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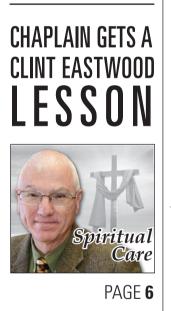


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Pictured is a design rendering for the Elk Grove - Sacramento Zoo, which is slated to move to Elk Grove in the coming years, including a peek at the giraffe zone, entryway, savanna, flamingo and okapi enclosures. The design work is about 30% complete. Rendering courtesy of city of Elk Grove

By Sean P. Thomas **City Editor**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The new zoo in Elk Grove finally has a name.

The Elk Grove City Council voted unanimously to approve a resolution selecting the official name for the zoo as the "Elk Grove – Sacramento Zoo."

Feb. 12, a month after council members directed staff to find a way to place more prominence on the city of Elk Grove.

The Elk Grove City Council was set to pick the name "The Greater Sacramento Zoo at Elk Grove" at its Jan. 22 meeting but that discussion was tabled after Council member Darren Suen voiced does have Elk Grove first, at its meeting on Wednesday, desire for the name to which I think a lot of Elk

place a larger focus on Elk Grove, which he said was taking on the heaviest financial burden for the project.

The name was approved without any debate or pushback from any members of the council.

"I think what staff proposed is a good compromise," Suen said. "It

Grove residents would appreciate."

Two names were previously discussed: the Elk Grove Zoo of Greater Sacramento and the Elk Grove Zoo of Sacramento, however Elizabeth Stallard, president of the Sacramento Zoological Society, the organization handling fundraising for the project, expressed Continued on Page 3

Elk Grove Mazda, Nissan to Change **Owners**

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.

After 23 years, ownership of Mazda of Elk Grove, and Elk Grove Nissan will change hands next month, according to a news release issued on Friday, Feb. 14.

According to the release, John Driebe, majority owner of Sacramento Motorcars, the entity that owns the two dealerships, will transfer ownership to DriveFamilyFirst, LLC and his minority partner, Rob Martinez, who will assume the title of dealer principal and managing partner. "It has been an honor to serve this community and to build relationships with our customers and employees," Driebe said. "I am excited to transfer ownership to a friend and current partner...and to see Nissan of Elk Grove, Mazda of Elk Grove, Quick Lube Elk Grove and Elk Grove Custom Collision continue to thrive and make a lasting impact in Elk Grove." The transition will occur on March 31 and includes Quick Lube Elk Grove and Elk Grove Custom Collision Detail Spa. According to the release, the new ownership will "retain most, if not all, of the current employees." "We want to assure our customers and employees that the dealerships, service centers and collision facility are here to stay," Martinez said. "Our focus remains on delivering the exceptional service and care that our community has come to expect."

Baulwin Appointed to Vacant School Board Seat



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Former educator Delia Baulwin was appointed to the Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education's vacant Area 4 seat at its Feb. 13 meeting. Image courtesy of Elk Grove Unified School District

By Sean P. Thomas City Editor

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - After a nearly 5 and 1/2 hour special session last week, the Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees voted to appoint Delia Baulwin to the vacant area 4 seat.

Baulwin will fill the vacancy created by the December resignation of trustee Gina Jamerson. Jamerson was appointed to the seat in 2021, after Bobbie Singh-Allen resigned from the chair following her successful 2020 bid for Elk Grove mayor. Jamerson was then elected to a full four-year term in 2022.

Baulwin was appointed and sworn in during the board's Feb. 13 meeting.

The board members could have held a special election to find a replacement for the vacancy, which would have cost an estimated \$324,000. A special election also

would have kept the seat open until the election, which would have been open for reelection in November 2026.

Area 4 includes Laguna Creek High School; and John Ehrhardt, Elliott Ranch, Foulks Ranch, Marion Mix, Joseph Sims and Stone Lake elementary schools.

Baulwin was selected from seven other candidates, each of which went through an approximately 25-minute

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Local Taco Bar Named One of Top 100 Eateries in U.S.

West Coast Taco Bar, a taco restaurant on Elk Grove Boulevard, was named one of Yelp's Top 100 Eateries in the United States last week.

The restaurant, which serves a variety of tacos and burritos, was ranked no. 56 on the list, jumping up from no. 66 in 2023.

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Three Students Earn Top Honors in Speech Contest



Suyan Glozar, left, Sierra Peters and Nikki Lin earned the top three spots in the American Association of University Women's Speech Trek contest on Saturday, Feb. 15. Photo courtesy of American Association of University Women

American Association of University Women News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- The local High School students earned top honors at the Sacramento Chapter of the American Association of University Women's Speech Trek contests on Saturday, Feb. 15.

The audience at Cosumnes River College listened to three high school students from Cosumnes Oak and Monterey Trails high schools speak on the topic: "Climate change is happening. The effects are widespread and touch upon almost all aspects

of our life on this planet. Select an area of impact and explore the effects climate change is having on women in the USA, and around the world."

The first-place winner was Suyan Glozar, from Cosumnes Oaks High School, who received \$500. Second place and \$300 went to Nikky Lin from Cosumnes High School. The third-place winner was Sierra Peters from Monterey High School, who received \$100

Glozar spoke about the effects of climate change on women in third-world countries, such as Africa. Women in these countries

are responsible for finding food for their families, which is made more difficulty by droughts brought on by climate change.

The Sacramento Branch's winning speaker is entered into the AAUW CA Speech Trek Semi-Finals.

If Glozar makes it to into the top three, she will be invited to compete in the Finals for \$2,500.

AAUW, the American Association of University Women, was established by 17 women in 1881, and has worked to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, research and philanthropy ever since. \star

Elk Grove High Student Advances to State Poetry Competition

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Jash Rosal, a standout talent from Elk Grove High School, claimed victory in the 2025 Sacramento County Poetry Out Loud recitation contest held at Mather in early February.

Rosal will advance to the California Poetry Out Loud competition March 16-17, where he will represent Sacramento County.

Rosal edged out the field during a two-round competition featuring six talented participants who "captivated the audience with their unfeigned recitations" of two chosen poems.

A panel of judges evaluated each performer's delivery, interpreting both emotion and technical skill.

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Jash Rosal from Elk Grove High School won the 2025 Sacramento County Poetry Out Loud recitation contest. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Poetry Out Loud

Charter School was named runner-up.

Sacramento The Educational Cable Consortium partners with the Sacramento County Office of Education to record the competition. The broadcast

will air on March 1 and March 15 at 4 p.m. on Comcast Channell 15, AT&T U-Verse Channel 14 and Consolidated **Communications Channel** 21

It will also be available on the SECC website.

EGHS, Pleasant Grove Place in Mock Trial Competition

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove and Pleasant Grove high schools took home fourth and fifth place, respectively, among Sacramento County schools in the 2025 Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Mock Trial Competition.

The schools earned the awards after five days of intense courtroom competition at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria on Feb. 10.

The competition simulates trial-level proceedings in which students portray pre-trial counsel, prosecuting and defense attorneys, witnesses, county clerks, bailiffs and jurors before a single presiding judge and two scoring judges.

Volunteers from local law firms and other legal organizations served as scoring and presiding judges for the five-day competition.

Elk Grove High won first place during

the 43rd annual mock trial competition in 2022 and won five-straight first place finishes from 2013 to 2017.

Elk Grove High School and Pleasant Grove High School made up a fraction of the 500 students across 24 schools from Sacramento, Yolo, El Dorado and Yuba counties.

Sacramento Country Day School was awarded first place for the third year in a row and will advance to the California Mock Trial Competition being held from March 14-16 in Los Angeles.

"Throughout your active team involvement in Mock Trial you've been exchanging ideas, setting goals, and examining issues-all while interacting with positive role models from our community," said Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools David W. Gordon. "Through this process, you have gained a practical understanding of legal rights and the importance of advocacy." \star







Council Approves Drink Permit Expansion for Old Town Elk Grove

By Sean P. Thomas **City Editor**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove City Council voted unanimously on Wednesday, Feb. 12 to approve an ordinance amendment doubling the amount of conditional use permits allowed in Elk Grove's Old Town district for breweries, bars, brew pubs and wineries from three to six permits.

The city has limited the number of new permits issued to alcohol-only establishments in the Old Town Special Planning Area since 2018, allowing only three permits. They are being used by Coatza Brewing, Dust Bowl Brewing and Prost Beer Hall.

Bob's Club operates with city approval, but does not count toward the cap. Other businesses such as restaurants may sell alcohol under different licenses.

The vote did not approve any specific projects for Old Town, although city staff did say that some entrepreneurs had expressed interest if the city moved forward with the permit expansion plan.

The city council last discussed the matter in November, but tabled the discussion to gather more feedback from area stakeholders, including residents and the Elk Grove Historic Preservation Committee and the Old Town Foundation. Old Town The

Foundation said it wasn't against the amendment, but was concerned about whether the additional three permits would be utilized by establishments that only serve alcohol, as opposed to restaurants that also serve alcoholic drinks.

Council member Kevin Spease agreed with the Old Town Foundation's concern, calling it "oversaturation," but he noted that there were "guardrails" in place in the form of the council's approval process.

Council member Darren Suen called the increase "modest" and added that the city could always say no to the application if the council had concerns about the project.



Babe's and other Old Town Elk Grove drinking establishments may soon have company after the Elk Grove City Council voted to expand the number of conditional use permits for alcoholserving establishments in Old Town during its meeting last week. Photo by Sean P. Thomas

"It's up to them to prove to us that they are appropriate to the area," Suen said. "It's not about the number, but how we influence what we want coming in."

The Elk Grove Historic Preservation Committee in December took a more hardline stance against the measure, raising safety concerns and frustration that the establishments were not in line with the committee's vision for Old Town.

To address public safety concerns, city Planning Manager Antonio Ablog said the Elk Grove Police Department would assign two additional patrol officers to cover the Old Town area during periods of highest activity, especially Friday and Saturday

evenings. Ablog also said the Police Department would coordinate with the Planning Department to explore new cameras, automatic license plate readers and lighting, in addition to evaluating the feasibility of expanding the drone as a first-response program during operating hours.

"I am definitely in full support," Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen said. "I appreciate the attention to the safety concerns and the lighting."

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an obligation for the name to include "Sacramento Zoo" to help preserve brand identity and to maintain fundraising efforts.

Robert Churchill, interim CEO of the Sacramento Zoological Society, said the organization supported the name.

"We appreciate the responsiveness and

the spirit of collaborative effort to bring this name forward today," Churchill said.

The projected cost to build the 65-acre project, just northwest of Kammerer Road and Lotz Parkway, is \$306 million. The zoo will be a massive expansion compared to the current 14.7-acre iteration at William Land Park.

According to a city document, Elk Grove will absorb 61.4% of the cost, approximately \$186 million through bonds and city funding, while the fundraising efforts from the Sacramento Zoological Society and other regional partners will make up the remaining 38.6 percent, or \$116,642,096.

The Sacramento Zoological Society announced at the Jan. 22 meeting that it had raised \$17.5 million via pledges and cash funds.

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen said she loves the new name.

"It's a great compromise," Singh-Allen said.

The design phase for the zoo is expected to be completed by 2026. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027, if the zoo reaches all necessary funding benchmarks.

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Well, the all-star break is upon us, and if ever there is a time of reflection needed for Sacramento Kings fans, the time is now.

A beloved member of the Kings family is no longer with the team, and there are some fans that are simply not getting over it. For others, they understand that at the end of the day, the NBA is a monstrous business, and even the most electric of players at times, must be moved for the good of the franchise.

Make no mistake about it, Zach Lavine is no slouch, and he may not be as fast as DeAaron Fox, but this former all-star has game.

Zach has already impressed fans with his mid-range game, and as his 3-point prowess kicks in, Sacramento fans will get a look at the true foray of talent that this baller has to offer.

The acquisition of Jonas Valanciunas is not only welcome, it is long overdue. I have been writing about this big man for over a year, and my only consternation is why he wasn't acquired over the off season when he was available?

Valanciunas will prove his value as the Kings strive to come down the home stretch healthy, and with a team that is just now finding its rhythm.

Amazingly, as the newly assembled Kings have yet to have a single practice with the bevy of new players and that includes newcomer Markelle Fultz. Markelle was drafted No. 1 overall in the 2017 draft, ahead of players like Jason Tatum, Donovan Mitchell, and yes, Sacramento's former point guard DeAaron Fox. Ironic, I would say so, but the NBA is a league of second chances, and if anyone ever needed one, it's Markelle Fultz.

After a storied college career with the Washington Huskies, Markelle leaped to the front of the class and was drafted No. 1 overall by the Philadelphia 76ers. Sadly, his NBA career would get off to an abysmal start, as he suffered a debilitating shoulder injury and the 76ers gave up on their No. 1 pick. Fultz was traded to Orlando Magic but after 5 uneventful and injury riddled seasons, the Magic did not resign Markelle.

I smiled from ear to ear when I heard that Markelle was quoted as saying on his signing with the Kings, "I haven't felt this good since I came into the league. I never had the opportunity to take my time and get healthy, so being able to do that last summer has been great for me. I'm super excited for this opportunity and I'm thankful for it."

I love hearing that kind of talk, and just as the Kings have had No. 1 draft choice busts in the past, perhaps a real opportunity to turn back the clock has finally come their way.

Our starting five is full of talent, but with departure of Alex Len, Kevin Huerter, Jordan McLauglin, Jalen McDaniels, and most recently Colby Jones, the real question has been the quality and depth of the bench.

Recently acquired Jake LaRavia and Jonas Valanciunas will bring a sturdier presence to front line, and with a healthy Markelle Fultz coming off the bench to give malik Monk some much-needed rest, it's entirely possible the Kings bench is in its best posture all season.

Isaac Jones remains a diamond in the rough, and I'm hopeful coach Christie hasn't lost sight of him. Dynamic, athletic, and able to jump out of the gym, Issac is in his rookie season, and has still to get anything resembling a real shot at playing time. Don't miss on this guy, because I see an enormous upside, and just as we've seen Keon Ellis rise to new heights, so can Isaac Jones.

So, imagine Valanciunas, Keon Ellis, LaRavia, Fultz, Trey Lyles, and Isaac Jones as the key bench players, with Devin Carter and Doug McDermott in the wings. I believe this is overall the strongest bench the Kings have had in the past three seasons, so hold onto your seats Kings fans, because it's just possible the fun has just begun.

There are stories yet to be written, and it's my hope that players like Markelle Fultz and Isaac Jones will soon take center stage! Playoffs, NOT Play-in!

Enjoy the home stretch Kings fans, it could be a real barn burner!

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

Social Security Matters *About Claiming Social Security when I have a Health Savings Account (HSA)*



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I have reached my full retirement age (66 plus 8 months) and plan to apply for Social Security this month, but I've seen articles which say that when I apply, I must also take Medicare Part A. This, even though I am continuing to work and am covered by my employer's health insurance (a high deductible plan). I contribute bi-weekly into an HSA (Heath Savings Account). I've read that Medicare back dates Part A coverage by 6 months, which suggests I would have had to stop contributing to my HSA six months ago. If this is true, will I need to pay penalties and such to the IRS? I'm not able to find anything else about this topic, and I'm wondering what you might have to say. I have my wife and two children on my employer's HDHP. We contribute \$6,000 annually to our HSA and my employer contributes \$1,250 on January 1st each year. We can live

without the HSA, but the taxes and IRS penalties concern me. Signed: Wanting to Claim SS (but concerned)

Dear Wanting to Claim: I'm afraid that what you've read is correct – it is mandatory for you to take Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) when receiving Social Security benefits after age 65. Medicare Part A is free to you, and even though you are still covered under your employer's creditable high deductible healthcare plan and can delay taking Medicare Part B, vou must take Medicare Part A to collect Social Security after 65. Medicare and your employer's plan will coordinate healthcare

benefit payments. That does, however, also mean your Health Savings Account (HSA) will be affected because, as you have found, Medicare will backdate your Part A coverage by 6 months. And because Part A is not a high deductible plan (a requirement for HSA), any contributions you make after the effective date of Part A will be subject to an IRS penalty, and your HSA contributions won't be considered tax-exempt. This will mean the IRS will likely assess a 6% excise tax on any contributions made after your Part A effective date, and you'll need to pay income tax on those

contributions.

What you may wish to consider is stopping your HSA contributions now and waiting an additional six months or so to claim your Social Security benefits (to get beyond the HSA penalty phase). This would have the advantage of avoiding the IRS penalty on your HSA contributions and would also increase your Social Security benefit due to Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs). You earn DRCs at the rate of .677% for each month beyond your FRA that you wait to claim, which means an SS benefit about 4% higher if you wait six months longer to claim SS.

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A 1995 California Court Ruling That Restored Immigrant Rights Could Backfire Now



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SB 54 survived one court

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By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California has the nation's largest population of undocumented immigrants with roughly 1.8 million people. Over the last three decades, Californians' attitudes about that fact have undergone an astonishing swing.

Hostility reached a peak in the early 1990s, demonstrated by passage of Proposition 187 in 1994 by a 3-2 margin. The measure would have required police to check the legal status of people they encountered and barred public services, including education, to those who could not prove citizenship or legal residency.

It was the centerpiece of Republican Gov. Pete Wilson's campaign for a second term, contending that undocumented people were overwhelming the state's budget.

However, support for a crackdown was not confined to GOP voters. Not only did many Democrats — then as now the largest bloc of voters — vote for the measure, but a Legislature dominated by Democrats passed anti-immigrant laws, such banning driver's licenses.

Soon, however, public sentiment and the political atmosphere began to change. Undocumented immigrants and their advocates scored a big win a year after Prop. 187's passage when federal Judge Marianna Pfaelzer lated the federal government's exclusive power to regulate immigration.

"The California voters' overwhelming approval of Proposition 187 reflects their justifiable frustration with the federal government's inability to enforce the immigration laws effectively," she wrote at the time. "No matter how serious the problem may be, however, the authority to regulate immigration belongs exclusively to the federal government and state agencies are not permitted to assume that authority. The state is powerless to enact its own scheme to regulate immigration or to devise immigration regulations which run parallel to or purport to supplement the federal immigration laws."

A few years later, after Democrat Gray Davis succeeded Wilson, the state abandoned an appeal of Pfaelzer's ruling. In subsequent years the Legislature repealed other laws, such as the one on driver's licenses, and has done whatever it could to treat undocumented immigrants as if they were legal residents, such as expanding health care benefits.

When Donald Trump was elected president in 2016 and promised a crackdown on illegal immigration, California reacted with legislation to make it more difficult for federal immigration authorities to capture and deport undocumented Californians.

The most important was Senate Bill 54, introduced a month after Trump won the election. Dubbed the California Values Act, it essentially bars California police from aiding in any way federal efforts to identify and deport undocumented immigrants. challenge but Trump is once again in the White House, declaring his intention to rid the nation of undocumented immigrants, and is taking aim at California and other states with sanctuary laws.

The U.S. Department of Justice has filed suit to overturn Illinois laws quite similar to California's SB 54, and its contention in the Illinois suit could — with great irony - convert the federal court decision against Prop. 187 three decades ago ago into a hammer to smash SB 54. If California was illegally interfering with the federal government's exclusive power over immigration in Prop. 187, the suit implies, sanctuary laws also interfere with that power.

The 23-page complaint, filed in federal court in Chicago, alleges that Illinois laws "have the purpose and effect of making it more difficult for, and deliberately impeding, federal immigration officers' ability to carry out their responsibilities in those jurisdictions."

California officials are aware that the Illinois suit will not be the only challenge to local and state laws meant to protect undocumented immigrants.

Were the Illinois suit's argument to prevail, the situation in California could come full circle. A legal principle that protected California's immigrants from Prop. 187 in 1995 might make identifying and deporting them easier in 2025.

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Bike and Pedestrian Safety Grant Awarded to County



The Sacramento County Office of Education received grant funding to provide middle schoolers with program activities to boost pedestrian safety. Photo courtesy of Pixabay

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Sacramento County Office of Education News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA

(MPG) - Thanks to a new \$188,000 grant awarded to the Prevention and Early Intervention Department at the Sacramento County Office of Education by the California Office of Traffic Safety, students at seven middle school campuses across Sacramento County will lead program activities to increase bicycle and pedestrian safety.

"The safety of people walking and biking on our roads is a top priority for our office," OTS Director Stephanie Dougherty said. "Everyone moves, and not always by car. It's important that we invest in efforts to protect people walking, biking, and rolling that help establish a strong traffic safety culture where everyone on California roads can travel to and from places safely."

The Sacramento County Office of Education has been a recipient of this grant since 2015 and it looks forward to continuing the important countywide project. The goal is to help middle school youth develop attitudes and habits that

fic safety values, building a foundation that helps students make safe decisions when they become teen drivers. Working with Safety Center Incorporated and other community partners, the county office of education will use the grant to increase bicycle helmet compliance for youth (ages 5 to 18). Funding for the grant comes from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and runs through September 2025

Students will complete a pre- and post-observational survey, identify safety concerns in their school community, and advocate for changes to be made. They will also educate their peers and families about bicycle and pedestrian safety and helmet use through school-based activities, contests, public service announcements, social media posts, newsletters, and the distribution of safety equipment.

School sites will also receive crossing guard kits, including stop signs, electronic whistles, sandwich board signs, and reflective vests.

The Sacramento County Office of Education's Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program is a comprehensive safety program that teaches valuable skills for all types of road users. It includes classroom education, community-based presentations, and workshops, plus the distribution and proper fitting of bicycle helmets for students and families in need.

Bike "rodeos" and family events at Safety Center in Sacramento will encourage safe riding skills. Walking field trips and on-foot safety trainings will also be conducted, allowing students to practice safe habits with adult supervision.

The Sacramento County Office of Education and its partners have seen positive results from the safety education efforts. Last school year, classroom and community presentations reached more than 900 individuals. The program distributed more than 225 helmets at seven participating schools and community events, and more than 100 students participated in on-foot safety trainings. Survey results also demonstrated that the number of students wearing bicycle helmets at school sites increased as did safe walking practices. *

Newsom Appoints Three Elk Grovians to Leadership Posts

Office of Gov. Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -Gov. Gavin Newsom on Feb. 14 announced the following appointments:

Melissa Stone, of Elk Grove, has been appointed chief deputy director at the Department of Child Support Services. Stone has been deputy director of the Disability Insurance Branch at the Employment Development Department since 2022, where she was previously a division chief from 2020 to 2022.

She held several roles at the Franchise Tax Board from 2014 to 2020, including section manager, assistant section manager and Compliance Program manager. Stone was chief of the Casualty Insurance Section at the Department of Health Care Services from 2011 to 2014, where she was previously chief of the Overpayments Unit from 2009 to 2011. She earned a Master of **Business Administration** degree from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from California State University, Sacramento. This position confirmation, and the compensation is \$189,600. Stone is registered without party preference.

does not require Senate

Melissa Gear, of Elk Grove, has been appointed deputy director of Legislative and Governmental Affairs at the Department of Health Care Access and Information. Gear has been deputy director of Board and Bureau Relations at the California Department of Consumer Affairs since 2022. She was the chief deputy legislative director at the Department of Insurance from 2014 to 2022. Gear was a legislative advocate at the California State Teachers' Retirement System from 2008 to 2014. She was a legislative coordinator and fiscal coordinator at the California Attorney General's Office from 2005 to 2008. Gear was a fiscal and policy analyst at the California Legislative Analyst's Office from 2003 to 2005. She was an executive fellow and legislative representative at the California Department of Education from 2002 to 2003. She is a Nehemiah

Emerging Leaders Program senior fellow. Gear earned a Master of Public Health and Administration degree from New York University and a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies from University of California, Berkeley. This position does not require Senate confirmation, and the compensation is \$158,400. Gear is a Democrat.

Makenzie Cross, of Elk Grove, has been appointed to the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission. Cross has been a youth leader at KAI Partners since 2024. She was a service coordinator for Early Intervention at Alta California Regional Center in 2024. Cross was a behavioral specialist at the Center for Social Dynamics from 2022 to 2023. She is a member of Impact 100 Greater Sacramento. Cross earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from the University of California, Merced. This position does not require Senate confirmation, and there is no compensation. Cross is a Democrat.

Elk Grove Mazda, Nissan to Change Owners

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Ivan and Cynthia Garcia opened the restaurant after moving to Elk Grove from San Diego in 2019.

The restaurant has 4.6 out of 5 stars on Yelp from over 460 reviews.

Mikuni Acquired by Japanese Firm

Mikuni, a popular Sacramento-area sushi chain with a location in Elk Grove on Bond Road. Sacramento region including Roseville, Elk Grove, Folsom, Fair Oaks and Davis.

There are also plans to open another in El Dorado Hills.

"Our commitment to serving award-winning sushi and spreading love remains the same," Taro Arai, Mikuni's owner, said in a message to customers on its Instagram page.

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the company is filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy for the second time in less than a year and a year after the company went private.

In a statement, Interim Chief Executive Officer Michael Prendergast said the company hopes to find a "path that would allow JoAnn to continue operating as a going concern."

"The last several years have presented significant and lasting challenges



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According to a statement, the deal will help support Mikuni's desire to open 50 restaurants by the restaurant's 50th year. The first location opened 38 years ago in Fair Oaks.

There are currently nine locations across the

JoAnn Fabric and Crafts to Close

Local craft aficionados might be able to find a sweet deal as JoAnn Fabric and Craft announced plans to close its Elk Grove store last week.

The store in Elk Grove Marketplace on Bond Road is one of approximately 500 JoAnn stores to close across the country following the announcement that in the retail environment, which, coupled with our current financial position and constrained inventory levels, forced us to take this step," Prendergast said. "After carefully reviewing all available strategic paths, we have determined that initiating a court supervised sale process is the best course of action to maximize the value of the business."





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MEETING MINDERS

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

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

The Elk Grove Planning Commission has its online meetings at 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month. A live video stream of this meeting can be viewed at the city of Elk Grove's website, www.ElkGroveCity.org.

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

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

The CSD board meetings can be

watched live at www.CosumnesCSD.gov and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

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

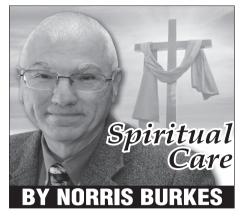
Members of the public can also view it by using the Zoom application and visiting the school district's website, www. EGUSD.net.

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. \star

Chaplain Gets a Clint Eastwood Lesson



OK, folks, today I'm asking for your best Clint Eastwood impression by repeating these words aloud: "A man's gotta know his limitations."

If Eastwood was doing his portrayal of "Dirty Harry," today, he'd need to be more inclusive. "Everyone's gotta know their limitations."

Nonetheless, the maxim still gives solid guidance. However, it's advice I neglected 15 years ago when I was deployed to an undisclosed location far out onto the sand dunes.

It was a blisteringly hot afternoon when I decided to take a stroll toward our perimeter defenses in hopes of making a morale visit with our Security Forces personnel.

As I walked into their camp, I found a group of cops anxiously unpacking ammunition boxes.

"What's up, guys?" I asked, a little short of situational awareness.

"We're a little too busy to chat, Chaplain," said a perturbed sergeant.

I must have looked a little hurt because their lieutenant appeased me with an explanation.

"Intel reports suggest an attack tonight, so we need to load ammunition magazines for our M-16s."

"In that case, you'll need all the help you can get," I said.

"Agreed," said an airman offering me a stool and a short tutorial on handling ammunition.

Gratefully, I was soon multitasking loading magazines and facilitating the chat session I'd come for. I was a happy chappy talking with folks about food, families and you're doing?" he demanded.

"Morale visit, Sir. Just chatting up our cops."

"I mean with your hands!" he said pointing to the magazine I was loading.

Note: This is the moment where I disclose my previously undisclosed location – on the dunes of Malabar, Florida. This was a military exercise, a dress rehearsal for combat.

The irritated officer was an inspector.

"Captain Burkes," he growled. "You KNOW chaplains are non-combatants and forbidden by the Geneva Convention to have anything to do with weapons — most especially during an inspection."

Wowzer, I can tell you that a superior addressing a chaplain by rank is like hearing your mom using your middle name.

He was right, of course. Chaplains who violate this rule in a real deployment are subject to court martial.

I knew the rule applied to guns but hadn't given thought to magazines. Obviously I'd lost sight of my limitations.

As a military chaplain, I had to abide by certain rules of engagement that limited my religious freedoms. For instance, in addition to being unarmed, I couldn't proselytize, nor could I bring parochial prayers to mandatory formations.

Some of my pastor colleagues balked at such restrictions. However, by knowing and accepting my limitations, I was rewarded the high honor of being present with servicemembers as they walked into harm's way.

These limitations aren't much different for many of you who carry your faith into workplaces. A teacher can't preach to his students. An executive can't thump her employees with biblical proclamations. A foreman can't limit his hiring to those from his faith preference. These rules of engagement are about respect, not political correctness.

However, these limitations needn't keep you from becoming a light in your field. The contrary is true. Keeping the rules of engagement should mean that your light shines ever brighter as it shows your esteem for co-workers.

By the way, I ran afoul of one other limitation that day. The Florida heat index shot up so high that 10 people dropped from heat exhaustion. When Slap Happy Chappy became No. 11, the orange vest yelled into his megaphone, "ENDEX." (End Exercise.) All together now — "A man's gotta know his limitations!"

RELIGION NEWS

Community and Church Events at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

Feb. 12-March 19: "Living with Loss" seminar/discussion. A small group gathering to help those who have recently lost a loved one. Space is limited - please call the office for details.

Music Events: Our Jazz & Blues Concerts will resume on March 2 with Claudette Stone (Jazz). These 4 p.m. concerts will be the first Sunday of every month through November.

Last fall, we brought to the area Scotty Inman along with the Herb Henry Family and Faith Valley for a wonderful music concert at District 56. Scotty Inman has been rebooked for a concert on Nov. 14, 2025, at Area 56. To reserve your seats: itickets.com/events/481804. A portion of the proceeds will go to several charities: One Thousand Schools, Chicks in Crisis, EG Food Bank Services and Sacramento Stand Down.

Upcoming sermon topics: Rev. Dexter McNamara has announced these sermon topics:

Feb. 23, "But Who Benefits?"

March 2: "Of Heavenly Things and Human Things."

We are all looking forward to Easter, April 20 - "He Has Risen!" Please join us.

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 Boulevard.

We have open Communion the first Sunday of the month. For more information, Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or elkgrovepres@gmail. com.

Field of Hope United Church of Christ's Services

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

For more information, visit www. FieldOfHopeUCC.org.

Grace Church Now Hosts Celebrate Recovery

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

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

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10 a.m. For more information call (916 714 3444) or email; office@gracechurcheg.org. Visit GraceChurchEG.org.

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church's Mass Schedule

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

Mass will be held there at 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon on Sundays.

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

For more information, call (916) 647-4538, visit 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.

For location, call (917) 724-4443. ★

weather.

After about 20 minutes, I heard someone loudly clearing their throat. I turned around to see an orange-vested officer standing on our perimeter.

"Chaplain, just what the hell do you think

This column was excerpted from my book "Tell it to the Chaplain." ★



Full Gospel Church 9286 E. Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove, CA 95624 Pastor Daniels 916-531-8429 Tuesday Prayer Healing 6pm Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am **St. Peter's Lutheran Church** 8701 Elk Grove-Florin Rd. Pastor Joe Dapelo 916-689-7300

Service Hours: Traditional - 8:30 am Contemporary - 11:00 am Sunday School - 9:45 am 5th Sunday - 9:30 am

Website: https://stpeterseg.org

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St. Luke's Lutheran Church (ELCA) 7595 Center Parkway Sacramento, CA 95823 Pastor Rob Williamson 916-421-5039 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Website: slelca.org Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Stlukesac Stream Online via YouTube: @st.lukeslutheranchurch7590 All are welcome in this place! Join us at **Light of the Valley Lutheran Church** in Elk Grove, where faith and community come together.

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Call 916-691-3568

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To be included in this directory, please contact Lezet Vidauri (209) 745-1551 - lezet.vidauri@mpg8.com

ABOUT TOWN

Gardeners of the Grove **Meets March 4**

The Gardeners of the Grove will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 4.

Our speaker is Colette Armao. Colette will be speaking to us about medicinal herbs.

Colette inherited her interest in plants and the wisdom of ancient botany from her farm girl mother. Today, she is a county master gardener (and member of the herb and compost teams) and member of the Sacramento Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. Collette's interest prompted her to begin converting her yard into a wildlife habitat garden.

The meeting will be held at the Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd.

(Entrance is on the Elk Grove Boulevard side.) Social time starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

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

Widowed Persons Activities

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.

Feb. 26, 1 p.m. - Book Club at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Merrylyn at 916-549-4264.

Feb. 27, Noon – No-host Lunch and Bunco at Round Table, 8795 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

Feb. 28, 10 a.m. - Hand and Foot card game at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

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.

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 am 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 am., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

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

Center Drive.

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

Cosumnes DAR Accepting **New Members**

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is accepting new members into its Rio Cosumnes Chapter in the Elk Grove/Galt community.

The nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization is dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education for children.

Members are all lineal descendants of those who supported the cause of independence in the Revolutionary War.

For more information on the Rio Cosumnes Chapter's monthly meetings or membership, contact Registrar Paula Schroeder at egdarregistrar@gmail.com.

Wilton Bingo Games Monthly

The next bingo will be on Saturday, March 1. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and bingo starts at 6 p.m. in the Wilton Community Center (9717 Colony Road, at Dillard Road).

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

Questions, call Lorraine Robinson at 916-212-8896.

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Publish: Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 2025 TACO 2-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00760 Amy S Irvine, 9684 Philta Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious

Business Under the Fictutous Business Name(s) "Cape Consulting" 9684 Philta Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 4, 2025

Publish: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025 CAPE 3-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00525 Suzanne Arechiga, 6513 Springridge Way, Elk Grove, Ca 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Multifaceted Organized/ STEAM Punk Innovations" 8801 Mohamed Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 27, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00280 Frost N Taste LLC, 4316 Hummingbird Circle, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pinkberry" 7405 Laguna Boulevard, Suite #160, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County

January 27, 2025 Publish: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025 PINK 3-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00804

Abel Bookkeeping and Consulting Services Inc., 8980 Bradshaw Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Abel Business Services and Consulting" 8980 Bradshaw Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 5, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00725 JHP Electric Inc, 9110 Union Park Way, Suite #109, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JHP Electric & Solar" 9110 Union Park Way, Suite #109, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 4, 2025 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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV025859

Jonathan Xander Lopez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jonathan Xander Lopez to Jonathan Salazar.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 22, 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 17, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025 SALAZAR 3-7-25

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

#24CV025848 Lizbeth Lopez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Lizbeth Lopez to Lizbeth Salazar.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 1, 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: December 17, 2024 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025 UZBETH 3-7-25

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

CHANGE OF NAME #25CV002555 Jude Laurence Tchir has filed

a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jude Laurence Tchir to Jude Lachlan Zaring. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 1, 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 31, 2025 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025 JUDE 3-725

> SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

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
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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 24BBCV00024 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Bianca Santamaria, Estate of Christopher Reyes, Christopher Reyes, ABA Law Group.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Hani Mammo, an individual.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo. ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest vou. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia. org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo. ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.

30 DIAS Tiene DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte v mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www. sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte. ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10.000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraie en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Burbank Courthouse, 300 Éast Olive Avenue, Burbank, CA 91502 The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): James Howard, 288 W Valley Boulevard, #208, Alhambra, CA 91801; (626) 888-3551

(Adjunto) Publish: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025 MAMMO 3-14-25 TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 24-71210 APN: 116-0850-044-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALEYOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED **OF TRUST DATED 9/27/2004.** UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROP-ERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PRO-CEEDING AGAINST YOU SHOULD CONTACT YOU 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: ILEA-NA GAITAN, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS LAW LLP Deed of Trust recorded 10/7/2004, in Book 20041007, Page 1771, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale:3/18/2025 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: \$158,712.16Note: 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: 8276 BULL MOUN-TAIN CIRCLE ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA 95758Described as follows: LOT 44, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED "PLAT OF WOODSIDE CREEK UNIT NO. 1", FILED IN THE OF FICE OF THE COUNTY RE-CORDER OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA ON JULY 10, 1991, IN BOOK 217 OF MAPS, AT PAGE 4.A.P.N 116-0850-044-0000The 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 POTEN-TIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this propertv lien, vou 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 proper-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 24-71210. 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 postpone-ment 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 pur-chase. 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 24-71210 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, OU MUS send a written notic of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: 2/6/2025 ZBS LAW, LLP , as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450Irvine, CA 92606For Non-AuLegal Advertising 7144 Fair Oaks Blvd #5 Carmichael, CA 95608

tomated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920For Sale Information: (855) 976-3916 www.auction.comMichael Busby, Trustee Sale OfficerThis office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcv 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 42582

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ELK GROVE CITIZEN 2-28-25 NOTICE TRUST-OF EE'S SALE Title Order No. 91232012 Trustee Sale 22133 No. Account No STONE-0179-01 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE DELINQUENT ASSESS MENT DATED 01/24/2024 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROP-ERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PRO-CEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 03/11/2025 at 01:30PM, SUNRISE AS-SESSMENT SERVICES, INC., as the duly appointed Trustee pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, Recorded on 01/18/2024, as Instrument # 202401180051 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of SACRA-MENTO County, California, property owned by: GREGO-RY C. BROWN. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street Sacramento, CA 95814, all right, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property situated in said County, describing the land therein: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID RECORDED NOTICE OF DE-LINQUENT ASSESSMENT 132-0650-069-0000 APN: THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO A RIGHT OF REDEMPTION FOR 90 DAYS AFTER THE PUBLIC AUCTION IS CON-DUCTED. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2920 CINNAMON TEAL CIR, ELK GROVE, CA 95757-8135 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. aid sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said Notice of Delinguent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee, to-wit: \$7,768.16 Estimated Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The claimant under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF 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.

CHANGE OF NAME #24CV024426

#24CV024420 Abdul Wasi Niazi & Lida Niazi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Abdul Wares Niazi to Khalid Waris Niazi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 3, 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: November 27, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025 NIAZI 3-14-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV024423

Abdul Wasi Niazi & Lida Niazi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Abdul Wajed Niazi to Imad Wajid Niazi.

IT IS ÓRDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 17, 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: November 27, 2024 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025 IMAD 3-14-25

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE # ADJ16790828 Surinder Singh vs. S. Line Transportation; Ajaib Singh Kahlon, of 9971 Phoenican 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

Date: (Fecha) February 7, 2025 Clerk (Secretario), Deputy

City of Elk Grove - Planning Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on, Thursday, March 6, 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:

WATERMAN BRINKMAN LOGISTICS CENTER AMENDMENT (PLNG24-021) – MAJOR DESIGN REVIEW AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION:

The Project consists of a Major Design Review Amendment and 36-month Extension to the previously approved Waterman Brinkman Logistics Center project (PLNG20-016) to revise the site plan, building square footage, and elevations for Lot B/Building B resulting in loading docks facing along Waterman Road. The Project would extend the expiration of the previously approved entitlement from July 21, 2025 to July 21, 2028.

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PROPERTY OWNER:		PROJECT APPLICANT:					
PW Fund B Develop	ment, LLC	Buzz Oates Construction, Inc.					
Logan James (Repre	esentative)	Logan James (Representative)					
555 Capital Mall, Su	ite 900	555 Capital Mall, Suite 900					
Sacramento, CA 958	314	Sacramento, CA 95814					
LOCATION/APN:		rt and Waterman Road 500 feet south of 0181-041, 134-0100-084, AND 134-0100-085					
ZONING:	Heavy Industrial (HI)						
GENERAL PLAN:	Heavy Industrial (HI)						
ENVIRONMENTAL:	An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted for the Waterman Brinkman Logistics Center Project PLNG20-016 (SCH # 2022040191). An Addendum to the IS/MND has been prepared pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 (Addendum to EIR or Negative Declaration).						
PROJECT PLANNER:	Sarah Kirchgessner, Senic elkgrovecity.org jhone@elkg	or Planner 916.478.2245 or skirchgessner @ g rovecity.org					

Dated / Published: February 21, 2025

NOTICE REGARDING APPEALS

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.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

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

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

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TRUSTEE SALE

written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. 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 paving 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 proper-NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22133. Information about postpone-

ments that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer,' you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22133 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 davs 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: COMMUNICATION IS THIS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM YOU WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: 01/30/2025 SUNRISE AS SESSMENT SERVICES, INC 7844 Madison Ave., Suite 145 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 961-0374 Sale Information line: 916-939-0772 or www. nationwideposting.com TARA CAMPBELL, DIVISION VICE PRESIDENT NPP0470658 To:

CITIZEN (ELK GROVE) PUB: 02/14/2025, 02/21/2025, 02/28/2025 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 2-28-25

тs No: CA06000012-16-5 APN: 127-0840-004-0000 TO No: 2901669 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 30, 2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PRO-TECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUB-LIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NA-TURE OF THE PROCEED-INGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAW-YER. On March 11, 2025 at 01:30 PM, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on May 8, 2015 in Book 20150508, on Page 1715 and that said Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement and recorded July 12, 2019 as Instrument Number 201907120004, and that said Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement and recorded December 15, 2022 as Instrument Number 202212150196. of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by EMANUEL SANTANA AND JÁCQUELINE VICTORIA LE-MUS-DE NELATON, HUS-BAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELEC-REGISTRATION TRONIC SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for JMAC LENDING, INCORPORATED as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9459 MISTY RIVER WAY. ELK GROVE, CA 95624 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied. regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon. as provided in said Note(s). advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$539,944.52 (Estimated) However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources. you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www.nationwideposting.com or call Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA06000012-16-5. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. 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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE LAGUNA CREEK INTER-REGIONAL TRAIL CROSSING AT STATE ROUTE 99 PROJECT (WTL016)

February 21, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the City of Elk Grove, as lead agency, has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the below referenced Project. The Draft MND analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In accordance with Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Elk Grove has prepared this Notice of Intent (NOI) to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice of the availability of the Draft MND and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed Project.

SR 99, and East Stockton Boulevard; a multi-use trail east of the pedestrian overcrossing; and a pedestrian bridge spanning Whitehouse Creek.

The proposed segment of the LCIRT consists of a Class I bikeway that will connect to an existing segment of the LCIRT which currently terminates at West Stockton Boulevard and at the northern embankment of the Laguna Creek Bypass Channel. An approximately 760-foot-long concrete overcrossing will then extend east, carrying the LCIRT over West Stockton Boulevard, SR 99 and East Stockton Boulevard where it will parallel the northern bank of Laguna Creek for approximately 980 feet. A prefabricated truss bridge with a concrete deck will then carry the LCIRT over Whitehouse Creek where it will connect with a segment of the LCIRT currently under final design and environmental permitting (previously called the Laguna Creek and Whitehouse Creek Multi-Functional Corridor Project – WDR018). The trail would be approximately 10-feet wide and paved,

LEAD AGENCY:	City of Elk Grove 8401 Laguna Palms Way Elk Grove, CA 95758
CONTACT PERSON:	Travis Kuhn, PE Senior Civil Engineer, Capital Program tkuhn@elkgrovecity.org 916.627.3262
	Laguna Creek Inter-Regional Trail Crossing At State

- PROJECT TITLE: Laguna Creek Inter-Regional Trail Crossing At State Route 99 Project (WTL016)
- **PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed Project is located in the city of Elk Grove, Sacramento County, California. Specifically, the Project consists of an approximately 29.7-acre area located between Sheldon Road/SR 99 interchange to the north and the Bond Road/SR 99 interchange to the south. Location of the proposed SR 99 overcrossing is at SR 99 Post Mile 14.3/14.4. The proposed segment of the LCIRT runs perpendicular to SR 99 and extends approximately 1,300 feet east of East Stockton Boulevard and approximately 550 feet west of West Stockton Boulevard.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project Applicant (City of Elk Grove) proposes to construct a segment of the LCIRT which includes a pedestrian overcrossing spanning West Stockton Boulevard,

with 2-foot-wide unpaved shoulders. The trail would also be elevated above the existing ground surface elevation by approximately 2 feet. Post-and-cable fencing would be installed at the edges of the unpaved shoulders, to prevent entry by pedestrians into the surrounding areas.

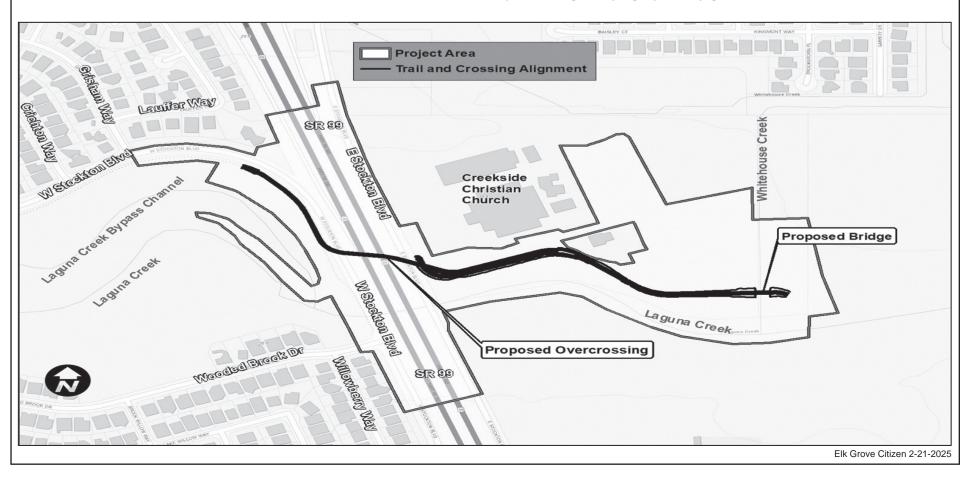
Right-of-way acquisitions and temporary construction easements are needed where the LCIRT passes through privately-owned parcels and will be obtained during final design of the Project. Below ground and aerial utility relocations are also anticipated and would be completed prior to construction. Additionally, a Caltrans Encroachment permit will be required to accommodate the proposed overcrossing structure that will carry the trail over SR 99, which is a Caltrans owned facility. Construction is anticipated to last approximately 18 months. This Project is funded through both local and federal funds and is subject to compliance with CEQA and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). The lead agency for CEQA compliance is the City and the lead agency for NEPA is Caltrans, as delegated by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 30-day public review period for the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on February 21, 2025 and end on March 24, 2025 for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received by the Public Works Department at the above address within the public review period. Copies of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for review at the City at the above address and on the website at:

https://www.elkgrovecity.org/planning/environmental-review

CITY COUNCIL: The Mitigated Negative Declaration and associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) is tentatively scheduled to be presented at the May 14, 2025 Elk Grove City Council Meeting. For changes to this tentatively scheduled hearing date, please check the City Council Agenda at:

https://www.elkgrovecity.org/city_hall/city_government/live___archived_broadcasts



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POLICE LOGS

Feb. 10

2:56 p.m., 7400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Hala Hadi, 55, on burglary charges.

3:14 p.m., 8600 block of Bradshaw Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Carlos Zamora, 46, on warrant charges.

Feb. 11

12:15 a.m., East Stockton Boulevard/ Grant Line Road, Elk Grove Police arrested David Ibea, 64, on possession of a controlled substance and possession of cocaine or heroin charges.

3:45 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Gerald Franks, 70, on domestic battery and warrant charges.

7:06 p.m., 8400 block of Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Jared McGee, 34; and Jenae McGee, 33, on child abuse charges.

8:10 p.m., 9600 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Paul Gonzales, 40, on robbery and repeat-theft charges.

8:16 p.m., Candell Court/Peevey Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Bryant Nguyen, 18; Jaylin Warr, 18; and a female juvenile, 16, on reckless evasion and receiving a stolen vehicle charges.

11:14 p.m., 10200 block of East Taron Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Mia Modica, 21, on violation of court order charges.

Feb. 12

9:19 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Gerald Franks, 70, on violation of a restraining order charges.

10:39 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Rudy Reyna Morales, 27, on driving without owner's consent, receiving a stolen vehicle and warrant charges.

Feb. 13

8:17 a.m., 9300 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Tammy Vasquez, 56, on battery on a police officer charges.

11:04 a.m., 8400 block of Laguna Palms Way,Elk Grove Police arrested Stacy Johnson, 28, on warrant charges.

11:25 p.m., Bradshaw Road/Silvergate Lane, Elk Grove Police arrested Ian Sanchez Zalvizar, 29, on DUI/drug charges.

Feb. 14

3:13 p.m., Calvine Road/Power Inn Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Marceirious Wright, 34, on felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, carrying a concealed weapon, carrying a loaded firearm and resisting arrest charges.

4:44 p.m., 6400 block of Paseo Del Sol Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Amanuel Bock, 18, on vandalism charges.

6:55 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Aaron Bess, 20, on domestic battery, criminal threats and brandishing a weapon or firearm charges.

8:43 p.m., East Stockton Boulevard/ Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Rajanea Alexander, 28, on warrant charges.

Feb. 15

1:10 a.m., East Stockton Boulevard/ Emerald Vista Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Richard Avila, 40, on DUI charges.

4:51 a.m., 8500 block of Jordan Ranch Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Fredy Magana, 42, on burglary and warrant charges.

11:09 a.m., Promenade Parkway/Lent Ranch Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Joseph Ramirez, 37, on possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

5:52 p.m., Waterman Road/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Ronald Marler, 67, on DUI/drug charges.

11:53 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Antyone Dabney, 31, on DUI/drug charges.

Feb. 16

10:19 a.m., Foulks Ranch Drive/Laguna Park Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Michael Nagatani, 25, on DUI/drug charges.

5:46 p.m., 8100 block of Geneva Pointe Drive.Elk Grove Police arrested Seduqulah Qiam, 18, on reckless driving charges.

8:05 p.m., 8700 block of Minor Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Aaronette Moore, 54, on warrant charges.

Feb. 17

12:55 a.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Shing Ly, 43, on criminal threats and trespassing charges.

11:16 a.m., 8500 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Clydell Jackson, 20; and a male juvenile, 17, on driving without an owner's consent and receiving a stolen vehicle charges.

12:39 p.m., Sheldon Road/Lewis Stein Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Richard Cooper, 36, on possession of marijuana for sale and possession of marijuana charges.

3:53 p.m., 8000 block of West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Elijah Gipson, 22, on warrant charges.

5:17 p.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/ Carlisle Avenue, Elk Grove Police arrested Gary Carpenter, 28, on revocation of parole and warrant charges.

7:06 p.m., 9100 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Duane Hartman, 18, on vandalism and resisting arrest charges. *

Baulwin Appointed to Vacant School Board Seat

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interview in front of the board.

"I am very grateful to be here sharing a little bit about myself with you all." Baulwin said during her interview. "I am deeply committed to the educational success of not just my children, but of all children in my community."

A former educator, Baulwin currently serves as a city commissioner for the Diversity and Inclusion Commission. She highlighted her work organizing the annual raising of the pride flag at City Hall during pride month, helping with the creation of Elk Grove's land acknowledgement and organizing the city's multicultural festival.

She also serves as a board member for EG Speaks, a grassroots nonprofit organization that supports students with disabilities and their families within the Elk Grove School District by providing support, resources and connections.

Baulwin currently works in human resources with the California Department of Human Resources and has children enrolled at Laguna Creek High School, Elliott Ranch Elementary and John Ehrhardt Elementary. She has also served as a school site council parent.

"Though I have switched career paths...I am still very committed to educational success to our students in Elk Grove," Baulwin said. "As a first-generation college graduate myself, I know first-hand the impact of having a quality educational experience, and I know that EGUSD is providing high-quality education to ensure that all students are reaching their highest potential."

During public comment, 12 people spoke in favor of Baulwin's appointment.

Mayor Singh-Allen congratulated Baulwin in a statement on Facebook.

"With a strong background in education and students with special needs, she will bring her experience and passion to the school board," Singh-Allen wrote. She is also a parent to students currently in the school district. Congratulations Delia."

Baulwin's first meeting as a voting member was on Feb. 18.

ARTS CALENDAR

View Artwork from Elk Grove

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

If you know of a piece or event that should be included, contact the city of Elk Grove's community event center manager, Lana Yoshimura at lyoshimura@ elkgrovecity.org.

Art Workshops for Adults

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

We periodically offer workshops for younger people, dependent upon the instructor and type of class.

If you're looking for basic to advanced instruction in Batiking, Ceramics, Clay, Encaustics, Fabric Art, Mixed-Media, Mosaics, Plein Air, or Watercolor (and more!), you will find it here. To learn more, visit elkgrovefineartscenter.org/ workshop.

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.

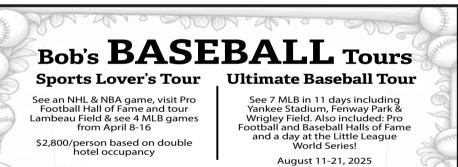
Visit us every First Saturday from 4-7PM at the Center for refreshments, an opportunity to meet featured artists, and enjoy live music. For more information, please visit ElkGroveFineArtsCenter.org or call (916) 685-5992.

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 information, please visit elkgrovefineartscenter.org.



Fairytale Town Celebrates Read Across America

Fairvtale Town News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Children and their families can enjoy a day of literacy-inspired fun at Fairytale Town's Read Across America Day Celebration event on Sunday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting.

Fairytale Town's Story Center will be buzzing with literacy-based fun and hands-on activities and crafts, and families can stop by the Mother Goose Stage for a unique nonstop reading of cherished children's books.

Ignite young imaginations through the magic of books at Fairytale Town's Read Across America Day Celebration.

The Read Across America Day Celebration is free with paid park admission. Admission is \$10 for adults and children ages two and older. Children under two are free.

Fairytale Town's Read Across America Day Celebration is sponsored by South Sutter Charter School.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit Fairytale Town's website at, https://www.fairytaletown.org.



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CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 03-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 16.50 (FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION) AND CHAPTER 23.100 (GENERAL DEFINITIONS) FOR FLOODPLAIN ALLOWANCES FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND NON-HABITABLE STRUCTURES. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Elk Grove Municipal Code Chapter 16.50 (Flood Damage Prevention) and Chapter 23.100 (General Definitions) as shown in Exhibit A (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) regarding floodplain allowances to allow for the development of public improvements such as trails, maintenance facilities, and other non-habitable structures within the 100-year floodplain on a case-by-case basis. Introduced January 22, 2025; Adopted February 12, 2025; Effective March 14, 2025. AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, February 21, 2025 A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org

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CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 04-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING THE OLD TOWN SPECIAL PLANNING AREA RELATIVE TO BARS, BREWERIES, WINERIES, AND BREW PUBS. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Old Town Special Planning Area Design Standards and Guidelines to increase the number of conditional use permits allowed for bars, breweries, wineries, and brew pubs from three to six. Introduced February 12, 2025; to be adopted February 26, 2025. AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, February 21, 2025 A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org Elk Grove Citizen 2-21-2025

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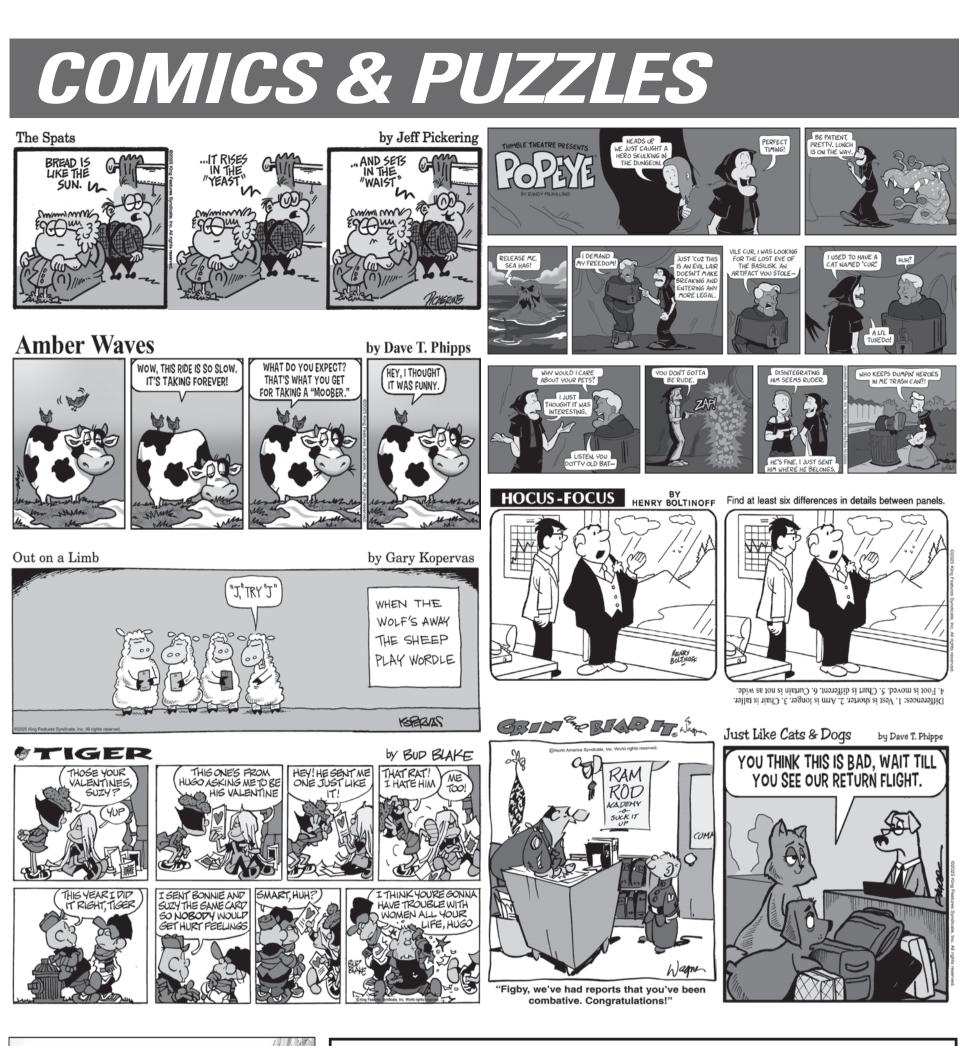
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING THE ELK GROVE ZONING MAP FOR THE DUNISCH GPA, REZONE, AND MAP PROJECT (PLNG22-047) (ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS: 116-0050-010, -011, -013, -027, -030, -031. AND -034). The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the City of Elk Grove Zoning Map for the Dunisch GPA, Rezone, and Map Project (PLNG22-047) as described in Exhibit A (on file in the Office of the City Clerk). Introduced February 12, 2025; to be adopted February 26, 2025. AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

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Running for Cancer Research

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute News Release

SACRAMETNO REGION, CA (MPG) - On April 21, Maria Amparo Haynes of Elk Grove is running to defy cancer as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team in the 129th Boston Marathon.

Along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, they will run Massachusetts' historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to collectively raise \$8.5 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year marks the 36th annual running of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge. One hundred percent of the money raised by the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team benefits Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which supports promising science research in its earliest stages. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised more than \$132 million for the Barr Program to date.



Maria Amparo Haynes of Elk Grove along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States will be running in the 2025 Boston Marathon. Photo courtesy of Pixaby

In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be recognized by the Boston Athletic Association, which organizes the Boston Marathon. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team offers its

members extensive fundraising support, training guidance from 1976 Boston Marathon Men's Open **Division Champion Jack** Fultz, and team training runs. Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners who are

not time-qualified for the Boston Marathon receive an invitational entry into the race.

Runners include cancer survivors and patients, and family and friends of those who have been runners who have obtained

affected by cancer.

Each team member must fulfill a basic fundraising commitment of \$10,000 for runners who receive their entry from Dana-Farber and \$4,000 for

their own race entry.

To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, visit RunDFMC. org or contact the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge office at 617-632-1970.

Pranyte Named Player of the Week



Athletics Storming into Spring Training

By Martin Gallegos, MLB.com

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - There was a different energy as Athletics pitchers and catchers took the field at Mesa Arizona's Hohokam Stadium on Feb. 12 for the first day of spring training, one that has not been felt around these parts in quite some time.

Since the roster teardown of their previous playoff-contending team took place just before the start of the 2022 season, the A's have entered camp each spring operating in rebuild mode. This year, however, the messaging has shifted, no longer is this a rebuilding period. The A's believe they are

years. Sure, there might be a couple of roster battles on the pitching side and at backup catcher. But for the most part, 2025 Spring Training is going to focus less on configuring the 26-man roster and more on sharpening up the tools for a year in which the A's expect to be in playoff contention.

"Everyone in this game wants those expectations," Kotsay said. "We haven't necessarily had those over the last [three] seasons. We've had our challenges, and we're still going to have our challenges. Our improvement of 19 games still was only 69 wins. We recognize that. We understand it's going to take a great season to improve on 69 [wins] to get to the playoffs. We're preparing ourselves for that and those are expectations that we want to have." JP Sears certainly sensed a different vibe inside the clubhouse from his previous two springs with the A's. Whereas in the past, the room was filled with a bunch of players who were just fighting to establish themselves as big leaguers, there is now a true sense of camaraderie amongst a group that has been through the ups and downs of a Major League Baseball season together. "The past two years of Spring Training, you kind of just came in hoping to survive at times," Sears said. "Now it feels like we can be a little bit more expecting of things. We have a lot of the same guys that have been here the last two years. The overall outlook is that we're going to be more on the attack and know we're going to be really competitive throughout the year. We're going to hang with every team and be better than a lot of teams that we face."

Hornet freshman Emilija Pranyte was awarded Big Sky Conference Player of the Week honors on Feb. 12, after the Hornets posted a thrilling victory over Saint Mary's. Photo courtesy of Sac State Athletics

Sacramento State University News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - An undefeated record and a historic team victory for the Sacramento State women's tennis team helped lift freshman Emilija Pranyte to Big Sky Conference Player of the Week honors on Feb. 12, after the Hornets posted a thrilling victory over Saint Mary's in their lone match of the week.

It is the first career weekly honor for Pranyte and the first for a Sacramento State student-athlete since Irene Riva earned the second award of her career on March 27 of last season.

Extending their unbeaten start to the 2025 campaign to four straight matches, the program's best since opening 4-0 in 2008, the Hornets handed the host Gaels a 4-2 defeat on Super Bowl Sunday, posting the program's first win over Saint Mary's

since a 4-3 win at home in 2011 and its first win in Moraga since a 6-0 shutout in 1992. Pranyte played a key role in that victory. getting Sacramento State its first win of the day alongside partner Palina Saulevich in their season debut at No. 1 doubles with a 6-3 victory as the Hornets went on to clinch the doubles point for a 1-0 lead in the match

Shortly thereafter, Pranyte put her team on the brink of victory with a 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (5), win over Juliette Daries at No. 3 singles, breaking a 2-2 tie and setting up teammate Maddy Ferreros to clinch the contest with a three-set win at No. 1 for the final score.

Pranyte's victory improved her to 2-1 in three-set singles contests this season as the Lithuanian improved to 3-1 overall in singles — playing at the No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 spots in the lineup — and 2-0 in doubles play.

ready to win now.

"There is definitely a higher level of expectation," manager Mark Kotsay said. "You look at the progress we made in the second half and the group that came together, that nucleus of guys, I think they've built a culture in there that they believe in each other and know that they belong."

That belief system was established over the second half of last season, when the A's finished 39-37 over their final 76 games. That second-half success led to an improvement upon their 2023 win total by 19 games (69-93), ending the year having identified a talented group of players that have solidified Major League roles such as Brent Rooker, Lawrence Butler, Mason Miller, JJ Bleday, Shea Langeliers and Zack Gelof.

Through the discovery of that core group, as well as the additions of veterans such as Luis Severino, Jeffrey Springs, José Leclerc and Gio Urshela, this spring is going to be atypical from the past few

Hornet Freshman Named Player of the Week

Sacramento State University News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- On Feb. 12, Hornet freshman Gur Libal was named the Big Sky Conference Player of the Week after leading the Hornets to a 3-1 record over the previous week. That included a Big Sky season-opening road win at Portland State.

Those four matches came over a seven-day span, and the Netanya, Israel, native went 4-0 in singles play, and 3-1 in doubles. He won three of the four singles matches in straight sets, including a 7-5, 6-3 win over Portland State's Edoardo Cravanzola at No. 2.

Libal played his first match of the week at No. 3 in the singles lineup, but moved up to No. 2 for his final three matches. He played at positions 1, 2 and 3 in doubles (twice at No. 1).

At No. 3 against American River College on Feb. 5, he won his match by a 6-1, 6-4 score. He followed up that effort with a 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-3 win at No. 2 against Seattle on Feb. 7. He won in straight sets on Feb. 9 at Portland State and dropped just one game in the home-opening victory over Jessup 6-1, 6-0, on Feb. 11.

Libal played with two different doubles partners, including a 6-3 win at No. 1 in the victory over Portland State. It was that match that clinched the all-important doubles point in a 4-3 victory against the Vikings. He also won his match at No. 2 by a 6-3 score against American River, and 6-1 at No. 1 vs. Jessup.



Sacramento State University freshman Gur Libal was named the Big Sky Conference Player of the Week on Feb. 12. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State University Athletics

Franklin High Soccer Soccer Program Makes History

By Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Franklin Wildcats boys' and girls' soccer teams made school history by winning the Delta League in the same season for the first time.

The accomplishment is the result of a stellar regular season performance from both teams. The girls finished up the regular season with a 9-2-1 record (11-6-2 overall) and the No. 11 seed in CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Playoffs, while the boys finished with a regular season record of 17-2-1 and a league record of 11-1 which earned them the No. 1 seed in playoffs.

"That's really cool to be a part of that," girls head coach Aaron Sulamo said. "Our boy's program has been really grinding over the last few years to get some things straight. We're really excited as a school and as a complete soccer family."

The girls' team at Franklin has had several postseason berths, while for the boys team, their head coach Jacob Schanning and assistant coach Carlos Chavez describe the past few seasons as a grind.

"It's a blessing," Chavez said, who's been a coach at Franklin for over 14 years. "I've been waiting for this for a long time. We've had a lot of talented teams, but this team was the first team to achieve it (win the Delta League)."

Given the girls' postseason experience which includes a Sac-Joaquin Section Championship in 2023, Sulamo said they expected to be in this position at the beginning of the season.

"We feel like we have a good opportunity to hopefully make a run into the playoffs so we're feeling good right now and we're really just trying to focus on training and stacking up quality days of training and



The Franklin Wildcats boys and girls soccer teams won the Delta League in the same season for the first time in school history. The boys achieved the league championship with an 11-1 record and the girls had a 9-2-1 record. Photo courtesy of Franklin High School Athletics

said.

As for the boys, Schanning said his team has worked hard throughout the season and has had to overcome adversity to reach the Delta League championship.

'Recently, we had a little bit of a stumble" Schanning said. "But I think it's better to get that stumble out of the way during the regular season than be able to grow from that as we head into the playoffs considering it's a 'one game at a time' and 'survive and advance' and leave everything on the field."

The girls' team's success comes from their patience while maintaining most of the possession which minimizes their opponent's opportunities.

"I think Mara Cochon does a really good job," Sulamo said. "Maren Matuska does a really good job playing our six roles. Then, Alexys Petrilla and Addison Seese are gener-

back to front we have a lot of quality players."

Cochon, who's also a team captain, leads the Wildcats in goals with nine while also leading the team in assists with nine.

"Personally, I think one of my main responsibilities needs to be producing results for my team and I'm continuing to work through this in the next days leading up to playoffs," Cochon said. "I also think continuing to lead the team with a positive and encouraging mentality throughout the playoffs will be important for our performance."

As for Schanning's team, he said they have really bought into what he and the coaching staff have been teaching them, Chavez said.

"We had a lot of players out here and we've been preaching to them 'next man up mentality' so whoever's on the bench needs to be ready to go and we've used our bench and those players have responded,"

junior Landon Roberson, senior Miles Jones and junior Marcos Zarate in goals with 12, 10 and 10, respectively. Zarate and Roberson also lead their team in assists with 10 and 9, respectively.

Zarate, who's also a team captain, attributes the team's success so far to the connection they all have.

"My team is special. We are connected on and off the field like a family," Zarate said. "We play well together. Our team does a great job combining with each other to create offensive opportunities and our chemistry makes each game fun to play,"

Zarate also said how the coaching staff has done an amazing job with managing the team and the player's emotions and maintaining a positive culture.

Another leader of this team is captain Mason Reyes, a senior, who has mixed feelings of excitement and focus ahead of

a high-stakes environment, and every moment counts," Reves said. There's that adrenaline knowing all the hard work throughout this season comes down to these games. It's time to give everything I've got

and leave it on the field." Last season, the boys were eliminated in the first round of playoffs. Reyes said he carries over some valuable lessons from that elimination.

"One lesson I carried into this season from last season was to just give it all you have," Reyes said. It comes down to the final 17 teams and who really wants to win. Last year having first-round exits sucked but I think having a team that knows what they want to achieve means that we have a chance to do something special."

Meanwhile, for the girls, team captain and goalkeeper Julia Kraemer, a senior, said she is feeling excited for playoffs to start.

"I cannot wait to see my

see our hard work show through our gameplay," Kraemer said.

The girls were one win away last season from reaching the section championships to look for back-to-back championships but also learned some valuable lessons that can be used this postseason.

"We need to stay mentally focused, quickly recover from mistakes, and maintain confidence without second-guessing our decisions," senior Emily Shannon, team captain, said. "It's important to leave the field without any regrets, knowing we gave our best effort."

The success this team has historically achieved is also thanks to the coaching staff, which Kraemer said played a huge role in getting us to this point because they're the team's biggest supporters.

"Our whole coaching staff is willing to do anything they can to hype us up and give us the platforms we need to be mentally and physically ready for any game," Kraemer said. "They always make us feel like we are prepared and have someone to rely on for questions or support when we need it."

The first test for Sulamo's squad was on the road against the No. 6 seed St. Mary's High School from Stockton on Tuesday.

"Stylistically, I feel like we match up pretty well and we're going to be extremely mindful and respectful, and we expect a really tough greedy opponent," Sulamo said.

For Schanning's squad, their first test in playoffs was at home against No. 16 seed Mountain House High School on Wednesday.

"We have the group to do it," Schanning said. "This group has never won a playoff game so they have to start there. We just have to go out and continue to work these next couple days until we see

then hopefully it leads to a quality match," Sulamo ally our two double nines then from front to back and

Chavez said. The boys are led by their playoff matchup.

team take our skills to the "The playoffs are always next level and hopefully

Mountain House, who's a strong opponent."

Sheldon, Monterey Trail Named **Delta League Co-Champs**



The Monterey Trail Mustangs earned a share of the Delta League Championship with the Sheldon Huskies. Both teams head into the CIF Sac-Joaquin Playoffs alongside the Franklin Wildcats. Photo by Sean P. Thomas

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Monterey Trail Mustangs and Sheldon Huskies were named Co-Champs of the Delta League after both teams finished with an 11-1 record in league play.

The Mustangs defeated the Franklin Wildcats at home on Friday, Feb. 14 to finish off their season on a high note and cement their

share of the Delta League crown, while the Huskies capped off their season with a win against the Laguna Creek Cardinals on the road.

Both teams qualified for the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Playoffs, with the No. 7 Huskies taking on Weston Ranch High School in the first round on Wednesday, Feb. 19 in Stockton. The Mustangs

enter the playoffs as the No. 5 seed and will hit the court against Edison High School in Stockton the same day.

The Franklin Wildcats finished at 8-4 for third place and will play Oak Ridge on Thursday, Feb. 20 as the No. 8 seed.

A win sets a meeting against No. 1-seed Modesto Christian on Friday, Feb. 21.

Monterey Trail Girls Basketball **Crowned Delta League Champs**

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Monterey Trail girls basketball team finished a perfect 12-0 season in the Delta League last week to earn the Delta League Championship.

The girls soundly defeated Franklin High School 65-27 on the road to cap off the perfect season. They went 19-5 overall with a perfect 9-0 record on the road.

Junior point guard Dalis Blackshire led the team in scoring with 11.4 points a game, followed by senior Alia Wilson with eight points and three assists per contest. Wilson also added three steals per game on the defensive end.

Junior forward Jameise Stigler was a force in the paint with seven rebounds a game.

The Mustangs qualified for the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Playoffs as the No. 8 seed where they faced off against No. 8 seed Inderkum on Tuesday. The winner of that matchup

will play on Thursday against either No. 1-seed Folsom High School or No. 16-seed Edison High.

The Mustangs will head into the playoffs with momentum, having won 14 straight and 15 of their last 16 games.

The girls team joined their male counterparts at the top of the Delta League Championships after the men defeated Franklin High School in a close contest before the Mustangs ran away with it in the fourth quarter.

NorCal Soccer Will Host State Cup Semi-Final in EG

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - NorCal Premier Soccer will host its State Cup Semi-Final and Finals Feb. 22-23 in Elk Grove.

The tournament will welcome ages U11-U12, with highly competitive game play at Hal Bartholomew Sports Park during the weekend. This Finals Weekend of NorCal's State Cup competition will invite 160 teams with a total of 2,240 athletes, along with coaches, spectators and families to the Elk Grove area.

According to the tournament organizers, "The NorCal State Cup has become the premier soccer event for youth soccer teams in Northern California."

In partnership with NorCal Premier Soccer, Explore Elk Grove has coordinated lodging for event attendees and encourages visitors to experience the city's vast offerings. Elk Grove Local eGift Cards will be issued for those that book hotel room in the official tournament block. The eGift Cards can be used at 100+ local businesses including restaurants, wineries, breweries, shops and entertainment venues.

The economic impact of this event is significant: Explore Elk Grove projects the NorCal Cup Finals Weekend to generate an estimated \$1.1 million in direct sales in Elk Grove and surrounding communities.



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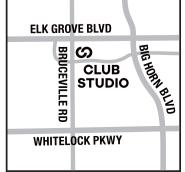


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