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## Lunar New Year Shines at Elk Grove Park



Members of the TengFei Lion Dance performance group perform the traditional lion dance at the Lunar New Year Festival in Elk Grove Park on Sunday, Feb. 2.

**Story and Photos  
by Sean P. Thomas  
City Editor**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - A bit of rain couldn't stop the local community from coming together to help celebrate the year of the snake at the Lunar New Year Tet Festival on Saturday and Sunday.

The volunteer-led event had been held at the District56 community center, but Tri Nguyen, president of the NorCal

Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce, an organizer behind the event, said it outgrew the space, leading to the event's move to Elk Grove Park. Prior to 2024, the event was held in South Sacramento.

Wet weather conditions forced the organizers to move most of the festivities under tents, but Nguyen said he was still happy with the turnout.

"Hey, look; people are resilient," Nguyen said. "People came out and we

still made it happen."

Lunar New Year is one the most important holidays in many Asian communities, including China, South Korea, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia and falls on the first New Moon of the year.

Each culture has a different name for the New Year. In Vietnam, it's called Tet, short for Tet Nguyen Dan. In South Korea, the Lunar New Year is called Seollal

and in China, it's called the Spring Festival or chunjie.

Every year is marked by a different zodiac animal, with 2025 being the Year of the Snake: specifically, the wood snake. People born during the year of the snake are said to be resilient and courageous, with strong leadership skills.

Over 100 vendors participated in the event, including 40 food trucks selling savory dishes and delicious drinks. In

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## Utility Critics Call Equity Profits Excessive

**By Malena Carollo  
CalMatters.org**

Making sense of the alphabet soup of charges on a monthly power bill is challenge enough. But there's a surprising cost baked into customers' bills that doesn't have its own line item.

A portion of each payment goes directly in the pockets of shareholders. Called a "return on equity," the amount is meant to compensate investor-owned utilities for the risk of doing business. It pays back shareholders for their investment in the companies and helps utilities maintain a higher credit rating to attract better loan rates for future projects.

Each state's utility regulator, including the California Public Utilities Commission, is responsible for determining these often double digit rates of return, which is a key part of utilities' profits. Studies found that the shareholder rates regularly outpace a common economic benchmark, costing customers across the country as much as \$7 billion annually. CalMatters examined these rates since 2020 and found they amount to hundreds of millions of dollars annually from California customers.

Approved rates of return in the state are hovering around 10%, more than double the rate for the benchmark, 10-year U.S. treasury bonds. Utilities can earn less than that if they do not meet performance targets, but California's three major investor-owned utilities still earned hundreds of millions of dollars from return on equity in 2023. Critics call that excessive and say utilities are exaggerating the risks they face.

"Across all the utilities, we seem to be providing some rather generous rates," said David Rode, a Carnegie Mellon University professor who studies decision making in finance and utilities. "It's easy to look at a single utility and go, 'well this rate makes sense for this utility' and miss the broader implications(but)... It's kind of like missing the forest for the trees."

Customers across the state are facing steep power bills from the state's three main investor-owned power companies. Californians pay among the highest electricity rates in the country, the largest

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## Ohana-Con Covers Comics, Animation

**Story and Photos  
by Emanuel Espinoza**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Cosplayers, vendors and artists in the world of anime, comics and animation united when the Ohana Comic-Con made its return to Elk Grove on Sunday, Feb. 2 at Soccer World.

The Ohana Comic-Con has come to Elk Grove on different occasions, with its first event in this city being held at the Portuguese S.E.S. Hall, but often it will be held at Soccer World on Kent Street. The event organizer, Ziggy Star, said this convention had originated in 2017 and often travels to different areas in California. The most recent one was held in Chico the previous weekend, Star said. He added that the next one will be held in Turlock the following weekend, as it is their biggest event with the venue having more than 100 vendors.

The Elk Grove event had a featured guest in voice actor John Morris, best known for doing the voice of Andy in the first three "Toy Story" films.

Morris said that he started doing conventions prior to the pandemic and went to various cons across the country. He noted that during the pandemic, he did those online cons. When he came back to doing in-person cons, he not only went all over the country, he had received an opportunity to do international cons in the United Kingdom.

Morris added that at events he participates in, he could talk about "Toy Story" at length with attendees, but

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Chico cosplayer Tony Stevens and his son Mason cosplay as the Pizza Planet Guy and Woody, respectively.



# Elk Grove PD Receives FAA Waiver for Expanded Drone Flights



The Elk Grove Drone as a First Responder Program started in 2024 and has since resulted in 1,000 flights. Photo courtesy of Elk Grove Police Department

By Sean P. Thomas  
City Editor

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove Police Department’s eyes in the sky just got a lot wider.

The Elk Grove Police Department on Jan. 28 announced it was granted a Beyond Visual Line of Sight waiver from the Federal Aviation Administration, which enables the department to conduct drone operations without the need for human visual observers.

The waiver gives the department the ability to fly its drones beyond the visual line of sight, on a case-by-case basis, depending on the risks of the operation. Normally, drones and other uncrewed aircraft flown in the United States must stay in sight of the operator, according to the FFA standards.

The waiver, approved on Jan. 24, now allows the department to fly the drones autonomously across the department’s 42-square-mile jurisdiction and removes the need for rooftop human visual observers and upwards of 400 feet in the air.

This is twice as high as other similar waivers permitted in the past for law enforcement.

The waiver is the largest square-mile approval in the nation for law enforcement drone operators, according to the release.

“The approval of our BVLOS waiver is a monumental step forward for our DFR Program,” said Bobby Davis, Elk Grove chief of police. “This advancement reflects our commitment to leveraging innovative technology to enhance public safety while maintaining accountability

and transparency in our operations.”

The Elk Grove Police Department launched its “Drone as a First Responder” program in 2024 to help supplement emergency response calls. Since the program’s initial launch, over 1,000 flights have been conducted.

Flight data is then uploaded to the department’s Drone as a First Responder portal on the department’s website.

The drones were operated by human operators on rooftops and allow officers to track suspects and vehicles involved in ongoing crimes, according to the department’s website.

In the news release, the department emphasized that the Drone as a First Responder program is used “exclusively in response to calls for service.” ★

# Driver Killed in Shooting Following County Pursuit Involved Elk Grove Police

By Sean P. Thomas  
City Editor

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove Police said an officer shot and killed a man after the man allegedly fired a handgun at law enforcement following a pursuit through southern Sacramento County late Saturday, Feb. 1.

No officers or deputies involved were injured and the deceased suspect has not been identified.

According to Elk Grove Police, the chase started around 11:45 p.m. Saturday near Spengler and Auberry drives after an Elk Grove Police Department officer attempted to stop a Ford Explorer with no license plate.

The driver refused to stop and led officers on a pursuit through the southern part of Sacramento County and Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office deputies joined the vehicle in pursuit, according to Elk Grove Police.

The driver fired at pursuing officers and deputies as the Explorer reached the Sunrise Greens Drive and Elsie Avenue area, ultimately hitting a Sacramento County Sheriff’s vehicle, according to police. The pursuit continued northbound on Highway 99 before the suspect exited at Florin Road.

At 69th Street and Lemon Hill Avenue, the suspect attempted a U-turn, according to police, but an Elk Grove officer rammed the suspect’s vehicle with their patrol car.

A second Elk Grove



Elk Grove Police said the driver fired a gun at a Sacramento Sheriff’s deputy vehicle during the chase on late Saturday, Feb. 1. Photo courtesy of Elk Grove Police Department

officer exited his patrol vehicle and fired his weapon at the vehicle, according to police. The initial officer who rammed the suspect’s car also fired their gun, striking the suspect, according to police. A female passenger in the car was not injured.

A handgun was recovered as officers removed the suspect from the vehicle to provide medical aid, according to Elk Grove Police.

Because the shooting happened in Sacramento, the Sacramento Police Department will lead the investigation. The Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office is also conducting its own separate investigation.

The officers involved in the shooting have been

placed on administrative leave, in accordance with department policy.

According to the news release, investigators will release available video footage, including body-worn cameras and in-car cameras, “as soon as possible.”

Two independent reviews of the incident will take place, one by Elk Grove Police Department’s Professional Standards Bureau and another by the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office.

It was the first officer-involved shooting for Elk Grove Police in two years. In February 2023, officers wounded a man suspected of killing a Rancho Cordova woman following a vehicle pursuit. ★

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# Lunar New Year Shines at Elk Grove Park



Evan Shadfay, 8, left; and Aiden Shagday, 10, take in the Lunar New Year Festival in Elk Grove Park on Sunday, Feb. 2.



Vi Camara, stage name Hang Vi, sings during the festival on Sunday, Feb. 2.



The Mrs. Vietnam Sacramento group performed the Cone Hat fan dance at the Lunar New Year Festival in Elk Grove Park on Sunday, Feb. 2.



Members of the Cosumnes Oaks High School drumline hit the stage.

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between scarfing down foods, attendees were able to take in performances of live bands, including the Cosumnes Oaks High School drumline and local artists.

Sacramento-based performing arts group TengFei Lion Dance performed the customary lion dance, which traditionally is meant to help ward away evil spirits.

“People always get excited when they see (the lion dances),” Nguyen said. “Kids really get a kick and you feel good watching them and enjoying the show. It’s part of our tradition.”

There were also a beer garden, karaoke singing, photo booths and jump houses for

the kids.

Bensen Phan, 8, said it’s one of his favorite events.

“We come here every year,” Phan said. “I love it. There are a lot of cool games, and a lot of cool stuff and the food is really good.”

Kevin Nguyen, who can also be heard on 106.5 The End’s “The Wake Up Call” radio show, attended with his nephew and said he was going to the event rain or shine.

“I love that they brought Vietnamese culture here in Elk Grove and seeing how many people come out here is amazing,” Nguyen said. ★

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# Ballot Measure Proposes Secession

**California Secretary of State News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., is addressing misinformation surrounding a ballot measure recently cleared for signature gathering and encouraging Californians

to educate themselves about the initiative process and the measures currently in circulation. On Jan. 23, Weber announced the approval of a new ballot initiative for signature gathering, a routine step in California’s direct democracy process. The proposed initiative, if enacted, places

the following question on November 2028 ballot: “Should California leave the United States and become a free and independent country?” For statewide initiatives, the state attorney general prepares the legal title and summary required on petitions. Once finalized, this

language is sent to both the proponent and the secretary of state, officially enabling the measure to proceed. Announcing these approvals is standard practice designed to promote transparency and encourage public awareness. “It has come to my attention that misinformation

is being circulated, falsely claiming that I am ‘organizing an effort for California to secede from the United States,’” stated Weber. “This is absolutely false. Such misinformation, whether intentional or not, is unacceptable, as it erodes trust in our democratic institutions. I urge everyone to turn to trusted

sources like my office or their local elections office to verify information about ballot measures or any election-related matters.” Weber emphasized that announcements of approved ballot measures are not endorsements but a legal requirement that supports transparency and civic engagement. ★

## Valley High School Students Arrested for Gun on Campus

**By Sean P. Thomas**  
**City Editor**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - A 15-year-old Valley High School student was arrested on Jan. 30 after allegedly carrying a loaded firearm and two knives on campus.

According to a social media post from the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office, Elk Grove Unified School District staff reported that a student was seen allegedly carrying a firearm during lunch. The witness also said the student’s 16-year-old sibling was seen with a gun on campus the day before.

Sacramento County Sheriff’s deputies and an Elk Grove Police



**A 15-year-old Valley High student was arrested Jan. 30 after allegedly possessing a firearm on campus.** Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office

Department school resource officer detained both students without incident.

According to the post, the 15-year-old had a fully loaded handgun with a 14-round magazine. The sibling possessed pepper spray, which is also illegal

on a school campus. No threats were made toward the school campus, staff or other students. The 15-year-old was arrested and booked into Sacramento County Juvenile Hall on charges including minor in possession of a firearm, minor in possession of ammunition, possession of a firearm on a school campus, possession of knives on campus and possession of a high-capacity magazine. The 16-year-old sibling was issued a citation for possessing pepper spray on a school campus and released to their parents, according to the Sheriff’s Office. ★



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Blanche Fairbairn (Kreizenbeck), 93, passed away on Nov. 15, 2024.

A devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, her life was defined by love and commitment to family and community. She raised four sons—Greg, Bill, Roger, and Andy—and cherished her role as a grandmother and great-grandmother.

Blanche was passionate about education and an avid volunteer with the Discovery Shop and Sacramento Blood Source.

She is survived by sons Bill and Roger, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family. Blanche’s legacy of love, kindness, and compassion will be remembered by all who knew her.

A memorial service will be held



February 20, 2025, at Albiani Hall from 1:00-3:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Coach Jim Wilson Scholar Athlete Scholarship.



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# CoreFit Memberships Offered on Presale

By Sean P. Thomas  
City Editor

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Welcome to the latest edition of the Elk Grove Business Roundup, a column that highlights some of the retail, restaurant and nonprofit news around Elk Grove.

If you have any questions or business news to report, please contact City Editor Sean P. Thomas at 916-410-5389 or email sean.thomas@mpg8.com.

**CoreFit**  
Pre-sale memberships for the soon-to-open Core Recreation Center at Morse Community Park went on sale this week, according to the Cosumnes Community Services District.  
Pre-sale memberships are going for \$49 a month with a \$1 enrollment fee for the first 12 months of membership. A typical membership runs \$69 per month, with a \$5 per month processing fee if paid with a credit card.  
There is also a \$39 per member annual fee charged 60 days after

opening. Memberships for older adults will cost \$10 per month.  
Anyone who takes advantage of the presale will receive a free gift.  
The new center, which touts a “holistic” approach to fitness, will include two full-sized gyms, an indoor three-lane running track, yoga and movement classes and other group fitness classes.  
The center also plans to offer sports academics, peewee sports, court rentals and party packages.  
The Core center is slated to open this summer and a preview center is currently located at the Wackford Community Center Complex on Bruceville Road.  
Interested parties can meet the team and get a firsthand look at the fitness center.  
The gym will be open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday. It will open at 7 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. on the weekend.  
For more information, contact Core at



The Core Recreation Center at Morse Community Park will offer pre-sale memberships of \$49 per month. The center will open sometime in early summer. Rendering courtesy of Cosumnes Community Services District.

info@corefit.org or call at 916-405-5377.

**Sacramento County Street Vendor Permits**  
Rules and regulations for street vendors across Sacramento County will get a lot tighter come March after the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors last week voted to increase restrictions for the businesses.  
The vote established a new one-year sidewalk vendor license at a \$61 a year cost that will

be required for all street vendors operating in Sacramento County.  
If a vendor is found to be out of compliance, they can be fined \$250 for their first violation, \$500 for their second and \$1,000 for following violations within a year of their first.  
The new rules will go into effect in March.  
The City of Elk Grove already requires street vendors to have a seller's permit from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, a health

permit from Sacramento County's Environmental Management Department and a city business license.  
**Tillys at Elk Grove Commons**  
Shoe-wear store Skechers is slated to replace Tilly's in the Elk Grove Commons shopping center on the southwest corner of Elk Grove Boulevard and Bruceville Road.  
Tilly's closed on Jan. 11.  
The store is the latest listed on leasing documents

found on the properties leasing and property management company Gallelli Real Estate's website.  
The space is approximately 10,200 square feet and is next to a GNC and GameStop.  
The Elk Grove Commons shopping center is anchored by Kohls, Trader Joes, HomeGoods and Ace Hardware.  
It also has a Golden1 Credit Union, Orange Theory Fitness, Lane Bryant and Daiso. ★

# Gov. Meets with Small Business Owners Impacted by Firestorm

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

**LOS ANGELES, CA (MPG)** - Continuing to have an eye toward recovery and rebuilding, Governor Gavin Newsom on Jan. 21 met with workers and small business owners impacted by the devastating Los Angeles firestorm to hear their stories and highlight the state's work to help communities rebuild.  
The Governor visited NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in La Canada Flintridge for a conversation with employees impacted by the Eaton Fire. Hundreds of Jet Propulsion Laboratory employees lost their homes, with over 100 more likely to be displaced due to damage to their homes. Joined by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger, Governor Newsom talked with the employees about rebuilding efforts, as well as concerns about home insurance.  
As the largest employer of those impacted by the Eaton Fire, Jet Propulsion Laboratory started a disaster relief fund to help employees, which has already raised over \$2 million. Jet Propulsion Laboratory manages the Deep Space Network, a global web of antennas that communicate with spacecraft. The NASA facility has partnered with CAL FIRE to use soil moisture sensors to support the state's fire management and prevention efforts. JPL also helped California launch pollution-tracking satellites last year and partners with the state on drought monitoring.  
Governor Newsom also visited with small business owners Kevin Hockin and Rosanna Kvernmo. They started Side Pie as a pizza pop-up during the



Governor Newsom met with small business owners to see how the recent wildfires have impacted them. Photo courtesy of the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom

middle of the pandemic. After it went viral, they expanded into a brick-and-mortar shop in Altadena in 2021. They received news while at Disneyland with their daughter that they had lost their restaurant and that their home suffered extensive smoke damage. Kevin and Rosanna plan on rebuilding when safe to do so.  
“Thousands of hard-working Californians lost their homes, their businesses and their livelihoods to this firestorm. From the hundreds of workers at NASA's iconic Jet Propulsion Laboratory who lost their homes to folks like Kevin and Rosanna who lost their Altadena pizza shop – the numbers will never capture just how life-changing these fires were for Californians. It will take years to rebuild and fully recover but California will be there every step of the way,” said Governor Gavin Newsom.  
Also on Jan. 21, Governor Newsom stopped by CAL FIRE and CDCR conservation camp crews filling sandbags that will be placed in firestorm-affected

areas to help protect against potential flooding and mudslides. Yesterday, the Governor issued an executive order to help mitigate this risk and protect communities by hastening efforts to remove debris, bolster flood defenses, and stabilize hillsides in affected areas.  
**Helping Small Businesses Recover**  
Since the firestorm, California has worked with federal and local providers to help businesses with the resources and support they need to recover and rebuild.  
200+ business advisors from Small Business Support Centers funded through the California Office of the Small Business Advocate's (CalOSBA) Technical Assistance Program are staffed across the region.  
This includes business advisors from the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and Women's Business Center (WBC) who can answer loan application, insurance, employee support and business recovery questions. They are co-located



Governor Newsom speaks with CAL FIRE employees in the wake of the Los Angeles fires. Photo courtesy of the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom

at the Disaster Recovery Center at Pasadena City College and the Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Camarillo (Ventura County).  
Small Business Development Center and Women's Business Center advisors are also present at the various Business Recovery Centers organized by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).  
California Office of the Small Business Advocates has launched a Resource Guide for small businesses impacted by the wildfires through its Outsmart Disaster website, and is conducting a series of online trainings in both English and Spanish.  
The California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank) is offering loan programs for businesses from one to 750 employees affected by the LA wildfires.  
Disaster Relief Loan Guarantee Program (DRLGP) issues loan guarantees up to 95% of the loan through IBank's partner Financial Development Corporations to help small business borrowers

impacted by disaster who need term loans or lines of credit for working capital.  
Additionally, Governor Newsom has issued a number of executive orders in response to the Los Angeles fire storms to help aid in rebuilding and recovery, create more temporary housing, and protect survivors from exploitation and price gouging.  
**Get Help Today**  
Californians can go to CA.gov/LAfires – a hub for information and resources from state, local and federal government.  
Individuals and business owners who sustained losses from wildfires in Los Angeles County can apply for disaster assistance online at DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling 800-621-3362, or by using the FEMA smart phone application. Assistance is available in more than 40 languages.  
If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service. ★

# State Water Project Increases 2025 Allocation Forecast

California Department of Water Resources News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - On Jan. 28, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced an update to the State Water Project allocation forecast for 2025. The allocation has increased to 20 percent of requested supplies, up from 15 percent in December. The State Water Project provides water to 29 public water agencies that serve 27 million Californians.  
While January has been incredibly dry across California, storm runoff into the state's reservoirs came in higher than forecasted at the end of December allowing for a modest allocation

increase. Storms in late November and early December had a positive impact by saturating the ground, allowing for storms through December to more efficiently runoff into reservoirs.  
More storms are needed, and the long-range forecast does hint at a return to wet conditions in early February that could bring much-needed rain and snow.  
“We are in the middle of our biggest months for precipitation for California, and unfortunately January has been very dry, putting a significant dent in our season,” said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. “A return to wet weather is critical for our season's success and it will take many more storms to make up the deficit

and further boost water supply deliveries.”  
Despite the dry conditions, California has effectively managed its reservoirs to keep storage above average for this time of year. Lake Oroville, the State Water Project's largest reservoir, is currently at 127 percent of average for this time of year. San Luis Reservoir, which is jointly operated by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, is at 102 percent of average for this time of year.  
Reservoirs in Southern California are also near or above their historical averages.  
Each year, the department provides State Water Project allocation forecasts based on available water storage, projected water supply, and water demands. Allocations are updated

monthly as snowpack, rainfall, and runoff information is assessed, with a final allocation typically determined in May or June.  
As the winter progresses, if California sees an increase in rain and snowfall, the allocation forecast may increase. Learn more about how the State Water Project allocation process works at https://water.ca.gov/News/Blog/2025/Jan-25/Get-the-Facts-About-the-State-Water-Project-Allocation.  
The allocation forecast notice to State Water Contractors and historical data on SWP allocations are available at https://water.ca.gov/programs/state-water-project/management/swp-water-contractors. ★



MEETING MINDERS

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

The Elk Grove City Council has its regular meetings at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. To view the meeting, visit the city of Elk Grove’s website, [www.ElkGroveCity.org](http://www.ElkGroveCity.org).

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

A live video stream of this meeting can be viewed at the city of Elk Grove’s website, [www.ElkGroveCity.org](http://www.ElkGroveCity.org).

The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors has in-person meetings at 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

It governs the Cosumnes Fire Department as well as Elk Grove’s parks and recreation system.

The CSD board meetings can be

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

The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. This meeting is in-person at the Robert L. Trigg Education Center Board Room, 9510 Elk Grove Florin Road.

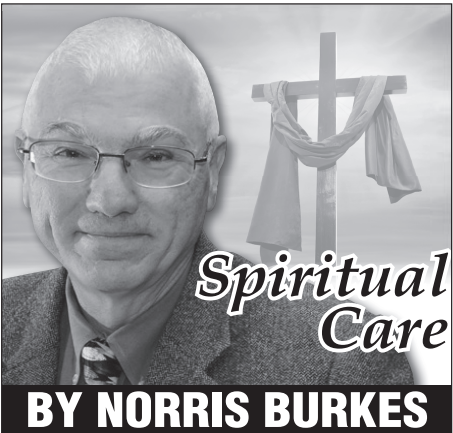
Members of the public can also view it by using the Zoom application and visiting the school district’s website, [www.EGUSD.net](http://www.EGUSD.net).

Past board meetings can be watched on the district’s YouTube channel, “ElkGroveUnified.”

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

To access them, visit [www.egwd.org](http://www.egwd.org). ★

You Never Even Call Me By My Name



During my adolescent years, I rarely introduced myself with verbal clarity. My soft introductions were hard to hear and communicated more doubt than any kind of confident identity.

I’d try to tell people that my name was Norris, but they’d often respond with a one-word question. “What?”

If I repeated my introduction, my inquisitors only became more frustrated. “What? Did you say Morris?”

Even if they heard “Norris,” they might say, “Yes, but what’s your first name?” The assumption was that Norris could only be a surname.

So, by the time I graduated from high school in 1975, I’d had enough of the confusion. I anticipated an opportunity to end it when I accepted a summer job at a church conference center outside Santa Fe, New Mexico.

A few weeks later, I entered the grounds ready for a change. The first person I met introduced himself and I responded with the first syllable of my middle name, “Ed.” I was not only using my middle name, but I’d adopted the abbreviated version.

I still remember his reply – “What? Did you say Fred?”

It was quickly apparent that my lack of confidence was still causing me to mumble my name. “Ed” rolled off my tongue with no more clarity than did “Norris.”

By the end of the summer, I’d already received a lot of grief from my mother who constantly reminded me that she wouldn’t have named me Norris if she had intended for me to go by Ed. I returned to Norris.

Out in Northern New Mexico, the name experiment seemed harmless enough. After all, it was only a summer job. Since I was headed for Baylor University in Texas, I resolved to leave my AKA-Ed life in New Mexico’s high desert.

Not so fast. I wouldn’t be the only staff member from the camp headed for Baylor.

Imagine the surprise on the face of the freshman girl I escorted to the homecoming bonfire when we were greeted by two of my former New Mexico coworkers who called me “Ed.”

In the weeks that followed, my old camp friends continually called me Ed, compounding the confusion among my new Baylor friends. My roommates were further puzzled when they brought in mail addressed to “Ed Burkes.”

During my sophomore year, David Allen Coe’s, “You Never Even Call Me by My Name,” became a favorite song. By my senior year, I’d persuaded all of my friends to call me Norris once again – with only one exception.

That exception was the especially spirited blonde I’d met in that New Mexico camp named Becky. Through four years of college, my roommates teased me at every mail call. “Yoo-hoo, Ed!” they’d croon in a falsetto voice. “She wrote you another letter.”

It took a lot of persuasion to get this girl to call me Norris. She preferred the name Ed and it seemed as though she’d never concede. However, at our wedding in 1980, she finally made a pledge to forever call me Norris.

“Norris,” she said, “I take thee to be my wedded husband. To have and to hold, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do us part.”

Happy 45th anniversary, sweetheart. You’ve always known who I am, even though I often lack a clue. Your love changes me because it honors the best in me.

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And that is something Ed and Norris will cherish forever. ★

RELIGION NEWS

**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.

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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:office@gracechurcheg.org). Visit [GraceChurchEG.org](http://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.

For more information, call (916) 647-4538, visit [www.SMGCC.net](http://www.SMGCC.net), or download the MyParish app and enter the code, 55321.

**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.

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

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Website: <https://stpeterseg.org>

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ABOUT TOWN

Widowed Persons Activities

Feb. 14, 10 a.m. – Hand and Foot card game at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

Feb. 17, 9:15 a.m. – Red Hawk Adventure ~ Meet at the Big Lots parking lot. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Feb. 20, 11:30 a.m. – General Meeting at Golden Corral, 7700 W. Stockton Blvd.; \$24 includes lunch. Contact is Pat at 916-802-4524.

Feb. 21, 10 a.m. – Pinochle at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

Feb. 25, 5 p.m. – Dinner at Old Spaghetti Factory, 7727 Laguna Blvd. Contact is Addie at 916-682-3609.

A widowed person may attend up to three events

while deciding if they wish to join WPSC.

Contact Bonnie at 916-422-1522 if you are interested in membership.

Butterfly Ball Feb. 7-8

Enjoy an evening of dancing and create a beautiful memory by attending the Butterfly Ball, hosted by the Cosumnes Community Service District at Laguna Town Hall on Feb. 7 and 8.

The event includes a DJ, dancing, professional portraits and special activities for each child.

Pre-registration is required, and both the parent and the child must register together.

A link can be found to register online at cosumnescd.gov/390/Butterfly-Ball. People can also register in-person

Caregiver Coffee Feb. 8

Local caregivers are invited to a support group at the Elk Grove United Methodist Church (8986 Elk Grove Blvd.).

This is open to all as a way to share experiences in caregiving as well as resources. The meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Ruth at (916) 509-1414.

Elk Grove Historical Society Speaker Series on Feb. 17

Amy Gorder, a former schoolteacher at Franklin Elementary, will join the Elk Grove Historical Society’s speaker series on Feb. 17 to discuss the latest in her ghost story book series “Ghosts of Winter.” Her latest book used the

Power of the Purse Feb. 8

Soroptimist International of Elk Grove is hosting a Power of the Purse fundraiser on Feb. 8 from 2-6 p.m.

The event allows attendees to purchase high-quality purses, handbags and other accessories to help benefit its Helping Hands Program.

The organization is currently accepting donations of high-end purses for the event.

The event is \$40 per person and will take place at The Center at District56 at 8230 Civic Center Drive.

Historical Society’s Stage Stop

as a foundation for her story.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and usually lasts about one hour.

For more information, or if you are interested in giving a presentation to the society, contact Louis Silveira at 916-682-1335 or go to the society’s website at elkgrovehistoricalssociety.com/speaker-series.

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.

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 a.m. at Mimi's Cafe.

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 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00102 Adaptive Living Renovation Inc., 10471 Grant Line Road, #120, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "American Therapy Tubs" 10471 Grant Line Road, #120, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 7, 2025  
Publish: Jan 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 2025  
TUBS 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09573 Mitchell Alvarez, 9270 Emerald Crest Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elevation Wellness" 9270 Emerald Crest Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 26, 2024  
Publish: Jan 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 2025  
ELEVATION 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09615 Alicia Wolfe, 9061 Weeping Fig Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Queens of the Stage" 9061 Weeping Fig Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 27, 2024  
Publish: Jan 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 2025  
QUEENS 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00165 James Geary, 8525 Deodor Crest Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Interwebs" 8525 Deodor Crest Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 10, 2025  
Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025  
INTERWEBS 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00248 Thomas Uebelhoefer, 9157 Rizzes Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "El Dorado Pest Services" 9157 Rizzes Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 13, 2025  
Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025  
PEST 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00236 Heidi Elizabeth Chote, 10312 Alta Mesa Road, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "First Chance Farm" 10312 Alta Mesa Road, Wilton, CA 95693. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 13, 2025  
Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025  
CHANCE 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00262 JP Project Investment Inc., 9785 Ellsmere Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tandoori Pizzza" 8234 Laguna Boulevard, Suite #130, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 14, 2025  
Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025  
TANDOORI 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00186 Taco Express #7 LLC, PO Box 292638, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Taco Exppress" 9146 Harbour Point Drive Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 10, 2025  
Publish: Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 2025  
TACO 2-21-25

LIEN SALE

LIEN SALE 2/18/25 10am At 8240 14TH AVE, SACRAMENTO 15 LEXUS LIC# 8HGZ137 CA VIN# JTHBF1D21F5081075 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 2-7-25

LIEN SALE 2/13/25 10AM AT 8240 14TH AVE, SACRAMENTO 20 MERZ LIC# 8PUB403 CA VIN# W1N4M4HB2LW020697 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 2-7-25

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV015278 Heidi June Johnson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Heidi June Johnson to Heidi June Keith Johnson.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: December 11, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Jan 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 2025  
JOHNSON 2-7-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV000551 Said Eide Mohammad Elyar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of

Said Eide Mohammad Elyar to Saeed Elyar.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: January 8, 2025 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025  
ELYAR 2-14-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV025110 Jaspreet Lochab-Dogra has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jaspreet Lochab-Dogra to Jaspreet Lochab-Dogra.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: December 9, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025  
DOGRA 2-14-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV000554 Said Erfan Ahmad Elyar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Said Erfan Ahmad Elyar to Erfan Elyar.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: January 8, 2025 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025  
ERFAN 2-14-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV001319 Trudy Linn Perdun has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Trudy Linn Perdun to Trudy Lynn Perdun.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 4, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: January 8, 2025 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025  
PERDUN 2-14-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV000940 Mushtariy Sadikova Mohammed has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Miran Faiz Mohammed to Milan Faiz.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 28, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in De-partment 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: January 13, 2025 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 2025  
FAIZ 2-21-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV025938 Jennifer Gardenia DeJean has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Karter Ezra DeJean to Ezra Malachi Johnson.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 23, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: December 19, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025  
EZRA 2-28-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV001624 FNU Makhan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of FNU Makhan to Makhan Singh.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: January 22, 2025 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025  
MAKHAN 2-28-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RENE PERDUE FRENCH CASE NO. 25PR000031

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Rene Perdue French aka Rene Perdue Foreman.

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative 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 February 25, 2025, 9:00 a.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 decedent, 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 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: Sally C. Gonzales, Law Offices of Gonzales & Pfaff, PC, 5740 Windmill Way, Suite 13, Carmichael, CA 95608; (916) 613-2229  
Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 2025  
FRENCH 2-7-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BARRY STONE CASE NO. 25PR000140

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Barry Lee Stone.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Sian R Stone, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Sian Stone 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 personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative 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 February 20, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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 decedent, 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: Timothy Kelly, 5061 Oak Park Way, Santa Rosa, 95409  
Publish: Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025  
STONE 2-14-25

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE # ADJ16790828

Surinder Singh vs. S. Line Transportation; Ajaib Singh Kahlon, of 9971 Phoenician Way Sacramento, CA 94829  
Surinder Singh: Applicant/ Plaintiff

Ajaib Singh Kahlon, S Line Transportation: Defendants  
This is a Workers Compensation action that is set/located at the Oakland Workers Compensation Board in Oakland, California. 1515 Clay St. 6th Floor Oakland, CA 94612.

Ajaib Singh Kahlon has not been able to be located to be served, this publication is a substitute for personal service. The next hearing/trial on the case is on 02/25/2025 at 08:30 am.

Ajaib Singh Kahlon must appear at the hearing/trial on that day. He can get a copy of the Complaint/Application and all documents on the case by contacting the Fletcher Brown Law Firm at tel:5109860441. Surinder Singh is seeking benefits/damages for an injury at work that occurred on 12/13/2021.

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ELK GROVE CITIZEN 2-21-25

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 24-69177 APN: 132-1620-006-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALEYOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/6/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.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: REGINA D CEPEDA AND MANUEL A CEPEDA JR., WIFE AND HUSBAND AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY ,Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS LAW, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 2/8/2006, in Book 20060208, Page 0212, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale:2/18/2025 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: East Main Entrance, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$476,083.71Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 10220 SHOECH WAY ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA 95757Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust A.P.N #: 132-1620-006-0000The 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 (855) 976-3916 or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-69177. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 976-3916, or visit this internet website tracker.auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case 24-69177 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: 1/15/2025 ZBS LAW, LLP, as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450Irvine, CA 92606For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920For Sale Information: (855) 976-3916 www.auction.com Ryan Bradford, Trustee Sale OfficerThis office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation. EPP 42352

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Trustee Sale No. F24-00180 Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No. Mesa Laguna Title Order No. 2410105-05 You Are In Default Under A Construction Deed Of Trust, Assignment Of Leases And Rents, Security Agreement, Assignment Of Contracts And Plans, And Fixture Filing Dated 12/20/2021 And More Fully Described Below (The "Deed Of Trust"). 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashiers check (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to Assured Lender Services, Inc.), will be held by a duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late

charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, legal fees and costs, charges and expenses of the undersigned trustee ("Trustee") for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor(s): The Mesa Laguna Ridge, LP, a California limited partnership Recorded: recorded on 12/23/2021 as Document No. 202112230714 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California; Date of Sale: 02/18/2025 at 01:30PM Place of Sale: the east main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$24,000,776.18 The purported property address is: 10371 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove, CA 95757-9525 Legal Description See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof Personal Property Description See Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof Assessors Parcel No. 132-0050-034-0000 The beneficiary under the Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Construction Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement, Assignment of Contracts and Plans, and Fixture Filing (the "Notice of Default and Election to Sell"). The undersigned caused the Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (877)440-4460 or visit this internet web-site www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case F24-00180. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet web-site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer" you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of



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the trustee sale, you can call (877)440-4460 or visit this internet website site [www.mkconsultantsinc.com](http://www.mkconsultantsinc.com), using the file number assigned to this case F24-00180 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.\*

**NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** WE REQUIRE CERTIFIED FUNDS AT SALE BY CASHIER'S CHECK(S) PAYABLE DIRECTLY TO "ASSURED LENDER SERVICES, INC." TO AVOID DELAYS IN ISSUING THE FINAL DEED. THE PROPERTY COVERED IN THIS ACTION INCLUDES ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY AND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN WHICH THE BENEFICIARY HAS A SECURITY INTEREST DESCRIBED IN EXHIBITS "A" AND "B" ATTACHED HERETO, RESPECTIVELY, IT BEING THE ELECTION OF THE CURRENT BENEFICIARY UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST TO CAUSE A UNIFIED SALE TO BE MADE OF SAID REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2924F(b)(2) OF THE CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE. Date: 1/16/2025 Assured Lender Services, Inc. Cherie Maples, Vice President of Trustee Operations Assured Lender Services, Inc. 111 Pacifica Suite 140 Irvine, CA 92618 Phone: (714) 508-7373 Sales Line: (877)440-4460 Sales Website: [www.mkconsultantsinc.com](http://www.mkconsultantsinc.com) Reinstatement Line: (714) 508-7373 To request reinstatement and/or payoff FAX request to: (714) 505-3831 This Office Is Attempting To Collect A Debt And Any Information Obtained Will Be Used For That Purpose. Exhibit "A" All that certain real property situated in the City of Elk Grove, County of Sacramento, State of California, being Tract 1008, as shown on the Plat of "H.J. Goethe Company's Colony Number 10", recorded in the Office of the County Recorder

of Sacramento County, California August 18, 1903 in Book 5 of Maps, Map No. 22. Excepting therefrom that portion thereof described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Tract 1008, which is the Southerly line of Elefa Avenue and which said point is distant Westerly 363 feet from the Northeast corner of said Tract 1008, which said Northeast corner is the intersection of a fence line running Easterly and Westerly along the South line of said Elefa Avenue and a fence line running Northley and Southerly along the East line of said Tract 1008 and running thence Southerly from said Point of Beginning and parallel to the East line of said Tract 1008, a distance of 91 feet to a point and running thence Westerly and parallel to the North line of said Tract 1008, a distance of 112 feet to a point and running thence Northerly and parallel to the East line of said Tract 1008, a distance of 91 feet to a point in the North line of said Tract 1008 and running thence Easterly along the North line of said Tract 1008, 112 feet to the Point of Beginning, as conveyed by Rose Zraggen, a widow, to Edwin Zraggen, her son, by Deed dated November 10, 1947, recorded November 10, 1947, in Book 1412 A of Official Records, Page 329. Also excepting therefrom the South Four Acres of said Tract 1008. Also excepting therefrom that portion thereof described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the South Four Acres of said Tract 1008, thence from said point of beginning along the West line of said Tract 1008, North 00° 44' 29" East, 324.52 feet; thence leaving said West line, South 89° 15' 31" East, 625.96 feet to the East line of said Tract 1008; thence along said East line, South 00° 23' 23" West, 304.66 feet to the Northeast corner of said South Four Acres; thence along the North line of said South Four Acres, South 88° 55' 46" West, 628.15 feet to the point of beginning. As also described as Resultant Parcel A in that certain Boundary Line Adjustment/Certificate of Compliance recorded November 27, 2007 in Book 20071127 at Page 1163. Also excepting therefrom any and all mobile home(s). Exhibit "B" (Personal Property) All equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property now or hereafter owned by Trustor, and now or hereafter attached or affixed to the Real Property; together with all accessions, parts, and additions to, all replacements of, and all substitutions for, any such property; and together with all proceeds (including without limitation all

insurance proceeds and refunds of premiums) from any sale or disposition of the Property.

Published 1/24/25, 1/31/25, 2/7/25  
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 2-7-25

A.P.N.:132-1770-004-0000  
Property Address: 10428 CANADEO CIRCLE, ELK GROVE, CA 95757

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

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

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

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LƯU Ý: KÈM THEO ĐÂY LÀ BẢN TRÌNH BÀY TÓM LƯỢC VỀ THÔNG TIN TRONG TÀI LIỆU NÀY

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROP-ERTY OWNER:** YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/13/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/23/2005. 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.

Trustor: ALICIA R BELLAMY, A SINGLE WOMAN

Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC

Deed of Trust Recorded 07/01/2005 in Book 20050701, page 2479 and further modified by that certain Modification Agreement recorded on 03/06/2009, in (book) 20090306 (page) 0721 and further modified by that

certain Modification Agreement recorded on 02/14/2013, in (book) 20130214 (page) 1125 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California,

Date of Sale: 04/01/2025 at 09:00 AM

Place of Sale: EAST MAIN ENTRANCE, GORDON D. SCHABER SACRAMENTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 720 9TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 316,225.98

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

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

All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:

More fully described in said Deed of Trust.

Street Address or other common designation of real property: 10428 CANADEO CIRCLE, ELK GROVE, CA 95757

A.P.N.: 132-1770-004-0000

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

The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 316,225.98.

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the

time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

**NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property.

**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case 2024-01816-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in

time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

**NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855)-976-3916, or visit this internet website <https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079>, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-01816-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

Date: January 31, 2025

Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 238

Ventura, CA 93003

Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 <https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx>

Trustee Sale Assistant

\*\*This address must be used for the required delivery by certified or overnight mail of postponement requests as specified pursuant to Civil Code section 2924f(e).

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ELK GROVE CITIZEN 2-21-2025



PUBLIC NOTICE

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PRE-QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

Notice is hereby given that all contractors required to pre-qualify for Elk Grove Unified School District ("District") projects must adhere to the following procedures, submit the following documentation and information at least annually, with quarterly certifications or updates, and must be found by the District on a quarterly basis to pre-qualify, as a condition of bidding the District project during any quarterly period. The District is required to have a pre-qualification process pursuant to applicable California law (in particular Public Contracts Code sections 20111.5 and 20111.6) for any projects projected to cost \$1,000,000 or more. Any General Contractors (GCs) and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) Subcontractors bidding on projects projected to cost \$1,000,000 or more are required to participate in the District's pre-qualification process. MEP is defined as subcontractors holding the following license classifications: C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 and/or C-46. Pre-qualification application packages are available on our website at <http://www.egusd.net/about/divisions-departments/business-services-and-facilities/facilities-and-planning/>, [www.egusdplans.com](http://www.egusdplans.com), or via email at [facilitiesbids@egusd.net](mailto:facilitiesbids@egusd.net)

It is mandatory that all GCs and MEP Subs who intend to submit bids fully complete the pre-qualification questionnaire, provide all materials requested herein, and be approved by the District. No bid will be accepted from a GC that has failed to comply with these requirements, or submits a bid that lists MEP Subs that have failed to comply with these requirements. If two or more business entities submit a bid on a project as a Joint Venture, or expect to submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, each entity within the Joint Venture must be separately qualified to bid.

Pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5, no contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations.

The pre-qualification packet includes, in part, a questionnaire and financial statement, to be verified under oath. The District will use the information and documentation required herein, as the basis for rating contractors in respect to the size and scope of contracts upon which each contractor is qualified to bid. The District reserves the right to check other sources available. The District's decision will be based, in part, on its uniform rating system, including, among other things, objective evaluation criteria and references.

While it is the intent of the pre-qualification questionnaire and documents required therewith to assist the District in determining bidder responsibility prior to the submission of bids and to aid the District in selecting the lowest responsible bidder, neither the fact of pre-qualification, nor any pre-qualification rating, will preclude the District from a post-bid consideration and determination on a specific project of whether a bidder has the quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the proposed work, and has demonstrated the requisite trustworthiness. Contractors are encouraged to submit pre-qualification packages as soon as possible, so that they may be notified of pre-qualification status well in advance of the bid process.

If the bidder, within the last calendar year, has submitted to the District a completed Pre-Qualification Application and the District has determined that the bidder is prequalified, the bidder must submit a **Quarterly Update** in each calendar quarter after the calendar quarter in which the initial Pre-Qualification Application was filed, certifying that nothing has changed in the interim period to make the Pre-Qualification Application materially untrue, inaccurate or misleading. If the bidder has been deemed prequalified by the District within the last calendar year but has failed to submit a Quarterly Update in order to maintain pre-qualification, the bidder will be automatically disqualified and must submit a full Pre-Qualification Application in order to be considered for pre-qualification.

The pre-qualification packages should be sealed, marked "CONFIDENTIAL PREQUALIFICATION", and delivered to: **Facilities and Planning Department, Elk Grove Unified School District, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, CA 95624, Attention: Pre-Qualification, by 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2025.**

The questionnaire answers and financial statements included in the pre-qualification packages submitted by contractors are not public records and are not open to public inspection. All such information provided will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law, although the contents may be disclosed to third parties for the purpose of verification, investigation of substantial allegations, and in the process of any applicable appeal. State law requires that the names of contractors applying for pre-qualification status shall be public records subject to disclosure, and the first page of the questionnaire will be used for that purpose.

Each questionnaire must be signed under penalty of perjury in the manner designated at the end of the form, by an individual who has the legal authority to bind the contractor on whose behalf that person is signing. If any information provided by a contractor becomes inaccurate, the contractor must immediately notify the District and provide updated accurate information in writing, under penalty of perjury.

Elk Grove Citizen 2-7, 2-14-2025

City of Elk Grove - Planning Commission  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on, **Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall in the **Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way**, Elk Grove, California to consider the following matter:

**LENT RANCH LOT I TENTATIVE MAP CONDITIONS AMENDMENT (PLNG25-002) – TENTATIVE MAP AMENDMENT TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

The Project consists of a request to amend the conditions of approval of the previously approved Lent Ranch Lot I Tentative Parcel Map (EG-16-008). The revision to the conditions of approval is a text change to Condition #15 to allow for the applicant to satisfy certain public improvement obligations by executing a Deferred Improvement Agreement if the Community Development Director determines that the character of the surrounding neighborhood and the present development thereof warrants delayed installation of such improvements.	
PROPERTY OWNER:	PROJECT APPLICANT:
Feletto Development, LLC 1020 45th St. Sacramento, CA 95819	Feletto Development, LLC 1020 45th St. Sacramento, CA 95819
LOCATION/APN:	Southwest Corner of Kammerer Road and Promenade Parkway; APN: 134-1010-014, -015, -016, and -017
ZONING:	Lent Ranch Special Planning Area (LRSPA)
GENERAL PLAN:	Regional Commercial (RC)
ENVIRONMENTAL:	No further environmental review is required from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan or Zoning) and Section 15162 (Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations).
PROJECT PLANNER:	Jason Hone, Assistant Community Development Director (916) 627-3283 or <a href="mailto:jhone@elkgrovecity.org">jhone@elkgrovecity.org</a>

**Dated / Published: February 7, 2025**

<div>NOTICE REGARDING APPEALS</div> <p>Pursuant to §23.14.060 of the Zoning Code, appeals of a final action by the Planning Commission must be filed with the City Clerk no later than ten (10) calendar days after the day on which the final action was taken, along with the appropriate fee.</p> <div>NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS</div> <p>Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Code Section 65009 and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, this public hearing.</p> <p>In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call (916) 478-3620 or <a href="mailto:skyles@elkgrovecity.org">skyles@elkgrovecity.org</a> or TTY 888-435-6092. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangement to ensure accessibility.</p>
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LIEN SALE

Advertisement is hereby given that the below storage facility(s) will sell on or after Thursday the 20th day of February, 2025 at 10:00 AM, with bidding to take place on [lockerfox.com](http://lockerfox.com) the following liened property. SecurCare Self Storage, 2328 Maritime Drive, Elk Grove, CA, 95758.

Kathleen Hickman  
Charmaine Abdullah

Goods must be paid in CARD, MONEY ORDER, or CASHIER'S CHECK and removed within 48 hours of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Elk Grove Citizen 2-7 and 2-14-2025

LEGAL ADS FOR SACRAMENTO COUNTY?

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916-773-1111



POLICE LOGS

**Jan. 27**

4:20 p.m., 8600 block of Boston Ivy Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Edward Jones, 46, on warrant charges.

7:03 p.m., 9900 block of Falcon Meadow Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Nam Nguyen, 33, on warrant charges.

**Jan. 28**

10:59 a.m., 7400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Ayanna Pierre, 47, on burglary and resisting arrest charges.

11:03 a.m., 8100 block of Gwerder Court, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 13, on receiving a stolen vehicle, resisting arrest and reckless evading arrest charges.

1 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Subaan Moosa, 28, on trespassing and theft charges.

8:10 p.m., 9400 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Semisi Sina, 40, on assault likely to produced great bodily injury charges.

**Jan. 29**

3:39 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Contrell Mack, 51, on possession of a fake ID, forgery and repeat-theft charges.

3:50 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Jeffrey Marshall, 37, on possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant charges.

5 p.m., Power Inn Road/Llanovista Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Laderall Davis, 35, on felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, possession of a large-capacity magazine, carrying a concealed firearm and carrying a loaded firearm not the registered owner charges.

**Jan. 30**

1:18 a.m., 9600 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Sarah Weber, 27, on DUI/drugs and hit and run/non-injury charges.

5:28 a.m., 8500 block of Laguna Grove Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Eric Lee, 40, on possession of burglary tools charges.

5:57 a.m., 9800 block of Sheffield Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Ravinesh Kumar, 46, on possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest and warrants charges.

2:23 p.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Raveen Shankar, 48, on burglary charges.

11:14 p.m., Grant Line Road/East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Richard O’Connell, 37, on DUI/drug charges.

**Jan. 31**

12:57 a.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Deshawn Brown, 39, on criminal threat and battery charges.

10:39 a.m., 9100 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Allen Buchman, 31, on possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

1:01 p.m., 9300 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Mark Gabhart, 51, on DUI/drug charges.

1:36 p.m., 7400 block of Amonde Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Jesse Johns, 52, on grand theft charges.

8:48 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jasmine Coleman, 34, on repeat-theft and warrant charges.

**Feb. 1**

1:43 a.m., 8700 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Juan Enriquez, 39, on DUI/drug charges.

**Feb. 2**

1:17 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Sharon Reece, 41, on burglary, repeat-theft and unlawful use of tear gas charges.

9:46 p.m., 9200 block of Trenholm Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Christopher Kentopp, 35, on possession of cocaine or heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of a court order charges.

11:32 p.m., Union Park Way/East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Susan Chapple, 53, on possession of controlled substance charges.

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2025 Black History Month Discussed



Black History Month was founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in February 1926. Photo courtesy of asalh.org

**By Association for the Study of African American Life and History, asalh.org**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -** Black History Month is an annually observed month-long celebration of African American life, history and culture.

Founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in February 1926, what was formerly known as Negro History Week became a month-long celebration as a way to promote, research, preserve, interpret, and disseminate information about Black life, History, and culture to the global community.

The relevance of February goes back to 1926, when Dr. Woodson first established “Negro History Week” during the second week of February. And why that week?

Because it encompasses the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, both men being great American symbols of freedom.

More importantly, Dr. Woodson chose them for reasons of tradition. Since Lincoln’s assassination in 1865, the black community, along with other Republicans, had been celebrating the fallen President’s birthday. And since the late 1890s, black communities across the country had been celebrating Douglass’. Well aware of the pre-existing celebrations, Woodson built Negro History Week around traditional days of commemorating the black past.

The 2025 Black History Month theme, African Americans and Labor, focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds,

free and unfree, skilled and unskilled, vocational and voluntary, intersect with the collective experiences of Black people.

Indeed, work is at the very center of much of Black history and culture. Be it the traditional agricultural labor of enslaved Africans that fed Low Country colonies, debates among Black educators on the importance of vocational training, self-help strategies and entrepreneurship in Black communities, or organized labor’s role in fighting both economic and social injustice, Black people’s work has been transformational throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora.

The 2025 Black History Month theme, “African Americans and Labor,” sets out to highlight and celebrate the potent impact of this work.

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ARTS CALENDAR

Art Workshops for Adults

Enhance your visual arts skills or learn a new technique in an art class or workshop at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center.

We periodically offer workshops for younger people, dependent upon the instructor and type of class. If you’re looking for basic to advanced instruction in Batiking, Ceramics, Clay, Encaustics, Fabric Art, Mixed-Media, Mosaics, Plein Air, or Watercolor (and more!), you will find it here. To learn more, visit [elkgrovetineartscenter.org/workshop](http://elkgrovetineartscenter.org/workshop).

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is at 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101. They are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays through Saturdays, and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit us every First Saturday from 4-7PM at the Center for refreshments, an opportunity to meet featured artists, and enjoy live music. For more information, please visit [ElkGroveFineArtsCenter.org](http://ElkGroveFineArtsCenter.org) or call (916) 685-5992.

The event promotes artwork from young artists in art programs at Elk Grove high schools. The gallery will also include several works by represented artists and selections for its community art display as well as refreshments, live music and an opportunity to meet the featured artists.

**View Artwork from Elk Grove**

At [webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove/](http://webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove/). The Elk Grove Arts Commission has created a virtual Citywide Art Guide to art pieces and art events in Elk Grove.

If you know of a piece or event that should be included, contact the city of Elk Grove’s community event center manager, Lana Yoshimura at [lyoshimura@elkgrovecity.org](mailto:lyoshimura@elkgrovecity.org).

**Call for Artists at Fine Arts Center**

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

Visit the individual exhibition pages to explore deadlines, fees, awards, and to download the prospectus.

For more, please visit <https://elkgrovetineartscenter.org>.

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**First Saturday at Elk Grove Fine Arts Center**

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center will host “A Celebration of Art with Students from the Elk Grove Unified School District” from Feb. 1 through Feb. 20.



DO YOU KNOW THESE GUYS?

The Relationship Between Home and Auto Insurance

We’ve all seen the tragic and devastating images from the fires in the Los Angeles area and many people we talk with know someone directly impacted by the fires. So far, as many as 28 people have died as a direct or indirect result of the fires and thousands of lives have been changed forever. According to many experts, more than 50% of the fire victims will not rebuild their home and will relocate permanently. Those who choose to rebuild may face a five-year timeline by the time their home is rebuilt. Many victims are suffering a second calamity they never anticipated.

Insurance and real estate professionals are reporting that many and possibly even the majority of those impacted are “horribly under-insured.” This description is from Josh Altman, one of the stars of “Million Dollar Listing L.A.” In 2024 Altman’s firm sold over \$1 billion in L.A. real estate so his opinion has weight. These victims were insured and they thought everything was covered. The reality is they needed more insurance than they had. In many cases they needed a lot more.

When you combine being under-insured with many of the major companies pulling out of the California insurance market as a result of premium rates, you have created the perfect storm. Many of those initial victims will now suffer a second and possibly even greater loss. Imagine losing every possession you have along with family heirlooms and then learning you only have 50% of the coverage you need to start over. Would you be able to get back on your feet or would everything change again forever? These are important questions that need thoughtful answers.

This tragedy can be used as a warning to pay attention to your situation and act now. This is the time to use your smartphone and video all of the contents of your home. Then store that video on the cloud. We suggest Google but you can decide what works best. Take a video inventory of everything including closets, silverware and especially your garage. If replacement cost insurance is in your budget, that may be something to seriously consider. Taking a close look at your automobile insurance is critical.

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52. \*Sign of nervousness (2 words)

55. One up

56. Lowest female voice

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# Pleasant Grove Girls' Wrestlers Make History

By Alejandro Barron

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Pleasant Grove High School Eagles wrestling club made history this season after sending its first female team to represent the Delta League at the inaugural Sac-Joaquin Section Girls' Dual Championship Tournament at Lincoln of Stockton High School on Feb. 1.

Pleasant Grove fell in the first round 77-0 to the eventual champion, Pittman High School.

Despite the shortcoming, head coach Jay Viodes said



The Pleasant Grove High School girls' wrestling team poses Jan. 24 after becoming the first female team ever to represent the Delta League at the inaugural Sac-Joaquin Section Girls' Dual Championship Tournament. Photo courtesy of Jay Viodes

this year was "the most exciting season" he's ever coached.

"It's so exciting to see them so geeked up about the season," head

coach Jay Viodes said. "Everyone's always in a good mood and this is the best success we've ever had."

The War Eagles had a

perfect 2-0 record in the Delta League, earning first place in the Delta League girls' wrestling standings.

Meanwhile the boys' team posted a 4-2 league record, good enough for third place in the Delta League behind the Franklin Wildcats (5-1) and the juggernaut Elk Grove Thundering Herd (6-0).

"It helps with the training because everyone's excited to come to practice, where at this time of the season, I usually see a lot of burnout," Viodes said. "I see the kids getting even stronger, wanting

even more and to get into the postseason to see how deep they can go."

This mentality that the Eagles currently have is a big mindset change for a team with 14 seniors, Viodes said.

It excites him that there will be many incoming wrestlers next season., Viodes said.

Some of the veterans on this squad include Logan Robison, Brandon Bustos, Caleb Wurtzer, Josephine Infante and Lizzy Sinclair, while some new up-and-coming names include Sean

Sanchez, Landon Amick and Christina Merino.

Each of these wrestlers has unique qualities, but Viodes describes all of them as hard-working and a big part of why this is the most successful season thus far for the Eagles.

The season is not over for the Eagles, and Viodes said that right now everything is clicking on all cylinders.

"It seems like a great time to be a part of the program," Viodes said. "So, I couldn't be more proud and happy to be a part of this. It's super exciting." ★

# Cosumnes Oaks Sees Growth Under First-Year Wrestling Coach

By Alejandro Barron

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - In his first year as head coach after being an assistant coach last season, Curtis Buijten made great strides in implementing his philosophy to his wrestlers at Cosumnes Oaks High School.

Buijten thinks things are only starting to heat up.

Despite the 2-4 record for the boys' team and 1-1 record for the girls, Buijten said the Wolfpack have an exciting future due to a wrestling academy that is in the works plus the origins of a youth academy.

"I want to have our own youth program," Buijten said. "Elk Grove has the academy and that's where a lot of kids get better. I want to do something for us where we keep kids around this part of Elk Grove and bring them up as young kids."

Buijten said he has an offensive philosophy for his wrestlers of being tough on their feet, having a lot of takedowns, staying focused when they're on the defensive, having a couple of basic stand-ups with the idea of getting on their feet and scoring a lot of points.

The proudest moment for Buijten this season was how his team has adapted to this philosophy and refined their skills, he said.

"They've gone from wrestlers who were

scrappy but not refined and their take-downs weren't clean; now we have clean takedowns and it's like, 'Wow, that's the way I taught it,' and that's exciting for a coach," Buijten said.

As a team, the boys exceeded expectations in close matchups against Pleasant Grove and Laguna that ended in losses, while they took wins over Monterey Trail and Sheldon.

"We'll take it because it's better than what it was last year since we didn't get any dual wins and we finished the season with zero wins," Buijten said.

Looking at the growth from just one season of training under his new regime, Buijten said he believes his seniors could have made it to the state championship if he had them as freshmen.

Along with being an experienced wrestler, Buijten is an experienced coach with four years of coaching at Franklin High School, and his coaching staff consists of ex-wrestlers as well.

One of Buijten's missions for the Wolfpack and the sport of wrestling overall is to make it cool again, he said.

"When I wrestled at Laguna (Creek High School), we had a spotlight and we had fans on both sides of the gym and it was absolutely packed," Buijten said. I want to bring people to the stands and build it up."

Some of the male athletes who stood out in Buijten's eyes this season were senior Alex Maghera in the 132-pound weight class, with a 22-6 overall record; and sophomore Zo McClanahan, who was undefeated in league and sported a 24-5 record in the 215-pound weight class.

"He (Maghera) was one of those kids that I recognized as a talent last year," Buijten said. "He's one of my solid wrestlers that just goes out and he dominates and wins. He's improved so much, and I wish I had another couple of years with him."

The good news, Buijten said, is that Maghera will continue as a wrestler at Sacramento City College, where he will continue to watch his growth.

Although McClanahan has only wrestled for two years and plays football for the Wolfpack, Buijten said he's the largest and strongest football player he has ever seen when he was a freshman.

"He's an absolute monster and currently undefeated in league and he'll be the No. 1 seed," Buijten said. "He's only a sophomore so I get to work with him, and he'll be a kid that I can say, 'This is the product,' since he's been here four years."

Where McClanahan may lack in technical ability, Buijten said, he more than makes up in the strength department, and he believes the sophomore has the best

chance from the Wolfpack to make the state championships.

The best female wrestler for the Wolfpack is junior Bailey Rademaker, who went 22-7 overall and competes in the 115-pound weight class, Buijten said.

The hope is that Rademaker makes it to the state championships since she's had a great season and placed in a lot of big tournaments, Buijten said.

"I'll put it this way: Her only losses have been to girls who have either made it to state or placed in state," Buijten said.

The other female athlete who has shined for the Wolfpack is sophomore Hazel Hy, who reached the masters' stage last season, placing eighth when the top six go to state, and currently has a 19-8 record in the 105-weight class.

"She is a Brazilian jiu jitsu girl; her whole family does jiu jitsu together, so she's had a nice pathway, and she loves wrestling now," Buijten said. "She works her butt off and she and Bailey always partner together and it's exciting I get them for another few years."

Although Buijten said he thinks wrestling is one of the toughest sports in terms of conditioning and being able to push yourself, he really wants to make wrestling fun and cool at Cosumnes Oaks High School. ★

# Local Grappler, 12, Earns Wrestling, Jiu Jitsu Honors



Dominic Galvan with his winning bracket and trophy, stands with his father, Danny Galvan, left, and his coach, Nick Jordan. Photo courtesy of Misty Wells.

By MPG Staff

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Local grappler Dominic Galvan took home first place for the second year in a row at one of the most prestigious wrestling tournaments in the U.S., the Tulsa National, last month.

The 12-year-old, who trains at The Academy and wrestles for the Elk Grove Wrestling Academy, won the three-day tournament, one of the toughest

tournaments in wrestling.

Galvan won all three of his matches on his first day of competition, before making his way through the semifinals on the second day. On the final day, Galvan won his match 4-0, making him a two-time Tulsa National Champion.

He was also part of their World All-Star Team 2024, a feat he's hoping to accomplish again.

Galvan also competes in Jiu Jitsu for Team Alpha

Brazilian Jui Jitsu at The Academy and won the Jiu Jitsu World League Season Champion Award. Galvan placed first for Northern California and seventh globally.

Galvan thanked his coaches, Nick Jordan, Jim Cook and Dan Frank; and his father, Danny Galvan, for their support. He also thanked his Jiu Jitsu coaches, Coach Joseph "Bopo" Morales and Jake Jordan. ★

# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Mark your calendars for March 7 in the friendly confines of Golden One Arena, as it should be a night to remember. Yes, on that night when the San Antonio Spurs arrive, you'll have the opportunity to once again witness the fastest man in the NBA, and you guessed it, none other than former King DeAaron Fox.

Emotions are running high right now as arguably the best overall player in Sacramento Kings history leaves the Sactown family to join the San Antonio Spurs.

What do I think of that? Sad simply doesn't get it. There's a hole in my heart, but a gratitude for a player that turned back the clock when it comes to professionalism and fan involvement.

DeAaron has comported himself with a degree of elegance and grace seldom seen in professional athletes. I feel that Sacramento is not only losing an amazing athlete, but an amazing family as well. Make no mistake about it, the Foxes are a package, and they will steal your heart.

I fondly recall a moment earlier this season in which DeAaron took a hard fall at the edge of court where the baseline meets the sideline. He went head over heels, and as he rolled over to get up, who was there to assist but none other than his wife who was sitting on the front row with his son. It made me smile as DeAaron was helped to his feet by Recce, and then it was on with the game.

I will miss watching his young son clapping gleefully, and DeAaron streaking to the hoop and scoring baskets that would be beyond the capability of most NBA players.

I won't forget his record setting 60-point performance against the Minnesota Timberwolves, albeit in an overtime loss, but it took nothing away from the highest scoring single game total in franchise history.

I can't help but smile and nod my head when I remember DeAaron taking several minutes to talk with my grandson and sign his treasured DeAaron Fox rookie card prior to a game last season. The photos of that moment along with the card itself will be something my grandson will never forget, and it simply is who

DeAaron Fox really is.

Sunday Feb. 2 will be a day that most Kings fans will never forget, and as big a trade as the Luka Doncic for Anthony Davis was over the weekend, for those of us that love the Kings, it pales in comparison.

The nuts and bolts are that DeAaron Fox is going the San Antonio Spurs in a 3-team trade that also sends Jordan McLaughlin to the Spurs, and Keven Huerter to the Chicago Bulls.

What the Kings receive in return is 2-time all-star Zach Lavine who at age 29 is right in the heart of his prime. Zach was the longest tenured player on the Bulls squad, so like most Kings fans, Chicago is likely shedding tears. Lavine is scoring 24 points per game this season, which is just a hair below the scoring output of Fox.

Not to be ignored by any means in this blockbuster trade, are the 6 draft choices that come with the trade. The Kings receive 3 #1's and 3 #2's and it will be years before the Sacramento Kings and their fans are able to see the full completion of this trade.

Zach Lavine does not solve the missing component at the power forward position, but many believe that another move is coming prior to the trade deadline this week. Auspicious in all of this, is the remarkable 3-point shooting that Lavine brings with him. Currently shooting just over 44% ranks among the league leaders, and as Keven Huerter departs, leaving Sacramento as somewhat of a disappointment from beyond the arc, a 44% 3-point shooter is just what the doctor ordered. That combined with the field goal percentage of over 50% is notable for a guard in the NBA, so let's all take a deep breath, and a collective wait and see approach.

Will I miss DeAaron Fox? Do I believe he is the #1 overall best first round pick in the history of the Sacramento Kings? I say heartily, YES!

Godspeed DeAaron Fox and may you and your family thrive in San Antonio! You will be missed!

Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★



# Pleasant Grove Alumna Captains Sac State to Championship

Story and Photo by  
Alejandro Barron

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - When the game-winning penalty kick hit the back of the net in Missoula, Montana, for the Sacramento State women’s soccer team in their shootout against the University of Idaho, their captain fell to her knees.

This clinching penalty meant that Sacramento State’s senior center-attacking midfielder, Abigail Lopez, accomplished her goal of captaining her team to a Big Sky Conference Tournament Championship and sending them to the NCAA tournament.

“It’s still a surreal feeling knowing that we won a championship,” Lopez said. “We talk about it all the time every time we see the trophy. We’re just like, ‘this is crazy, this is not ours.’”

The regular season for Lopez and Sac State ended with a 5-6-6 record, which clinched them the fifth seed for the conference tournament.

It was not easy for Lopez and her team, as they became the first team in Big Sky Conference Tournament history to win the title after winning penalty kicks in all three of their matches.

Sacramento State’s first game of the tournament was a 2-2 draw against Northern Arizona University on Nov. 6, 2024, followed by a 0-0 draw against the University of Montana on Nov. 8 and finally a 0-0 draw against the University of Idaho on Nov. 10 for the conference championship.

After that game (the semifinal against Montana State), it was exhausting, but we won,” Lopez said. “So we just had one game left so that’s what we kept saying to each other just one more game to be champions.”

As much as the goalkeeper was key in saving the penalties, so were the field players who needed to score their penalties, Lopez said.

With elimination looming with every penalty kick shootout, every attempt was emotional for Lopez throughout the tournament, as she knew this could possibly be the last one she ever takes with the team.

“It wasn’t necessarily that I wasn’t going to play soccer anymore. Not playing soccer with these girls was very hard,” Lopez said. “Specifically, that last one, I don’t want to compare it to that but when Messi won the World Cup and he fell to the floor, it felt like that.”



Abigail Lopez dribbles in Sacramento State’s home conference game against Weber State on Oct. 6, 2024. Lopez would score and assist in Sac State’s 3-0 win.

The road to becoming a champion and being recruited to Sacramento State for Lopez would begin in part thanks to playing for the Blackhawks Soccer Club in Elk Grove where she would play for head coach Cesar Plasencia, who was influential in her recruitment.

“She’s always had a great work ethic and I think that’s the foundation that allowed her to overachieve because I consider her an overachiever because of her size,” Plasencia said.

Plasencia named Lopez as the captain of his club team while also being the captain every year at Pleasant Grove High School on the junior varsity team and her three seasons at the varsity level.

“She started standing out at around 14 in terms of her leadership,” Plasencia said. “People tend to follow people like that and it wasn’t a difficult choice. She earned it.”

Plasencia mentions Lopez’s size when it came to her college recruitment to a Division I school. He said he was concerned she would be overlooked despite being successful at the club and high school level. She was named the Delta League player of the year her senior season.

“I had to talk the coach into taking her as a walk-on and I had to convince him to take a chance on her and I told him

‘You’re not going to regret it,’” Plasencia said.

Lopez said recruitment is difficult and she’s grateful for Plasencia’s role in her recruitment to Sacramento State, which was important for her to stay close to home due to her grandmother being diagnosed with cancer back in 2018 and not wanting to leave her family.

Despite the dedication and love she has for the sport now, it wasn’t love at first sight.

“I hated playing soccer,” Lopez said. “I did everything I could every weekend to try to get away from it. I think the real reason why I didn’t like soccer is because the attention was on my brother.”

Being the only girl, Lopez didn’t like that all the attention went to her brother who would play soccer on the weekends which led her to not like soccer.

At the age of six, Lopez began to play recreational soccer with friends she made while attending Edna Batey Elementary School.

“Once I started playing, my parents always told me and people around us always told my parents that they could just see how I was different,” Lopez said.

Because of this different level that Lopez showed, her dad, who was her coach, was very intense right away.

“He pushed me a lot

harder and because I have two brothers and I was the only girl I was taught to never give up and to not be weak. I am a little girl. I’m five foot and I love the height because you don’t expect me to do the things I do.”

This type of training paid off in the long run as Lopez said she is the way she is today because she grew up playing against boys and against older girls, as well.

“I wanted a challenge, I wasn’t the best on the team and clearly wasn’t the strongest,” Lopez said. My dad was a coach at FC Elk Grove and he coached 18-year-old girls so after my trainings, I would always hop in. I would go against girls who were 18 years old and about to go into college.”

Once she became a Hornet, Lopez started writing her name in the history books by becoming one of seven players in program history to play every game their first year.

The hard work paid off as she was tied for the team lead in goals with four and had two assists and was named to the All-Big Sky Conference Second Team in her freshman and sophomore seasons.

It was prior to Lopez’s junior season when she was named captain for Sac State.

“We had voted for new captains, and I had made it known to my team that

that was one of my goals. I started making little steps into a leadership role so I was seen more as a leader. Once I got into that role, I really appreciated my team so much for seeing me in that role,” Lopez said.

At the conclusion of her junior year, Lopez led her team in goals with four goals and was named to the All-Big Sky Conference First Team, but was left with just one season to fulfill her goal of becoming Big Sky Conference champion.

Madelyn Dougherty, who she describes as one of her best friends, said the pair put aside all reservations when it came to their senior season on the pitch.

“We talked about it when her senior year came around and she realized ‘This is my last season and I don’t want to have any regrets’ so there was no messing around and we were going to get it done,” Dougherty said.

Dougherty said Lopez would be competitive and vocal during practices, as well as vocal in meetings which she says made a huge impact to hear a senior voice because sometimes players could react better to advice from a player than a coach.

This leadership and quality on the pitch led Sac State to its third NCAA tournament appearance in the program’s history and to being named to the

conference’s All-Big Sky Conference First Team again and led her team in goals and assists.

It’s this type of mentality that led her to be a leader every step of the way in her career. A career that is not over yet, Lopez said.

“I am going to be a professional soccer player. I’m just going to put that in the air. I don’t know where I’ll be going but everything is in the works right now,” Lopez said. “I knew that I wasn’t going to stop playing soccer after I graduated just because I love soccer so much.”

This is something that Plasencia said he has no doubt will happen and he already put his word out to his connections around the world in the U.S., Mexico and Europe.

“That’s 100% her future,” Dougherty said. “I think when she wants something, she’s going to fully commit to it and do her best to achieve that so I have no doubt she’s going to get to that point.”

After four seasons, Lopez hopes that she’ll be remembered at Sacramento State as a champion.

“A champion, of course, but also a good person and a person who wants this team to continue to win championships and to be known as one of the sisters that were in that 2024 championship team,” Lopez said. ★

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# Elk Grove High Band Raises Funds for New York Trip

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**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Approximately 80 people gathered to help support the Elk Grove High School marching band on the rainy night of Jan. 31 at the Lamoure Vineyard at Le Reve Estate.

Due to the rainstorm that evening, the event was held indoors for members of the Elk Grove High School Band Boosters to have a good time and to support the marching band and color guard. Band boosters are the parents of students who are a part of the band program. This event started in 2007, said Mario Sebastian, Elk Grove High School band director.

Sebastian said that in the past, this event helped raise up to \$6,000. The funds go toward competition and event costs across the state, along with uniforms, instruments, transportation and food.

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next year, the event will help support the band’s trip to New York to perform at Carnegie Hall.

“Going to Carnegie Hall is going to be amazing for us, as it will be our third year,” Sebastian said.

“We were there in 2017, 2023 and now we will be there in 2026. It requires an audition, and you have to be a stellar ensemble to make it.”

Jamie Murphy, treasurer for Elk Grove High School

Band Boosters, said the event also allows the parents of band members to interact in “a different world” because when they are usually around their kids, they’re all working. “It’s just a way for us

to have a good time while raising money for the band,” Murphy said.

According to reports from the Blue & Gold Regiment, the final tally in the money raised was around \$7,900.

Tables were set up for dining and for a silent auction raffle with many baskets consisting of items such as wine bottles, gift cards to local eateries, as well as a pass for Enchambered, an escape room in Sacramento. The food that was served there was a selection of tri-tip steak, baked potatoes and veggie chili.

The event kicked off with a live performance from The B3TTA Fish, a band made up of Elk Grove High School band students. The band performed rock hits from the 1990s and 2000s such as “Father of Mine” by Everclear and “Stacy’s Mom” by Fountains of Wayne.

Elk Grove High School senior and B3TTA Fish lead singer Brynn Harp

said that this event was a great way to raise funds and help students to participate and explore the music that they want to pursue.

She noted that she had been in the school’s band throughout her four years at Elk Grove High and also in the band at Joseph Kerr Middle School.

Harp said that she had participated in any event that she could attend while she was in band. She added that she competed with them when they went to New York two years prior and that this fundraiser helped fund their next trip to New York.

“I would like to thank everyone who came out to support all of us,” Harp said.

“Both our band, The B3TTA Fish, and the Blue & Gold Regiment love the fact that people are backing us and making sure that we’re getting the funds we need and generally appreciating what we do to push us along our roads in music.” ★

# Ohana-Con Covers Comics, Animation

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when out and about, while not recognized externally for his work, people have recognized his voice from “Toy Story 3.”

“When I am out and about in the world, people may not recognize my face but when they hear my voice, especially with how Andy sounded in ‘Toy Story 3,’ I have been told that I sound familiar,” Morris said.

Chico cosplayer Tony Stevens dressed up as the Pizza Planet deliveryman from the first film and also had his Toyota pickup decked out like the truck in the film with the Pizza Planet rocket at the top and a paintjob that made it look like the truck was worn out with scratches and peeling, as well as similar stickers on the back and dolls of Woody and Buzz Lightyear hanging off the back bumper. On top of that, there were life-size dolls of Woody and Jessie in the truck’s cab.

Stevens attended this event with his son and had him dress up as Woody from the films to enter in this con’s cosplay contest. Stevens said that the event in Chico was his first con ever, and he and his son won that contest.

“If you ever see me driving around, feel free to stop by and take a photo,” Stevens said.

Cosumnes Oaks High School Junior



Chico cosplayer Tony Stevens, left, poses with voice actor John Morris, with Stevens’s Pizza Planet truck.

Rynn Mosby dressed up as Ann Takamaki from the anime “Persona 5.” Mosby noted that she had attended Ohana-Con and SacAnime in the past. Mosby has cosplayed as characters from anime ranging from “Dandadan” to “Danganronpa.”

Mosby said that she preferred coming to these cons in comparison to SacAnime because it’s smaller and less pricey.

“When coming and going to SacAnime a lot of the time, it’s bigger and pricier while this one costs less to get in and you

don’t have to bring a lot of money to pay for stuff,” Mosby said. “I like going to this one because it’s smaller, but I do like going to SacAnime, though.”

The event teemed with various cosplayers and vendors. One vendor, Olivia Helena, had her handmade, crocheted dolls of horror characters Pennywise and Chucky, as well as Marvel characters Spider-Man and Hulk, among others. Another vendor had some professional wrestling merchandise like action figures



Stockton cosplayer Skye Tsukino dressed up in her Valentine’s Day “Sailor Moon” costume.

of WWE and AEW wrestlers for sale.

Star said that these events often have good turnouts that range from 200 to 300 people total. However, he felt that the weather conditions may have put a damper on the turnout for this event, at least at the beginning.

“I love meeting the people who come to these events,” Star said. “I just wish the weather would cooperate a little bit more today because we had a little drizzle.” ★

# Utility Critics Call Equity Profits Excessive

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portions of which come from new hikes for wildfire mitigation and rooftop solar programs. PG&E bills in particular have risen several times in the last year alone, and ratepayers will see another increase after regulators voted to keep the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant open to address concerns over energy reliability during the shift to renewable sources.

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced an executive order last fall to address high energy bills by asking the utilities commission to scrutinize wildfire mitigation costs and underperforming energy programs. The state Legislative Analyst’s Office released a report this month examining the state’s climate policies and residential electricity rates, which it found were increased by efforts to curb wildfires and global warming, among other factors.

Southern California Edison’s 2024 approved shareholder return rate was the highest among its Golden State peers at 10.75%, followed by PG&E at 10.7%, and San Diego Gas & Electric at 10.65%.

The utility commission’s preliminary decisions for return on equity rates this year, which have not been finalized, are all just above 10%. That’s comparable to the industry average, also about 10%.

Each company’s financial performance throughout the year determines whether they will achieve their full shareholder rate of return or even above it. But even a fraction of their approved shareholder rates represents millions of dollars from ratepayers. In 2023, for example. Southern California Edison collected \$91 million out of a possible \$198 million for shareholders (approved for 10.05%), PG&E

collected more than \$111 million out of a potential \$125 million (approved for 10%), and San Diego Gas & Electric collected \$41.9 million out of a possible \$42 million (approved for 9.95%).

“A competitive return on equity is important to ensure that PG&E can continue to attract the level of investment needed to meet the energy needs of our hometowns,” PG&E spokesperson Mike Gazda said. “The state regulator determines that return on equity through an open, transparent and public process.”

Gazda said the “vast majority” of PG&E’s profits, to which the return on equity contributes, is reinvested into the utility. The company, he said, has cut expenses to customers through federal loans and grants, as well as “new technologies, improved processes, and renegotiated contracts.” He did not directly answer a question about whether lower shareholder returns would be part of the company’s future plans but said PG&E will work on bill affordability with regulators and policymakers.

The shareholder rates as approved by the utility commission have outpaced those for the 10-year treasury bonds, which are often used as a benchmark by researchers because they track inflation and are considered riskless. Riskier businesses tend to earn returns above this, experts said. But Rode’s study and others found that utilities’ shareholder return rates are going up nationally, while the risk the industry faces doesn’t match that increase.

Treasury bond yields are part of the model the California Public Utilities Commission uses when setting these shareholder rates.

“Without capital market funding, necessary grid work would have to be funded immediately in part through the rates customers pay, and this would significantly raise those rates,” Jeff Monford, spokesperson for Southern California Edison, said. “Providing our investors with a competitive (return on equity) is crucial to the success of this model.”

CalMatters looked at California’s three main investor-owned utilities’ shareholder return rates and the average 10-year treasury bond yields from 2006 through November, including the utilities’ actual returns during that period through 2023, the most recent data available.

The average rates for such treasury bonds didn’t break 5% from 2006 through November. Only within the last year have any of California’s three major investor-owned utilities dipped below double digits. California’s gap between the shareholder and treasury rates has closed slightly since 2006, with shareholder rates for the three companies declining between less than 2 percentage points each. Treasury bond rates largely held steady during that period, with 10-year notes going from a yield of 4.53 percent to 4.18 percent.

Despite this dip, the dollar amount the state’s power companies are authorized to collect for shareholders has increased nearly every year as their customer bases grow and utilities add more costs that can be charged to customers.

One contributing factor nationwide, studies found, is that regulators often hesitate to approve shareholder rates below 10% and rarely take into consideration the gap between what utility shareholders earn

and the treasury bond rates. Psychology comes into play here – 10 can feel like a substantial round number, and moving below that may feel like a large move.

And the companies regularly ask for more. Had regulators landed at PG&E’s request for 2023 – one percentage point above what was approved – the company would have been allowed to collect \$12.5 million more. Southern California Edison requested the equivalent of about \$9.4 million above what was later approved, and San Diego Gas & Electric requested the equivalent of \$2.5 million more than what was later approved.

Cal Advocates, the body responsible for advocating for ratepayers before the commission, often pushes back against these, requesting lower shareholder rates.

“We generally think they’ve been set a bit too high,” Michael Campbell, assistant deputy director of energy at Cal Advocates, said. “The utilities’ arguments of just how risky it is to be a utility in California and their ability to recover their costs from ratepayers is overstated.”

Rising costs are of particular concern for Californians, whose bills, especially under PG&E, have risen steadily because of wildfire response. A law passed in 2019 attempted to cushion some of that blow on ratepayers, prohibiting utilities from collecting for shareholders a return on the first \$5 billion they collectively spend on wildfire safety measures.

“The business is not meant to be risk free,” said Janice Beecher, political science professor at Michigan State University who specializes in utility economics. “If it’s risk free, give them treasury returns and go home early.” ★