes from Modesto JC and Eduardo Vega from Reedley JC. Both have helped their teams reach the postseason this year and will add a veteran presence to a defensive front which saw four players graduate from the 2024 roster. The unit will be boosted by freshman Micah Mosley who comes from Valley Christian HS in San Jose. Mosley was a three-star recruit from 247Sports and tallied nine tackles-for-loss as a senior.

The other four defensive signees will play in the secondary. Caleb



Casa Roble High School senior tight end Elijah Huddle has signed on to play football at the next level with the Sacramento State Hornets.

Reese is a cornerback from San Marcos HS in Oceanside, Calif., who had over 100 tackles and five interceptions during his career. Jojo Solis prepped at Aquinas HS in San Bernardino, Calif., where he starred on both sides of the ball. Solis rushed for over 4,700 yards and had 89 offensive touchdowns and had 102 career tackles and four interceptions as a safety.

The Hornets will also bring in a pair of nickel-backs. Jaron Hodson will see his prep career continue with Folsom HS in



The Hornet defensive line poised to make a big play. Photos by Sacramento State Athletics

the NorCal Playoffs this weekend. Hodson has tallied a tackle in every game for the Bulldogs this season, raising his career total of 95. He also has recovered three fumbles and had an interception over the last two seasons. Nash Burkart is the lone out-of-state member of the class. Burkart recently helped Kapa'a HS in Lihue, Hawaii win the state Div. I title and was named

all-Kauai Interscholastic Federation as a defensive back and as a kick returner.

On the offensive front, Graysen Lee and Jaxon Moore will come to the Hornets with college-ready frames. Lee stands at 6-foot-6, 280 pounds and prepped at Frontier HS in Bakersfield. The team will play in the CIF Div. 3-AA Southern Championship this

weekend. Jaxon Moore guided West Park HS in Roseville, Calif., to the Sac-Joaquin Section Div. II semifinals as a senior. The 6-foot-6, 305-pounder has been named first team all-section and all-league.

Tight end Elijah Huddle of Casa Roble HS completes the day's signees. Huddle earned a three-star grade from 247Sports despite being limited to five games as a senior. In

that span, he still managed to catch 18 passes for 294 yards and four touchdowns. That included eight receptions for 127 yards in the section playoffs against Union Mine HS.

The early signing period will remain open until Dec. 6 for high school recruits. Junior college recruits may sign until Jan. 15, 2025. The regular period opens on Feb. 5 and runs through Apr. 1. ★

Pioneer League Champion High Wheelers Have a New Home

High Wheelers News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Marysville City Council has approved a new lease agreement to bring the reigning Pioneer Baseball League Champion High Wheelers to historic Bryant Field. This decision comes on the heels of a successful inaugural season, where the High Wheelers won the championship in the Pioneer League while playing at Dobbins Field on the UC Davis campus. Despite on-field dominance, the team struggled to establish a sustainable presence in Davis due to several logistical challenges.

The High Wheelers are the latest addition to the Pioneer Baseball League (PBL), a Major League Baseball (MLB) partner league established in 1939, and the second team in the league's west coast expansion, following the Oakland Ballers. The league has a strong history of player development, sending multiple players to the MLB teams each season. As a part of the team's relocation the High Wheelers will be renamed the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers. In an effort to honor



High Wheelers celebrate their Pioneer Baseball League Championship in September 2024. Photo courtesy of High Wheelers

the Davis fans, team founders and staff will be hosting an open forum to speak directly with people who have questions about the move.

The Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers aim to become the premium destination for family entertainment in the Yuba-Sutter region by setting a new standard for investment in player development, community

engagement, and fan experience, surpassing anything previously seen from teams in the area. The High Wheelers were founded by the same ownership group that created the Oakland Ballers, a baseball team that made national headlines by bringing a new brand of fan-centered, community-driven baseball to a fanbase that was heartbroken with the departure

of the A's from Oakland.

"In Oakland, we developed a successful model of radical community participation. We are confident we can continue this in Marysville, while also staying nimble enough to consistently improve the player and fan experience. We can't wait to see how our new Yuba-Sutter fans truly make the team their own," said Bryan Carmel, co-founder of

the Oakland Ballers & the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers.

Marysville, located two hours northeast of the Bay Area, is a deeply historic baseball community and offers an opportunity to re-integrate baseball into the economic and cultural fabric of the Yuba-Sutter region. The team will be playing at Bryant Field, a historic stadium built from New Deal investments. Baseball has a rich history in the community, having hosted legends such as Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and Jackie Robinson.

About the High Wheelers
The High Wheelers joined the Pioneer League, which was founded in 1939, as its second ever West Coast franchise. The High Wheelers are committed to providing a fun, innovative and community focused baseball experience that puts families first, while providing a new model for sports franchises. The PBL, founded in 1939, features teams based in Colorado, Montana, Idaho, Utah, and California. As an independent MLB Partner League, the PBL comprises 12 teams playing a 96-game season from May to mid-September. ★

Basketball Roundup: Teams Rolling into Preseason

By Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Winter sports have kicked off, which means the return of the boys and girls season on the hardwood.

With the return, local teams are thriving and others are struggling to find their footing early in this new season.

Boys Basketball

Bradshaw Christian: The Pride started their season out with a 1-2 record as their first three games came in tournament play at the Bill Cartwright Classic at Elk Grove High School.

In their first and third game, the Pride fell to Woodcreek and St. Mary's but was able to win their second game of the season against Mt. Diablo.

Junior Carson Fitzpatrick racked up 17 points, four rebounds and four assists, while senior Ethan Rickert scored eight points, 12 rebounds, five assists, two steals and a block. The Pride took the victory over Mt. Diablo by a score of 72-48.

The leading scorer for the Pride so far is Fitzpatrick with 23 through two games played, Rickert leads in rebounds with 16 in two games played and Ricker and senior Daniel Watkins lead in assists with six.

The Sierra Valley Conference play kicks off on Jan. 7 against the Amador Buffaloes, as the Pride has time to prepare with seven scheduled games on MaxPreps before league play.

Cosumnes Oaks: The Wolfpack started their season with a 2-1 record with wins over Chavez and San Lorenzo in the McKinleyville Tournament.

Last season, they went 14-15 which resulted in a fourth-place finish in the Delta League.

So far, the Wolfpack have no stats entered in MaxPreps and their Delta League season will not begin until Jan. 8 against the Franklin Wildcats.

The Wolfpack have seven scheduled pre-season games and tournaments until they begin league play.

Elk Grove: The start of the basketball season for Elk Grove means the Bill Cartwright Classic tournament being played at Elk Grove High School.

They've started the season with a 5-1 start, with their lone loss coming at the hands of the Woodcreek Timberwolves during their third game of the tournament.

This is the fifty-second year of the tournament where the Herd started tournament play with an overtime win over McClatchy by a score of 67-64.

Nearly half of the Herd's points came from junior Noah Hargrave who dropped 33 points with seven rebounds and five assists.

So far in this young season, Hargrave has scored 109 points to lead the Herd, while senior Danny Dennaoui leads in rebounds with 46 and senior Jason Raga leads in assists with 15.

The Herd's first league game is on Jan. 8 against Delta League newcomer the Laguna Creek Cardinals with more scheduled pre-season games against Oakmont, Colfax and Hillsdale to come.

Franklin: Another team that has started their season on a good note is the Franklin Wildcats with a perfect 5-0 record so far.

They've shown their dominance as in their first matchup against Cordova in the Jack Scott Tournament hosted by Rio Americano, the Wildcats beat their opponent by a score of 106-34.

They went on to beat Oak Ridge by a score of 68-61 in the championship to repeat as champions of this tournament.

No stats have been entered for this season, but the Wildcats will continue their pre-season schedule at the Wildcat Winter Classic that the team will host at Franklin High School beginning Dec. 12, after press time.

The Wildcats' first Delta League game is on Jan. 8 against Cosumnes Oaks, as they look to improve on their 8-4 league record last season and third-place finish.

Laguna Creek: The newcomers to the Delta League are the Laguna Creek

Cardinals who through five games hold a 2-3 record.

Despite the three losses, the Cardinals have shown their fight which was exemplified in their 74-72 loss to Christian Brothers.

They were led by sophomore Jaylan Virgil who scored 34 points, who also leads the Cardinals with 127 points.

Junior Koa Jones leads the team with 33 rebounds and senior Sayid Davis leads with 17 assists to show the mixture of young talent and experience on this squad.

In preparation for their first Delta League game against the Elk Grove Thundering Herd, the Cardinals have pre-season matches left against Vacaville, Pleasant Valley, Bear Creek and Oak Ridge.

The Cardinals will look to replicate their success in the Metro League last season with a 9-3 record and second-place finish to carry over into their new league.

Monterey Trail: Coming off a 12-0 Metro League season, it will be interesting to see if the Mustangs can translate this into the Delta League.

There's nothing slowing down the Mustangs so far this preseason as they start their season with a 4-0 record.

Through their first three games, the Mustangs' opponents posted a 35% FG%, 25% 3FG% and 32 turnovers forced to show their defensive efficiency.

The offense has also been pretty spread out as freshman Devaughn Dorough leads with 61 points, senior Rashawn Inglemon follows with 55 and senior Ahzeil Franklin with 32.

The Mustangs prepare for their inaugural Delta League game against Sheldon on Jan. 8 with tournaments at Clovis West High School in Fresno and the Desert Holiday Classic in Rancho Mirage High School.

Pleasant Grove: So far this season for the Eagles, they sport a 3-4 record coming off a 10-16 record from last season.

They participated in the Jack Scott Tournament at Rio Americano High School where they picked up a loss in their opening game against Oak Ridge but took wins against El Camino and Fairfield.

Senior Jordan Thai leads the Eagles with 64 points, senior AJ Breslin leads with 18 points and Thai leads with 11 assists.

The Eagles have time to pick up steam and improve to a positive record before their first league game against the Franklin Wildcats on Jan. 10.

Sheldon: The Huskies have not had much action this pre-season as others at this same point and sport a 1-1 record.

Their latest game at the time of publication came with their first win as they hosted the Bakersfield Christian Eagles and took the victory by a score of 65-60.

The Huskies are coming off a 20-10 season and second-place finish in the Delta League where they are looking to improve



on their quarter final exit in the playoffs.

No other games are listed on the schedule for the Huskies till Jan. 3 against Clovis West which will be followed up by a game against Vanden.

This is all in preparation for their first league game of the season against the Monterey Trail Mustangs on Jan. 8, one of the strongest teams in the league despite being newcomers.

Girls Basketball

Bradshaw Christian: So far, the Pride have yet to get into the win column through six games.

They currently sport a 0-6 record with losses in pre-season matchups which included the Saints Tournament in Clarksburg.

Once tournament play was over, the Pride came in last place as they lost the seventh-place matchup against Rio Vista.

Sophomore Rianna Patel leads the Pride in scoring with 30 points and sophomore Vivian Wong leads in rebounds with six.

The Pride have time to adjust and get into the win column before the start of the Sierra Valley Conference

Cosumnes Oaks: Momentum has been gained by the Wolfpack as they've started the pre-season on the right foot with a 5-2 start.

Their wins have come against Bella Vista, Rocklin, West Park, Rosemont and River City.

It was in the River City tournament where the Wolfpack fell to Foothill by a score of 55-38.

So far this season, the Wolfpack is led by junior Caitlin Subejano as she's racked up 160 points through six games played. Subejano also leads in assists with 25.

According to MaxPreps, Subejano ranks third in the state as she's averaging 29.6 points per game.

Three Wolfpack players lead the team in rebounds with 28 including Subejano, junior Sophia Mendenhall and junior Sarah Hughes.

The Wolfpack have scheduled matchups against Vacaville, Rosemont, Kennedy and Ponderosa before taking on the Franklin Wildcats in their first Delta League game on Jan. 8.

Elk Grove: The Thundering Herd have not been able to find their footing so far in this pre-season as they start their season at a 1-4 record.

They won their first game against Del Campo by a score of 38-27 but have a string of consecutive losses against Oakmont, West Park, Tokay and Stagg.

No stats have been entered into MaxPreps but the Herd's season continues as they prepare for the start of their Delta League season against the Laguna Creek Cardinals on Jan. 8.

Franklin: So far this season, the

Franklin Wildcats have not broken into the win column.

The Wildcats have suffered losses at the hands of Folsom, Antelope, Christian Brothers and Kennedy.

The most points scored in a game by the Wildcats have been 28 points which came against Kennedy.

No stats have been entered into MaxPreps for Wildcat players.

The last game listed on MaxPreps before the start of their Delta League season is against Grant on Dec. 9, after press time.

The Wildcats start league play against the Cosumnes Oaks Wolfpack on Jan. 8.

Laguna Creek: Although there's not much success to look back on as they finished last season with a 4-20 record, the Laguna Creek Cardinals are looking to reverse their fortunes in their new league.

The newest addition to the Delta League has brought a 3-2 record so far in the pre-season.

One of their wins came against Galt where they dominated by putting up 80 points as a team.

Only three of their games have been logged with stats on to MaxPreps where freshman Alyson Aguirre-Hernandez leads the Cardinals in points with 34.

Junior Jestine Tofi leads in rebounds with 34 and Aguirre-Hernandez leads with seven assists.

The Cardinals have plenty of pre-season left to arrive at Delta League play with momentum which includes the Manteca High School Christmas Showcase where they will start the tournament against Tracy.

The Cardinals will begin Delta League play against the Elk Grove Thundering Herd on Jan. 8.

Monterey Trail: The other newest member of the Delta League is the Monterey Trail Mustangs who posted a 17-11 record last season and will look to improve their third-place finish in a new league.

So far this season, they have posted a 2-1 record with wins coming against McNair and St. Francis.

Against McNair, the offense dropped a season-high 78 points.

No stats have been entered into MaxPreps but the Mustangs continue their pre-season as they prepare for their first Delta League game against the Sheldon Huskies on Jan. 8.

Pleasant Grove: Through their first five games, the Eagles have posted a 3-2 record with wins against Fortune Early College, Wood and Grant.

In their first game of the season against Fortune Early College, the Eagles were led by flag football standout junior Kate Myers with 17 points, seven rebounds and seven steals.

Myers leads the team this season with 113 points, 41 rebounds and 22 assists.

Before their first league game, they have matchups against Lodi, Sacramento, Chavez and tournament play in the Chavez Christmas Classic in Palo Cedro.

Their first league game is against the Franklin Wildcats on Jan. 10.

Sheldon: Despite a 9-19 record last season, the Huskies have started strong with a 6-2 record so far in this young season.

In one of their recent games in the Oakmont Rotary tournament, they dropped 90 points on Foothill en route to a dominant win.

In this game, freshman Brooklin Kimmons led the Huskies with 19 points, sophomore Kayloni Knowlton led with eight rebounds and sophomore Zoe McAfee led with three assists.

It's Kimmons who leads the team this season in points with 115, Knowlton with 28 rebounds and McAfee with seven assists.

In preparation for Delta League play, the Huskies have games scheduled against Oakmont, Granite Bay, El Camino, Rio Americano, Lodi, Vanden and Inderkum.

The Huskies start their journey in the Delta League on Jan. 8 against Monterey Trail. ★

SacRT's Holiday Bus Returns

Sacramento Regional Transit News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) Holiday Bus has returned. The Holiday Bus is a festive tradition offering free rides to passengers while spreading holiday cheer throughout the region.

The 2024 Holiday Bus, featuring seasonal decorations, hit the streets on Dec. 1 and will roll through Jan. 2, traveling on a different route each day.

This year, SacRT partnered with the Health Education Council, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to improving health equity in historically under-served communities. Together, they're raising awareness about the importance of access to health resources while celebrating the season of giving.

"The SacRT Holiday Bus is one of our favorite traditions and we are thrilled to offer free rides to our riders while highlighting the incredible work

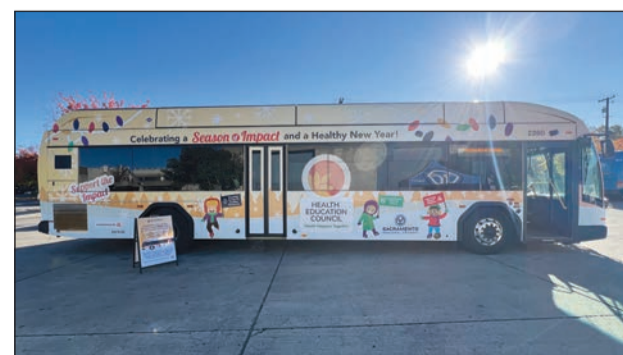
of the Health Education Council," said Henry Li, SacRT general manager/CEO. "This partnership exemplifies our commitment to supporting community well-being and ensuring that everyone has equitable access to vital resources for a healthier life."

Said Debra Oto-Kent, executive director of the Health Education Council, "We are honored to partner with SacRT to spread awareness of the Health Education Council's

mission to support families and individuals in achieving healthier lifestyles. The Holiday Bus is a wonderful way to bring the community together and inspire positive change during the holiday season."

The SacRT Holiday Bus will operate on regular SacRT bus routes, offering passengers free rides while highlighting the region's commitment to community health and connection.

It is free to ride but passengers have the option to donate to the Health



The Holiday Bus rolls through town through Jan. 2. Photo courtesy Sacramento Regional Transit

Education Council by dropping money into the bus fare box or using a QR code to donate online.

Each day, the Holiday Bus will serve a new route, ensuring riders throughout the area have the chance to

experience it. The SacRT Holiday Bus will also participate in the Sacramento Santa Parade in downtown Sacramento on Saturday, Dec. 14. Visit sacrt.com/holidaybus for the schedule and route details. ★

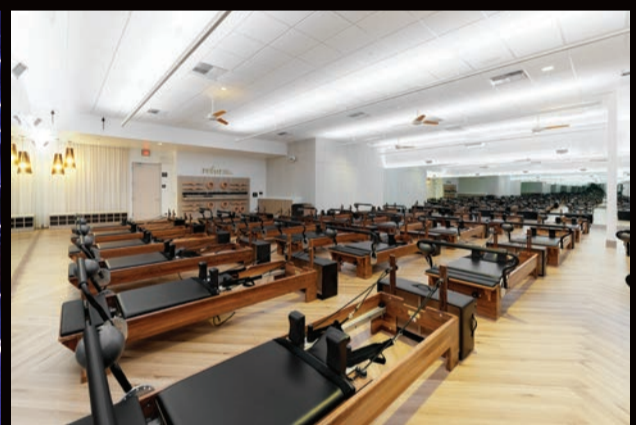


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