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Pictured is a scene from the most recent Western Festival in 2019. The festival has been on hiatus since then because of the COVID-19 pandemic and administrative issues. The planned 2025 return was canceled last week. Citizen file photo

By Sean P. Thomas City Editor

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Western Festival has once again been cancelled.

This year's event was planned for May 2-4 at Elk Grove Regional Park, but according to a statement issued by Western Festival President Lynden King, the festival organizers were

unable to meet certain deadlines to move forward with the event.

King was not immediately available for comment.

"The Western Festival committee has decided with much regret to cancel this year's event," King wrote in a statement issued Thursday. "The Cosumnes Community Service District and the Western Festival board have agreed that some of the deadlines set for the Western Festival have not been met for this year. Some of the processes are taking longer than in past years due to the amount of work because of new regulations."

The festival, usually scheduled for the first

weekend in May, was last held in 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic put the event on pause. A return was planned in 2024, but the district revoked authorization less than two weeks before the event, citing organizers' failure to get proper permits and licenses in time, including a required

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Legal Office Rejects State's New Fuel Rules

By Alejandro Lazo Calmatters.org

In a surprising twist, California's controversial new fuel standard — a key part of its effort to replace fossil fuels — has been rejected by the state agency that reviews the legality of state regulations.

The fuel standard enacted by the Air Resources Board last year was the subject of a rancorous debate, largely because it will potentially increase the price of gasoline and diesel fuels by an unknown amount.

The rules were rejected by the state Office of Administrative Law, a state agency whose mandate is to ensure "regulations are clear, necessary, legally valid, and available to the public." The law office informed the air board that the rule does not conform with a provision in state code that requires "clarity" in rulemaking "so that the meaning of regulations will be easily understood by those persons directly affected by them." The air board said it would review the order and then resubmit the rules, which would be required within 120 days. Any substantial changes, however, would require a delay, including a public comment period. The low carbon fuels program, which offers financial incentives to companies to produce cleaner transportation fuels, aims to help transition the state away from fossil fuels that contribute to smog and other air pollution and greenhouse gases that warm the planet. The program, which has existed since 2011, is a \$2-billion credit trading system that requires fuels sold in California to become progressively cleaner, while giving companies financial incentives to produce less-polluting fuels, such as biofuels made from soybeans or cow manure. In an initial assessment released in 2023, the air board projected that the new rules could potentially raise the price of diesel by 59 cents per gallon and gasoline by 47 cents. But air board officials later disavowed that estimate, saying that the analysis "should not be misconstrued as a prediction of the future credit price nor as a direct impact on prices at the pump.' А report b y the University of Pennsylvania's Kleinman Center for Energy Policy Continued on Page 5

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Shasta Meadows Elementary School student teacher Emma Seitz from Redding, left, being interviewed by C.W. Dillard Elementary School Principal Trina Keating.

Story and photo by Emanuel Espinoza

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - More than 130 recruits registered to attended the Elk Grove Unified School District Certificated Recruitment Fair on Feb. 22 at Valley High School.

The EGUSD forecasted a need to fill 200 positions in the 2025-2026 school year, according to the district's website.

EGUSD Human Resources Director Mark Vierra said that the event allowed the school district to interview and "gather the local teacher talent" in the Sacramento area and encourage them to work for the district.

According to administrators, the district is recruiting for all certificated positions for multiple-subject teachers in elementary schools and single-subject teachers for secondary schools, which are middle and high schools. They were also looking for speech and language pathologists, special education teachers and administrators, program specialists and vice principals.

"This recruitment event gives us an opportunity to get an early look at and jump on the hiring and recruiting process for our school district," Vierra said.

EGUSD Superintendent Chris Hoffman said that the staffing is currently strong and that when it comes to joining the Elk Grove school district, employees tend to join long-term. He called the district "a destination district."

Still, he noted that there had been some shortages in recent years, particularly in the special education department.

"One of the big challenges is the *Continued on Page 5*

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What's Happening at the Elk Grove Teen Center?

By Ramona Scarborough

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Teen Center USA has been a safe place for 13- to 18-year-olds to hang out after school.

Located within walking distance of Joseph Kerr Middle School and Elk Grove High School, the space has become a hive for young Elk Grove students to hang out, relax and meet other likeminded youngsters. On a good day, there may be upwards of 75 teenagers checked in at the front desk by one of the three employees.

The center has plenty to do for local teenagers.

In "The Cave" there are video games, computers, and televisions, while in another room, a craft table is set up for kids to get a little creative. A pool table and a foosball machine are available, and a small room holds musical instruments to play. There's room around the building to play football or basketball.

At the "Snack Shack," each student can pick two snacks for free. Any additional treats are available at a nominal cost. In clear weather, students can eat outside on the picnic table. On Wednesdays, from 7 to 9 a.m., when the schools start late, teenagers can swing by for a donut and hot chocolate or pancakes. They also hold pizza



Amy Souza is the new executive director of the Teen Center.

parties, dubbed Kickback Fridays, where students can grab a few slices from 7 to 9 p.m.

All are welcome so long as the rules that are posted around the center are followed. The staff members and volunteers keep an eye on students and activities so parents can be assured that their children are secure.

"Though we try to have a variety of fun activities, one of the best benefits of kids coming here is someone to pay attention to them and listen to their concerns," Amy Souza, the new executive director of the Teen Center, said. "Some are foster children, living in one-parent families, or are latchkey kids."

Isaiah Gary, who attended the center from 2013 as a freshman until



w Isaiah Gary, a former en member, now works at the Teen Center.

2017, when he graduated from high school, agreed.

"Now that I work here at the center, I try to find out how the kids are feeling emotionally," Gary said. "Often, they will say they are fine when I can see they aren't. I asked one girl to draw how she felt by using emojis. She drew an angry face and a sad one. When I asked why she felt that way, she said she hadn't made the basketball team because of her grades. I offered to help her with her schoolwork and told her next year I would come to one of her games."

Gary also shared his own experience in getting help from Dennis, a man who worked there previously.

"Dennis just talked to me while we played pool," Gary said. "He inspired me to do better. Now, I want to



Pool and foosball are among the amenities at the Elk Grove Teen Center USA. Photos by Chris Scarborough



Teen Center members are welcome to treats at the Snack Shack.

be a role model for my sixyear-old son and the kids who come here."

One wall in the center is decorated with handprints of the graduating seniors who passed through the center.

A nonprofit organization, the center's activities are funded by grants or fundraisers. Each year they sell fireworks at a TNT booth for Independence Day at a booth near Safeway at Elk Grove-Florin Road and Calvine Road. Other fundraising projects are in the works.

Anyone can help support

the center by donating from the Teen Center's Amazon wish list or make donations. Links to donate or send gifts can be found at teencenterusa.com.

The Elk Grove Teen Center USA is located at 8995 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove. ★

Galt Police Department Unveils Grewal Memorial

Story and photo by Sean P.Thomas City Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - In a heartfelt ceremony attended by family, fellow officers and community members, the Galt Police Department unveiled a memorial bust honoring Officer Harminder Grewal, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty in 2021. The solemn but well-attended event was held outside the department headquarters on Thursday, Feb. 20, and served as a tribute to Grewal's memory, dedication and sacrifice. The bust is positioned prominently in front of the Galt Police Department. Grewal died on Aug. 21, 2021, a few days after a pickup truck crossed the median on Highway 99 and collided head-on with his patrol car. He and his partner were responding



this and all the things you have to produce to properly pay tribute to the loss of an officer's life it can be taxing on the staff," he added. "The staff has been A-plus and really worked hard to make this happen. I couldn't be prouder of so much because they came to show support for my brother," Sindhu said after the memorial. "We are happy and glad that they joined us. Without them we are nothing, because if they give us support that is why we "I would have said no to any other project, but this project just resonated with me," Romo said. "Both the family and the city of Galt, and the individual that officer Grewal was."

Local officials, including Vice Mayor Paul Sandhu and city council members, praised Grewal's commitment to public service. Mayor Shawn Farmer could not attend due to a scheduling conflict but sent his condolences. "We will never forget this ultimate sacrifice and thank you to all who made this possible," Sandhu said. Council member Tim Reed said while he didn't know Grewal, the stories that he has heard about the officer made him wish he did.

The Galt Police Department unveiled a memorial for Officer Harminder Grewal who died in the line of duty in 2021 after a truck slammed into his cruiser while he and his partner were responding to the Caldor Fire.

to assist with evacuation orders for the Caldor Fire when the crash occurred. Grewal suffered critical injuries and succumbed days later, leaving behind a grieving department and community.

Galt Police Chief Brian Kalinowski spoke at the ceremony, reflecting on Grewal's impact and the hole that was left in the department after his untimely death.

"It was a great turnout," Kalinowski said. "I will tell you that the staff and Adan from Romo Studios worked tirelessly to get this final product here and it looks amazing."

"We do enough work on the day to day to just run the business, and when you have a tragedy like the organization and the community to make this possible for the family."

Kalinowski described Grewal as a dedicated officer with an infectious and upstanding demeanor, who was beloved by his fellow law enforcement officers at the department.

Grewal's family, including his father, Gurdeep Grewal, and his mother, Jaswinder Grewal, and siblings attended the unveiling. His sister Navdeep Sindhu offered a heartfelt memorial, fighting back tears as she spoke on Harminder and his life. She was shouldered by her brother Jasdeep Grewal.

"I thank the community

have (this memorial)."

The event was attended by members of the New York Police Department, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, the Cosumnes Community Services District, Riverside Police Department and the West Sacramento Police Department.

The memorial bust, a bronze likeness of Grewal, now stands as a symbol of his service. The bust was created by Adan Romo of Romo Studios in Midtown Sacramento. Romo said he was adamant about finding a way to squeeze the memorial into his busy schedule after learning Harminder Grewal's story.

"It was great to see everyone come together for this, but hopefully, knock on wood, this never happens again," Reed said. ★



Club Studio Hosts Grand Opening Party



The Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce and the Club Studio staff held a ribbon cutting on Friday, a day before the grand opening party. Photo courtesy of Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce

Club Studio held a grand opening party on Saturday where members of the community could check out the new 35,000-square-foot facility on Elk Grove Boulevard. Photo by Sean P. Thomas

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.

Fitness enthusiasts and local residents gathered in excitement as Club Studio hosted its grand opening party on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The event was a lively and raucous celebration, bringing together the community with a mix of fitness activities, local vendors and food. The event also featured giveaways, live music and booths offering raffles.

The grand opening, which was held a day after the facility held its ribbon cutting, featured a variety of interactive booths hosted by members of the gym for attendees to grab information from, and explore local offerings from Elk Grove businesses. Attendees also had the chance to sign up for exclusive membership deals, get their workouts in and get a sneak peek at

workout classes offered at Club Studio.

Club Studio opened about a month ago at 7440 Elk Grove Blvd. in The Ridge retail center. It's the second local site for Club Studio, with the first being in Citrus Heights. The 35,000-square-foot gym offers free weights, state-of-the-art equipment, spacious workout areas, group fitness classes and other amenities.

"Elk Grove is great; we just have the best community here," said Kyra Beaman, membership manager for Club Studio. "It's been nonstop since we opened our doors at 7 (a.m.). It's been great."

A standard membership is currently \$149 a month; \$189 for the upgraded membership, which provides 25 guest passes a year and priority booking; or \$249 a month for access to all Club Studio locations.

Use of the recovery and cryotherapy equipment is an additional cost.

Victor Gutierrez, who was running the My CBD Sport booth, said he was a member of a previous gym for about 13 years but tried Club Studio on a trial basis before choosing to switch over.

"I just planned on using the weights only; I didn't Teressa Yung said she intend on doing any of used the one-day code on some of the specialized their classes. I used to Saturday and "thinks she is Granite Bay and two in El Taron Drive.



The facility holds a host of state-of-the-art equipment and classes for members to use in a clean and motivating environment. Photo by Sean P. Thomas

live at that other gym, so to speak," Gutierrez said. "But after their seven days, we switched. I just sample took a class, a boxing class here; now I'm taking two a week, and the benefits of all that recovery stuff, it made what I thought was my perfect gym look not so great anymore."

Club Studio is open Monday through Thursday, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and weekends, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

As an added bonus, Club Studio is offering a free single-day access code for anyone who lives or works in Elk Grove and wants to experience the facility firsthand. The code allows the visitors to explore the gym, try out equipment and get a feel for the community before committing to a full membership.

Elk Grove resident

sold."

"I wasn't sure what to expect," Yung said. "but after doing a workout here I think I'm sold. The staff is super friendly and the environment is very motivating."

For those who missed the event, Club Studio is offering a special promotion for a limited time. Visit clubstudiofitness.com for more information.

Posh Bagel Coming to Elk Grove

Posh Bagel, one of the Bay Area's most popular bagel shops, is eying Elk Grove for one of its newest locations.

Opening dates have not been determined, but the plan is for the Elk Grove location to join five other storefronts that the operators plan to open in the Sacramento region this year, including locations in Folsom, Rancho Cordova,



The grand opening included live music, food trucks and booths, including one from My CBD Sport, a local health and beauty shop that specializes in CBD oils and tinctures. The booth was manned by Vince Gutierrez, center, Miriam Gomez, left, and Jamil Morrar, right. Photo by Sean P. Thomas

Dorado Hills.

Menus vary by location, but typically include a variety of hot and cold bagel sandwiches in addition to the traditional bagel with a variety of spreads. They also serve wraps, smoothies, coffee and bubble teas.

Posh Bagel opened its first location in 2002 in Folsom before spreading to Davis in 2006 and Roseville in 2017. There are currently around 14 of the stores around the Bay Area, and around 20 total.

Jefferey Owner Ottoveggio said he has plans to get to 100 stores.

ALLDATA Inks New Lease

Elk Grove-based technology company ALLDATA has announced a lease renewal between West Taron Holdings LLC and ALLDATA LLC, securing its company's headquarters at 9650 W.

The renewal ensures that ALLDATA's employees will remain in the Elk Grove headquarters.

"Elk Grove offers an unparalleled quality of life," Satwinder Mangat, president of ALLDATA, said in a news release. "The city's strategic proximity to the Bay Area, combined with its proactive support, has been instrumental to our success, making it the ideal home for our headquarters."

ALLDATA was founded in Sacramento in 1986 and relocated to Elk Grove in 2008. ALLDATA made a name for itself by consolidating auto repair resources into an accessible, searchable digital format, doing away with bulky paper auto repair manuals.

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen said the businesses presence underscored the city's commitment to providing a thriving economic

environment.

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As recently as Feb. 10, festival organizers wrote that they are still working through paperwork with the Cosumnes Community Service District and were "hopeful" that they will be able to host the festival this year.

"Generations of Elk Grove residents have enjoyed the Western Festival for more than 60

years," Cosumnes CSD Parks and Recreation Administrator Traci Farris said in a statement. "We understand and share the disappointment of this year's cancellation. Careful planning and adherence to established safety requirements are essential for large-scale community events. As stewards of public spaces and services, our priority is ensuring the safety and well-being of

attendees, participants and the broader community. We value our partnership with the Western Festival committee and look forward to the festival's return in 2026."

The news of this year's cancellation was met with an outpouring of disappointment on Facebook.

"I am so sad an Elk Grove tradition has been lost," Carly Amundson wrote on Facebook.

Rafael A. Prado wrote that while he believes the board's hearts are in the right place, it might be the right time to "put the last nail in the Elk Grove Western Festival's coffin."

"After six years, there doesn't seem to be enough momentum or perhaps volunteer interest to make it happen," Prado wrote.

According to the Elk Grove Historical Society, the Western Festival was created by a group of Elk Grove Elementary parents in 1957, reaching its

60-year anniversary in 2017. The event would include parades, the selection of festival royalty and other events.

President Ronald Reagan famously participated in the event in 1966 as parade marshal.

King requested that anyone looking to volunteer and participate with the event for 2026 email the committee at lyndenking@ elkgrovewesternfestival. net and request to come to the board's next meeting.

"There are a lot of good

ideas that have been discussed for this year's event," King wrote. "That will continue to be a part of next year's event. There are some exciting new things that we hope will happen. We look forward to seeing you in 2026."

According to the festival's website, the poster contest is still ongoing and the deadline to turn in entries is Feb. 28. The entries will be judged and recognized during the April 15 Elk Grove Unified School District meeting. \star



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The stretch drive has begun in earnest and the new version of the Sacramento Kings is front and center. Take a long look, because what you see assembled is largely what you'll see for the remainder of the season.

The question on the minds of every fan is whether we are better or worse after the consummation of the DeAaron Fox trade.

Many fans and pundits have focused on DeAaron's attributes as a scorer and distributor, but many never gave him credit for being the defender that he is. Already the Kings are having difficulty replacing Fox on the offensive end, and turnovers are markedly up since his departure.

This is partly due to players taking on new roles, and Malik Monk has struggled to some degree moving from his natural position as a 2-guard to running the point. Part of the problem is the increased energy it takes to be the primary ball handler and distributor on offense. Malik is capable of running the point, but with the addition of Markelle Fultz, and rookie Devin Carter coming off the bench, it may be possible for Malik to assume his natural place as the 2-guard.

Without question Fultz is a mystery, but a fully healthy Markelle Fultz may surprise Kings fans, and perhaps make people remember that he was the overall No.1 pick in the 2017 draft. Yes, the very same draft in which the Sacramento Kings drafted DeAaron Fox in the fifth spot.

No one wants to hear that this new assembly needs time to gel, but in reality, it will take several games before coach Christie will have a better understanding of his new talent.

So, with less than 30 games to go, and every game becoming more and more meaningful, what are the keys to Kings making the playoffs this year.

No. 1, know the talent on your team. Sounds simple, but are the right players coming off the bench every game?

Newcomer Jake LaRavia has been eating up minutes but has had little to show. In the game against the Warriors LaRavia clocked 16 minutes and scored

0 points and 0 assists. That simply can't happen. At 6'7" Jake is another tweener, and what the Kings need is someone to compliment Domantas Sabonis with post defense and rebounding help.

Sitting idly on the bench is 6'9" Isaac Jones, who at 245 pounds has a wing span of 7'3". Just in his rookie season, the Kings have yet to fully see what Jones can bring to the table. When sent to G-league he played like a man among boys, but coach Christie has been reluctant to give this big man any meaningful minutes.

This writer would much rather see an athletic Isaac Jones logging minutes than Jake LaRavia, who is largely just taking up space.

It's time to stop experimenting and stick with a rotation that can produce on both ends of the floor.

Although it's early, I believe newcomer Markelle Fultz can run the point and allow Malik to fill the 2-guard spot where he's more comfortable.

The 2nd key to making the playoffs is that individual players need to step up and play the way they can play. We have yet to see the best of Zach LaVine, and not to be left out, Keegan Murray simply needs to shoot the ball better. We know he's capable, but his lack of consistent offense leaves us wondering what's wrong. Murray needs to look for his shot and not fear shooting it.

Monday night's game against the Charlotte Hornets will give fans a better barometer as to where the Kings are, but without a doubt, LaVine and Murray are key players that can make an appreciable difference, and I want to see both of these players step up and make a statement.

Keep your eye on bench rotations, and especially who is bringing the ball downcourt. I'm a huge fan of Malik Monk, but I want to see him used where he benefits the team the most.

Stay tuned Kings fans. A lot can happen in a ten-game stretch, so let's see where we are after the next 10 games. All the best!

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

Social Security Matters Can I Get Extra Social Security for my Military Service?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Please help. I served from 1964 to 1966 in the US Army. I have been trying to contact Social Security in order to request extra benefits for veterans. The telephone is a recording, and you never get to speak to anyone. The web site at www.ssa.gov is useless to me. I went to the SS office and there was a huge line outdoors in the freezing cold. I am disabled and cannot stand on a line in this cold. Please advise me about my options. Financially, is it worth the trouble? Signed: **Disabled American Veteran**

Dear Disabled Veteran: My profound thanks for your service to our country. FYI, the "special extra credit for military service" you refer to does not provide an incremental Social Security benefit amount for military veterans. Rather, it adds an additional amount to your recording earnings for the years you served, which may - or may not - affect your Social Security benefit. FYI, I've written numerous articles on this topic, one of which you can read at this link: www.socialsecurityreport.org/ ask-rusty-older-veteran-asks-about-special-social-security-credit-for-military-service/.

In your case (serving between 1964 and 1966), if you told Social Security of

your military service when you applied for benefits (or gave them a copy of your DD-214), they would have added up to \$1,200 per year to your recorded military pay record (FYI, those who served after 1967 were automatically given earnings credit for their military service years). However, whether those special extra credits would affect your SS benefit depends on what your lifetime earnings record was when you later claimed SS. When you applied for benefits, Social Security reviewed your lifetime earnings record and used the highest earning 35 years of earnings over your lifetime (adjusted for inflation) to calculate your "Primary Insurance Amount" (or "PIA," which is what you get if you claim benefits to start at your SS full retirement age. If, after your military service, you had 35 or more years of earnings which were higher than what you earned while serving, Social Security would have used those later higher earnings to calculate your benefit, and your military earnings wouldn't affect your benefit. If, however, any of your military earnings (including the "special extra credits") were among the highest over your lifetime, then those higher military earnings would be included when calculating your benefit. So, whether you will ben-

efit from these "special extra credits for military service" depends largely on your post-service earnings history. If your military earnings were among the highest earning years over your lifetime, and you provided SSA with a copy of your DD-214 when you applied for Social Security, then your current SS benefit already includes consideration of your military service. Social Security should have asked about your military service when you applied. If you didn't advise SS of your military service when you applied for Social Security, or if you aren't sure, you should contact the SSA at 1.800.772.1213 and ask if you were given those "special extra credits for military service" when you applied. However, if you had at least 35 years of higher earnings after you left military service, your current SS benefit is already based on those later higher earning years, and you will not get anything additional from those "special extra credits" for your military service years.

FYI, we know it is often difficult to contact the Social Security Administration by phone, as well as trying to visit SSA offices without an appointment (which is why our AMAC Foundation provides this free service). SSA is now allowing in-person visits "by appointment only" and you can call the above number to schedule an in-person appointment at your local SSA office. But before you do, please consider what I've said above. And remember that your SS benefit is based on the highest earning 35 years over your entire lifetime and each year represents only 1/35th of your benefit amount. So, is it worth the trouble? That depends on whether your military earnings, including the "special extra credits for military service," are among the highest over your entire lifetime. If the answer is "yes" then it is likely worth it; if "no" then perhaps not.

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Los Angeles Wildfires Intensify Political Jousting Over Home Insurance Premiums



They contended that arising from the disaster.

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By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The timing could not have been better — or worse.

The horrendously destructive and deadly Los Angeles wildfires erupted in January just as Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara's historic and very controversial overhaul of how insurers calculate premiums was taking effect.

On one hand, the disaster drove home the insurance industry's contention that California's propensity for such catastrophes creates immense potential losses that cannot be profitably insured without changes in the rate-making system.

However as fire victims inundated insurers with claims, Lara faced pressure to crack down on companies that minimized or delayed settlement payments. Meanwhile, his critics accuse him of being too cozy with the industry he regulates, as a Los Angeles Times article detailed this week.

It is, to put it mildly, a yeasty situation.

Lara, a former state legislator who was elected as insurance commissioner in 2018, began drafting his new regulatory plan in response to decisions by major insurers to cut back on policies in California — or even leave the state altogether — because of seemingly endless waves of destructive wildfires.

California's long-standing system for calculating premiums, basing them on past experiences, was inadequate. They wanted to include estimates of future exposure, and the costs of obtaining reinsurance to ease their losses, in the process.

Lara incorporated those changes in his plan, but only if insurers were more willing to write policies in fire-prone regions.

'Giving people more choices to protect themselves is how we will solve California's insurance crisis," Lara said as he released details of the plan. "For the first time in history we are requiring insurance companies to expand where people need help the most. With our changing climate we can no longer look to the past. We are being innovative and forward-looking to protect Californians' access to insurance."

It drew sharp criticism from Consumer Watchdog, the Southern California organization that wrote the 1988 ballot measure making the insurance commissioner's position elective and increasing regulatory powers. The group had been sniping at Lara ever since his election, accusing him of taking campaign money from insurers and not aggressively overseeing their operations.

The group had benefited handsomely from "intervenor fees" in rate-making cases awarded by previous commissioners. Lara has been less generous, although the organization got \$643,530 in 2024, 100% of the year's awards.

The Los Angeles fires have forced Lara to juggle his longterm efforts to stabilize the insurance market with immediate responses to issues

Lara authorized insurers to impose assessments on their policyholders to shore up the shaky finances of California's FAIR plan, a last-ditch system that covers property owners unable to get coverage from the regular market that has seen a huge increase in applications.

However, he refused to immediately approve a request by State Farm, California's largest insurer, for a 22% emergency rate hike, saying the company had to prove a need.

If nothing else, the Los Angeles fires underscored the absolutely vital role of a healthy insurance market — not only in protecting the investments that Californians have in their homes and businesses, but as a key component in buying and selling of real estate. Lenders simply will not issue mortgages for property that is uninsured.

The insurance commissioner must, of course, protect the interests of consumers, but one of those interests is a healthy insurance market, and a parallel duty is making insurance profitable enough to keep insurers willing to do business in California.

Whether Lara's rate-making overhaul will fulfill both of those imperatives remains uncertain. He at least deserves credit for trying to fix a dysfunctional system after the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom bowed out and gave him the task.

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EGUSD Seeks School Talent at Hiring Fair

Continued from page 1 number of people going through the university levels to get their credentials and to be certified to teach," Hoffman said. "Those programs have scaled back a bit and made things more challenging, so we've done a good job in recruiting existing staff from other districts to come here."

Applicants got the opportunity to sit down with an administrator in the district for an interview. If possible, the applicant would get a second interview with a contingent offer if it's a high-need area or if the person met specific qualifications. The contingent offers were for teaching or administrative positions, as well as for high-need areas such as special education.

The recruitment fair was held in the school's gym, with many tables set up to cover educational equity, family and community engagement, substitute services and also to submit applications for elementary and secondary school positions.

The event provided some entertainment, as it kicked off with a Tahitian and Māori dance performance from Elk Grove High School's Pacifica Club. Midway through the event, the Asian Club from James Rutter Middle School performed a Vietnamese fan dance and a Hmong dance. Inside the school's smaller gum tables ware

smaller gym, tables were set up with administrators

from different schools to interview the applicants.

Zeta Pulse, vice principal for Elk Grove High School, said that at her school there will be some veteran teachers on the verge of retirement. The subjects included English, Social Science and Math, and EGHS was looking for potential candidates for those subjects. She said that this recruitment fair was an opportunity to get to know some of the candidates before the formal interview process.

"I have interviewed two separate candidates, both very different," Pulse said. "One had a lot of experience and the other was brand new. So, you look for potential and how they would fit in your community, not just for Elk Grove High, but for the district in general."

Special education teacher Kelsey Cooper said she taught that subject for 15 years and came here from Long Beach. Cooper said that she was exploring her options as far as moving up to Northern California because of family needs as she has family in the area.

Cooper felt that she had a lot of assets and strengths to bring to the district.

"I love my job working with special needs kids and watching their growth and the impact that can be made with not just the students, but also with their families," Cooper said. "I think that that would be an asset to the district." ★

Legal Office Rejects State's New Fuel Rules

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predicted that the fuel standard changes could increase the cost of gas by 85 cents a gallon through 2030.

Republican legislators, who protested the rule and introduced a bill to repeal it, applauded the law office's decision to reject them.

"Families in this state are already grappling with soaring living costs, and a gas price hike of 65 cents or more will only deepen their financial strain," Sen. Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, a Republican from Redlands, said in a statement. "It's deeply frustrating that the governor's administration ignored calls for reconsideration from the start."

Supporters say the new rules are necessary to keep California on track for its ambitious climate goals, including net-zero emissions by 2045. But critics have warned that the new standards could push gas prices even higher in a state where drivers already pay some of the highest fuel costs in the nation.

The air board last month was forced to abandon other climate and air pollution rules that would have cleaned up truck and train emissions because the Trump administration would reject granting them waivers.

MEMORIAL

M E M O R I A L KATHRYNE MANICA • 02/10/1933-02/17/2025

RONALD GEORGE FENIS • 10/19/1938-1/29/2025

Kathryne "Katie" Manica of Elk Grove California passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family, Monday February 17th, 2025. One week following her 92nd birthday.

Katie is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Tony Manica as well as her sister and best friend, Verla "Trudy" Everson. She is survived by her two sons, Tony Manica Jr, Rick (Cherie) Manica, six grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and even a couple great-great grandchildren.

Katie was a resident of Elk Grove for nearly 80 years. She loved this town. She knew much of and was a part of the deep history here.

She worked at the local Post Office and then eventually began her career at Elk Grove High School, where she worked as the Cafeteria Manager for over 30 years.

Katie loved her family. She was



a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and we will miss her to no end.

She will be laid to rest at East Lawn Cemetery in a private service.

MEMORIAL

DORIS TURNER

Mrs. Doris Turner, age 95, of Elk Grove, CA, peacefully passed away surrounded by her loving family Friday afternoon, on Feb. 3rd, 2025. She was born July 8, 1929, in Van Nuys, California. Daughter of the late Amiel and Katherine Saindon. Doris was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Robert Turner, her son David Turner, and her siblings Arlene, Doyle and Shirley.

She was a dedicated mother and great-great-grandmother. In addition, Doris was an active and faithful sister as one of Jehovah's Witnesses and homemaker. She enjoyed sewing, cooking, shopping, traveling the Northern California coast and spending time with her family.

Doris is survived by one son, Kenneth Turner (Charlene); Grandchildren Dana, Michael, Anna (Scott), Shanna (Josh), Robert (Nicole), and Brandon (Joe);



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Several great-grandchildren, Jamie (Tyler), Rachael, Hayley, Kara (Don), Savannah, and Miles. Great-greatgrandchildren Amelia, Cameron, and Jocelyn. She also leaves many friends who will sadly miss her.

You are invited to join us for a Celebration of Life on March 2, 2025, at her home. Located at 8796 Los Banos Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. No donations please.



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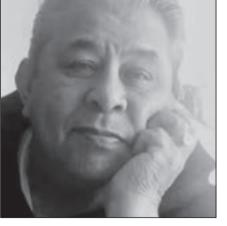
born in Hayward, CA but lived the majority of his 86 years of life in Elk Grove, CA.

The Elk Grove High School alumnus, graduating in 1958, went on to play football at Sierra College and join the National Guard.

In 1965, he married his true love, Teresa Fenis, who gave birth to their three greatest accomplishments: Ronald Fenis, Maria Carrasco and Kimberly Fenis.

George and Teresa's family continues to thrive as their three children gifted them 10 grandchildren and a continuously growing number of 19 great-grandchildren.

Every picture showing off his green and hazel eyes along with an unshakable smile gives you an idea of just how much



he loved every single one of his great abundance of family members.

George can be remembered by his kind heart, love for chickens, football and bringing joy into everybody's life.

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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.

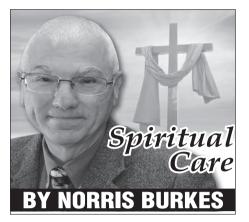
A live video stream of this meeting can be viewed at the city of Elk Grove's website, www.ElkGroveCity.org.

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

What is a "Regular Church?"



Some months back, I paid a visit to a sister congregation in town and found a lively gathering, led by an energetic leadership team.

The four-year-old church seemed committed to emulate the New Testament church using a daylong format to share their resources, eat and fellowship. I came to learn how our traditional church might find regenerative energy.

Afterwards, I asked some of them what they liked about their church. I heard several good answers, but one woman intrigued me.

"The first time I walked into this church, I could tell I'd found a "wholesome place."

"Definitely a wholesome-looking bunch," I said.

"Yes," she added. "No one with piercings or tattoos."

"Probably there are a few tattoos somewhere," I said, hinting at my concealed tattoo.

"Yes, just regular people," she asserted.

I wondered what she meant by "regular?" That's the word that my 16-year-old grandson

uses when requesting a pizza.

That's because his "regular" is cheese and pepperoni only.

"Wholesome and regular" isn't what this woman might have found if she'd come with me to a Florida church where I spoke a year ago.

Becky and I were greeted by a tall member wearing a wholesome dress, with no observable tattoos.

She handed us a bulletin.

"Hello Norris! I'm Francis and I'm looking forward to hearing you speak."

Her deeper voice was clue she was a transgender woman, some would say, not a "regular woman."

Immediately, I became aware of the discomfort coming over me.

restroom does she use? Does this church allow her to work in the children's programs?"

I know these thoughts because they have also been mine at one time.

But discomfort aside, I looked into her eyes, level with my six-foot frame, shook her hand and thanked her for the bulletin. I was collecting the determination to make this a learning opportunity.

I wish I could tell you that I invited Francis for pizza to hear her story. But I didn't.

However, last month, I emailed her pastor, Annette Stiles Pendergrass, asking her for some background to this column. Before sharing. Annette suggested we use the pseudonym, Francis.

"The church had always known Francis as Frank. But she came to me in 2016, pretty late in life, transitioning as a man dressed in women's clothing. She asked if the congregation would welcome her back into worship. She was very kind and respectful with her question.

"I told her I had no problem with welcoming her and that while I couldn't vouch for everyone in the congregation, it was my hope folks would be open, welcoming and kind.

"It has not always been easy for her or for others. We have lost people because of our choice to not only welcome her, but to treat her as anyone else.

"Francis's presence and participation has definitely been part of our church journey to become more and more open and inclusive welcome for all.

"Is everyone comfortable with this inclusive welcome? Probably not yet." You're right, Annette, I'm not always com-

fortable with fluid gender definitions. But I say "amen" to your email conclusion, "We are all on a journey of sanctification and I'm grateful for God's grace in that process."

Thank you for sharing with us, Pastor AnnettTruthfully, I'm still trying to work some things out as I consider the role of LBGTQ in the Christian community. I think many pastors are. So I'm hoping that Francis's story will advanced our understanding.

She reminds me that the early New Testament church was likely very irregular. Early believers gathered in homes and sometimes underground. Their membership was filled with cussing fisherman, beggars, the widowed, the blind, prostitutes and even Roman collaborators.

They were broken people who set the bar for acceptance and became the earliest example of how to do church. Or as I committed on our church sign, "This is a safe place to explore your faith."

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. ★

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:

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.



My somewhat liberal/inclusive self was working overtime to assure me that my greeter was OK, but my evangelical rearing was screaming to be heard.

I've been among Christians who say, "This is unwholesome. It's highly irregular. Oh my, what

By the way, Annette, the next time I'm in town, let's have Francis over for pizza. Order "regular" meat lover for me and a Chicken Garlic supreme for Becky.

Oh boy. I hope my pizza preference doesn't alienate my members.



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!

Worship Service 4th Friday 7:00 p.m.

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. 28, 10 a.m. – Hand and Foot card game at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove

Blvd. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

March 1, 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Gathering at Peets Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

March 3, 10:30 a.m. – WPSC Board Meeting at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Open to all members.

March 3, Noon – Lunch at Applebee's Grill & Bar, 9105E. Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove. Contact is Barbara at 916-516-6009.

March 6, Noon – No-host Lunch & Bunco at Round Table, 8795 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

March 7, 10 a.m. – Pinochle at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

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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SUPERIOR COURT OF

CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME

#25CV001624

FNU Makhan has filed a peti-

tion with this court for a decree

changing the name(s) of FNU

IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-en-

titled 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

Dated: January 22, 2025 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of

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

IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-en-

titled 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

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of

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SUPERIOR COURT OF

CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME

#24CV025848

Lizbeth Lopez has filed a peti-

tion with this court for a decree

changing the name(s) of Lizbeth

Name should not be granted.

Dated: December 17, 2024

the Superior Court

SALAZAR

Publish: February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

Name should not be granted.

the Superior Court

Jonathan Salazar.

MAKHAN

Makhan to Makhan Singh.

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3-7-25

Publish: February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

Name should not be granted.

Dated: December 19, 2024

the Superior Court

EZRA

Malachi Johnson.

RANGI

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00760 Amy S Irvine, 9684 Philta Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious 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) Organized/ "Multifaceted STEAM Punk Innovations" 8801 Mohamed Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 27, 2025

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00526 Jon D Gronich, 8801 Mohamed Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Consultant Concierge/Infinite Potential" 8801 Mohamed Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 27, 2025

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00280 Frost N Taste LLC, 4316 Hummingbird Circle, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business "Pinkberry" 7405 Name(s) 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

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00725 JHP Electric Inc, 9110 Union Park Way, Suite #109, Elk

CA 95624 is doing Grove, 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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00647 10770 W Lawrence Vang, Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove,

Sacramento County February court for a decree changing the name(s) of Abdul Wajed Niazi to Publish: Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 Imad Waiid Niazi. 3-21-25

IT IS ORDERED 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 SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 24BBCV00024 TO DEFENDANT: NOTICE 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 vou 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 you. 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.

DIAS DE Tiene 30 CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion v 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 y mas informacion en el Centro de Avuda 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 lev. 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 arbitraje 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 East Olive Avenue, Burbank, CA 91502 The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attornev is: (El nombre, la direccion v 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

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

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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, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale.Trustor: ILEA-NA GAITAN, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS LAW 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-RCLE 95758De **CALIFORNIA** scribed 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 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 proper-NOTICE TO PROPERTY ty. NOTICE TO PROPERTI 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 postponement information is to attend scheduled sale NOTICE the TENANT: You may have то a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 976-3916, or visit this internet website tracker. auction.com/sb1079, using the 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, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to pur-chase. Dated: 2/6/2025 ZBS LAW, LLP , as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450Irvine, CA 92606For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920For Sale Information: (855) 976-3916 www.auction.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 bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation. EPP 42582

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NOTICE OF TRUST-EE'S SALE Title Order No. 91232012 Trustee Sale 22133 Account No No. STONE-0179-01 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESS-MENT DATED 01/24/2024 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-CEEDINGS AGAINST YOU SHOULD CONTACT YOU A LAWYER. On 03/11/2025 at 01:30PM, SUNRISE AS-SERVICES, SESSMENT 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 Countv 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. Said 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 Delinquent 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

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additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The claimant under said Notice of Delinguent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election 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 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 ÓWNER: 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 postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this prop-erty 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 you match the last and high est 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 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE: THIS COMMUNICATION IS 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) PI IB. 02/14/2025, 02/21/2025. 02/28/2025

95/5/ aoina usiness under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pure Water, Time Pho Boba" 8119 Scottsdale Drive, Suite A/B, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 31,2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01097

Cap City Trim Clinic LLC, 9075 Grove Boulevard, Suite Elk 100A, Elk Grove, CA 95624 doing business under the Fictitious Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cap City Trim Clinic" 9075 Elk Grove Boulevard. Suite 100A. Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 18, 2025 Publish: Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2025-01144 Jeshmeen Singh, 9224 Trout Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Enchanted Haven Travels," 9224 Trout Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 18, 2025 Publish: Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 HAVEN 3-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2025-00886 Vibnox LLC, 5650 Whitelock Parkway, Suite 130 #2, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Arth Oaks Ventures" 8595 Sona Way, Elk Grove, Ca 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 7, 2025 Publish: Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01224 Tyler John Wing, 3744 Grand Point Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wings Auto Detailing" 3744 Grand Point Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 20, 2025

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01058 Rangi Trans Carrier Inc. 8663 Jenrose Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rangi Trans Carrier" 8663 Jenrose Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of

izbeth Salazar opez 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 LIZBETH 3-7-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE 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-

sons 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 3-7-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV024426

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

ELK GROVE CITIZEN 2-28-25

TS CA06000012-16-5 No: 127-0840-004-0000 APN: то 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 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 30, 2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT

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TRUSTEE SALE

YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY SOLD AT A PUBLIC E. IF YOU NEED AN BE SALE. 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-TRONIC REGISTRATION 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. 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 CA06000012-16-5 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may gualify as an "eligible tenant buyer' or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: January 21, 2025 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA06000012-16-5 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0470341 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE)

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City of Elk Grove INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic bids will be received at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids prior to 10:00 a.m. local time (09:59:59 according to the PlanetBids official Bid clock) on Thursday, March 27, 2025 for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

2025 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT - ADA AND CONCRETE REPAIRS (WPR025)

Bids submitted after the time specified will not be accepted.

Description of Work:

The proposed work shall be performed in accordance with the plans, specifications and other contract documents and shall consist of the following: installation of a storm drain, pedestrian push button assembly and posts, and reconstruction of existing concrete curb ramps and sidewalks at various locations throughout the City (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$1,135,707.

Bidder shall have current standing as a City approved pre-qualified Bidder prior to submitting a bid for this Project. Bidders that submit a Bid without being pre-qualified shall have their Bid deemed non-responsive.

In order to bid on or to be listed on the bid proposal for this Public Works Project all Contractors and subcontractors shall be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and be qualified to perform Public Work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code. Unregistered Contractors may still submit bids provided the bid is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by either Section 10164 and 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code and all Contractors including subcontractors are registered with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform Public Work pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1725.5 at the time the bid is submitted. DIR registration is not required on Projects that do not exceed \$25,000, which are for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work or for public works projects for maintenance when \$15,000 or less.

Construction License:

Bidder must possess a current valid Class "A" General Engineering, Class "C-8" Concrete, and/or Class "C-12" Earthwork and Paving Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California.

City of Elk Grove **INVITATION TO BID**

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2025 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT - SLURRY SEAL AND PAVEMENT **RESURFACING (WPR025)**

Bids submitted after the time specified will not be accepted.

Description of Work:

The proposed work shall be performed in accordance with the plans, specifications and other contract documents and shall consist of the following: placing slurry seal, micro-surfacing, twolayer treatment system, adjusting utility frames and covers, and re-strip various streets throughout the City. (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$4,640,053

Bidder shall have current standing as a City approved pre-qualified Bidder prior to submitting a bid for this Project. Bidders that submit a Bid without being pre-qualified shall have their Bid deemed non-responsive.

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For Pre-Bid Information and Information Pertaining to the Construction Plans and Specifications, Contact:

Robert French, Project Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department Telephone: (916) 478-3648 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:

Local Hire and Community Workforce Training Agreement Requirements:

Whitney Yann, Management Analyst I, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department Telephone: (916) 687-3062 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

Plans, specifications and other bid documents may be examined and/or obtained at the City of Elk Grove City Hall, Public Works Department, located on the second floor of 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. A copy of the bid documents may be obtained at the City Hall upon request and payment of \$15.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of \$20.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable. Bidders may also view and download the plans, specifications, and other bid documents at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. Any Addendum shall only be issued electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. In person requests for Addendum shall not be accepted by the City during the pandemic.

By:

Date: February 19, 2025

Christina Castro, PE Capital Program Division Manager

Elk Grove Citizen 2-28 and 3-7-2025

City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at the hour of 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove City Council will conduct a public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, to consider the following matter:

Additions to Elk Grove Municipal Code Chapter 16.81 (City of Elk Grove East Franklin Facilities Fee), Chapter 16.82 (City of Elk Grove Laguna Ridge Park Fee), Chapter 16.89 (Affordable Housing Fee for Non Residential Development), and Chapter 16.95 (Development Impact Fees).

The proposed action includes additions to the following chapters of the Elk Grove Municipal Code: Chapter 16.81 (City of Elk Grove East Franklin Facilities Fee), Chapter 16.82 (City of Elk Grove Laguna Ridge Park Fee), Chapter 16.89 (Affordable Housing Fee for Non Residential Development), and Chapter 16.95 (Development Impact Fees), to add the definition of designated outdoor area and to add a section regarding fee exemptions related to designated outdoor areas.

The City of Elk Grove has historically charged development impact fees on any outdoor dining area associated with a non-residential business whose primary purpose is the serving of customers related to a restaurant, brewery, or winery or similar type of establishment. The City wants to attract and support these local businesses, and would like to exempt the outdoor dining areas of these businesses from the City's development impact fees.

Refunds on Impact Fees Paid on Designated Outdoor Areas

The proposed action will also include refunds to (i) business owners who paid development impact fees on the designated outdoor area of their business since 2020 which are still in business. or (ii to property owners who paid development impact fees for a designated outdoor area on behalf of a tenant since 2020.

Information or questions regarding this item should be referred to Renee Daguman, (916) 478-2203, or to the office of Finance, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA, 95758. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the close of the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

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

Dated/Published: February 28, 2025 and March 7, 2025

JASON LINDGREN CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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

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nunity Workford roject is subject to the requirements of the City's Local Hire and Cor Training Program and the City's Community Workforce Training Agreement (CWTA). A copy of the CWTA and a summary of its requirements (CWTA Summary) is attached to this solicitation. By submitting a bid, the Contractor acknowledges that they have read and understand all the requirements, terms, and conditions of the CWTA, and have included all costs associated with compliance with the CWTA in its bid.

In accordance with the CWTA, the Contractor and all listed subcontractors must execute Addendum A to the CWTA ("Agreement to be Bound") and provide a copy of the executed document to the City before the contract can be awarded. Each subcontractor for Work covered by the CWTA listed on the bid, hired in anticipation of the bid, after the time of bid or after contract award must also execute Addendum A to the CWTA. No subcontractor shall perform Work prior to executing Addendum A and providing a copy of the executed document to the City.

Contractor must include the provisions of this section, as well as a copy of the CWTA, in every subcontract for Work covered by the CWTA.

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Capital Program Division Manager

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NOTICE OF PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT

NOTICE OF PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Posted: February 20, 2025

Pursuant to Government Code 6061 and Education Code 5092

On December 18, 2024 Elk Grove Unified School District Board Member, Gina Jamerson, for Trustee Area 4, resigned creating a vacancy on the Board of Education.

The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education has appointed Delia Baulwin to assume the Trustee Area 4 vacant seat on the Board.

The date for the provisional appointment of Delia Baulwin to the Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education was February 13, 2025.

Unless a petition containing a sufficient number of signatures calling for a special election pursuant to Education Code 5091 is filed in the Office of the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools within 30 days of this provisional appointment, it shall become an effective appointment on March 15, 2025.

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Lecture Series to Explore the Impact of Overlooked Female Artists

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

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The contributions of female artists have long been overshadowed and overlooked in the art world, but an upcoming lecture aims to change that.

"Women in Visual Arts," at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center on March 8, offers an in-depth exploration of the contributions of female artists, with a focus on how those contributions have often been neglected, underestimated or sometimes misattributed to their male counterparts.

The lecture will take place from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and is presented by local art educator and historian Dale Chilcoat. It will focus on women in visual arts, including the Impressionist painter Mary Cassatt, modernist Georgia O'Keefe, self-taught artist



Dale Chilcoat, a local art educator and historian, will host the first of a three-lecture series, "Women in the Visual Arts," from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 8 at the Elk Grove Arts Center.

Grandma Moses and a host of European influences from the renaissance and beyond.

He specially noted Grandma Moses, a selftaught "Naïve artist," who during the 1950s rose to popularity after starting a career in painting at 78, but has since fallen in relevancy among art educators and the general art viewing public after her death In 1961.

Chilcoat said while female artists are currently in one of the best places they've been when it comes to recognition, there

is still a lot of work to be done to help bring recognition to the works of their predecessors.

"What I am going to do is talk about, to begin with, is talk about how women have been neglected in the history of art," Chilcoat said. "Generally, women did something notable; when they died, they were forgotten."

Chilcoat, who has an extensive background in public school arts education, received his undergraduate degree from Arizona State University and completed graduate work in New York, California and Italy, including time studying art history at the University of Florence Italy.

The lecture series is part of the larger "Women in Art" series from March 1-27, which will present a collection of works from female artists alongside historical perspectives and important moments for female identifying artists.

Chilcoat will return on July 19 to host "An Afternoon with Vincent Van Gogh." Presented in first person and in period dress, the lecture will discuss the painter's life and answer important questions about Van Gogh's artistry.

The lecture series will wrap up on Oct. 11 when Chilcoat will examine the Italian Renaissance. Attendees can learn about the artists from Florence, known as the birthplace of the Renaissance. Highlights include Leonardo Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael and the Medici family, one of history's most important patrons of the arts.

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is also hosting its "Young Artists Bold Vision" Spring showcase, recognizing the works of young student artists age six to 16.

The curated event will feature a collection of drawings, paintings and ceramics.

Tickets for the lecture series can be purchased online at elkgrovefineartscenter.org/lectures and will help support the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. ★

POLICE LOGS

Feb. 18

3:05 a.m. 9100 block of Klagge Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Cameron Peckham, 41, on possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

4:45 a.m., Lent Ranch Parkway/ Promenade Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Christina Caravella, 48, on possession of a controlled substance charges.

7:39 a.m., 9500 block of Four Winds Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Philip Anglin, 37, on warrant charges.

7:42 a.m., 9400 block of Mainline Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Dustin Le, 47; and Tracy Saechao, 35, on possession of counterfeit items, check fraud, violation of probation, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant charges.

9:33 a.m., 9200 block of Whittemore Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Audreanna Deroseolvera, 33, on possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, treatment-mandated felony and warrant charges.

9:57 a.m., 4800 block of Laguna West Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Rassan Zawadi, 34, on possession of cocaine or heroin and possession of drug parapherna-

Feb. 19

2:14 a.m., Promenade Parkway/ Kammerer Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Kevin Bicker, 38, on possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

10:37 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Hamza Shabazz, 19, on spousal abuse, assault with force likely to produce great bodily harm and child endangerment charges.

12:54 p.m., 9600 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Chaomin Chen, 68; and Yingjuan Chen, 38, on grand theft charges.

5:56 p.m., Bruceville Road/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Demetrius Potter, 39, on possession of cocaine or heroin charges.

10:55 p.m., 8600 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Raymundo Caldera, 46, on possession of cocaine or heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

Feb. 20

7:23 p.m., 8900 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Clyde Moore, 41, on warrant charges.

9:54 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Donald Lasiter, 63; and Daniel Josol, 31, on criminal threats, spousal battery and negligent discharge of a firearm charges.

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.



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12:12 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Jimmy Saetern, 40, on spousal abuse and child endangerment charges.

12:45 p.m., 9600 block of Ramsdell Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Verlee Ruff, 42, on possession of cocaine or heroin, resisting arrest and probation violation charges.

12:45 p.m., 7400 block of West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jimmy Ching, 32; and Scott Kollmeyer, 32, on possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

1:46 p.m., 10000 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Steven Rodriguez, 54, on burglary and repeattheft charges.

3:19 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested William Montgomery, 61, on warrant charges.

6:18 p.m., 8900 block of Gemwood Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Gabriel Nugent, 19, on felon in possession of ammunition and violation of probation charges.

6:20 p.m., 8600 block of Kiwi Circle, Elk Grove Police arrested Elizabeth Guerrero, 30, on possession of cocaine or heroin, possession of fireworks, possession of brass knuckles, felon in possession of ammunition and violation of probation charges

6:58 p.m., 5800 block of Spring Flower Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Micah Scott-Kelley, 22, on criminal threats, child endangerment, resisting arrest and vandalism charges.

7:22 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Antoine Morre, 44, on trespassing, resisting arrest and warrant charges.

Feb. 21

6:09 a.m., 4800 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Miguel Perez, 31, on DUI charges.

11:43 p.m., 8000 block of Orchard Loop Lane, Elk Grove Police arrested Jennifer Cottrell, 41, on receiving a stolen vehicle charges.

8:42 p.m., 7400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jose Navarijo Lopez, 19, on reckless driving charges.

1:36 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Tiza Thompson, 54, on spousal battery and child endangerment charges.

Feb. 22

10:26 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Paul Aldama, 51, on spousal abuse and damaging of a communications device charges.

Feb. 23

10:47 a.m., 2600 block of West Taron Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Tomas Jauregui, 31, on trespassing and warrant charges.

4:36 p.m., 9100 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Nathan Still, 21, on warrant charges.

5:19 p.m., 9100 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Kristel Rocha, 36, on burglary charges.

5:59 p.m., Grant Line Road/Highway 99, Elk Grove Police arrested Timothy Flores, 28, on receiving a stolen vehicle, possession of cocaine or heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia charges. \star



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City of Elk Grove - Planning Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

SOUTHEAST POLICY AREA SPECIAL PLANNING AREA AMENDMENT:

The Proposed Special Planning Area Amendments ("Amendments") are text and map amendments to the Southeast Policy Area (SEPA) Special Planning Area (SPA). The SEPA SPA map amendments would modify the SEPA SPA boundaries to coincide with the establishment of the Livable Employment Area (LEA) Community Plan on the southeast side of SEPA. The text amendments would reconcile the land use plan and figures to reflect the amended boundaries and the adopted Final Maps of Souza Dairy (PLNG20-056) and Esplanade West (EG-17-044). The text amendments also include amendments to the SEPA SPA's development standards and allowed use table, updates on outdated information, and typographic corrections.

The Planning Commission's recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for final approval.

The Planning Commission will also hold a study session for informational purposes only on March 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm at Council Chambers located at 8400 Laguna Palms Way.

	LOCATION/APN:	Southeast Policy Area Special Planning Area
l	ZONING:	Various
	ENVIRONMENTAL:	No further environmental review is necessary under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 (Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations) and15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning)
	PROJECT PLANNER:	Kyra Killingsworth, 916.478.3684 or at kkillingsworth@elkgrovecity.org

Dated / Published: February 28, 2025

NOTICE REGARDING APPEALS

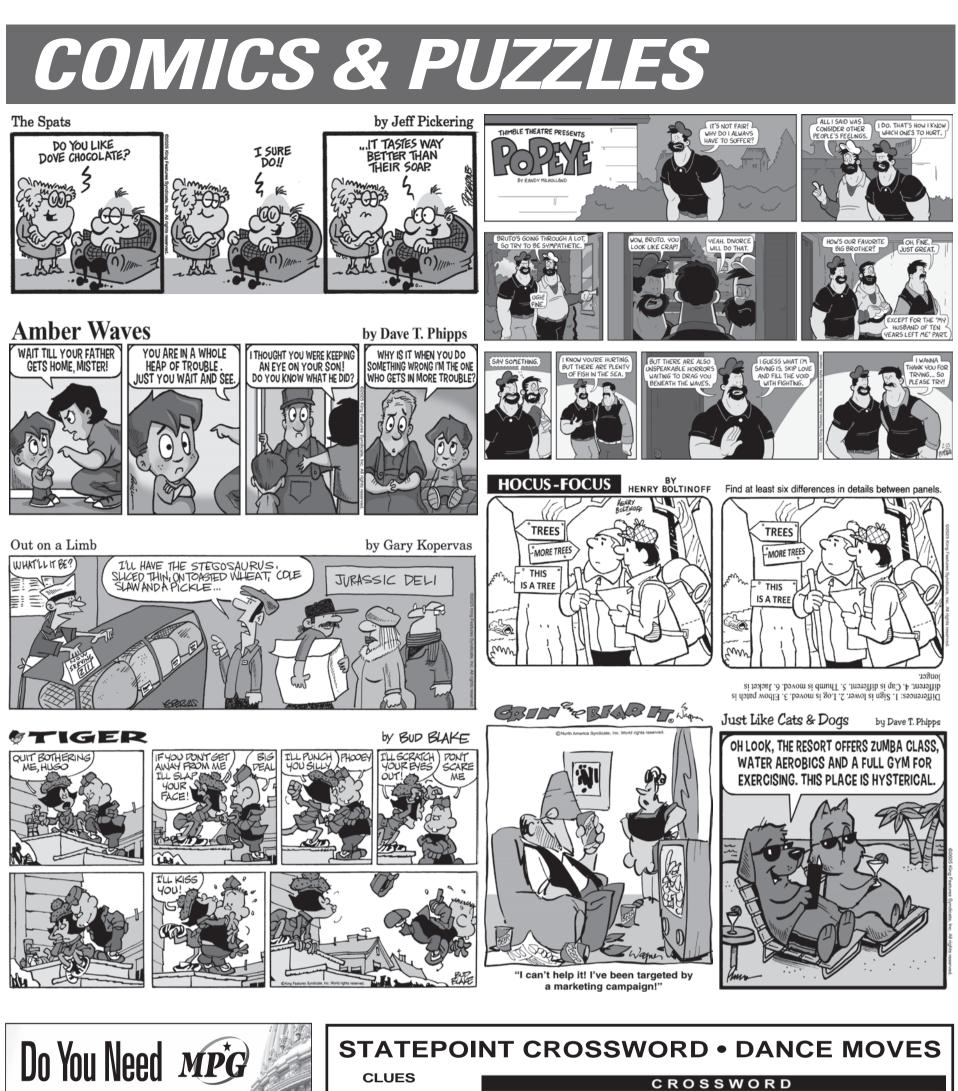
Pursuant to §23.14.060 of the Zoning Code, appeals of a final action by the Planning Commission must be filed with the City Clerk no later than ten (10) calendar days after the day on which the final action was taken, along with the appropriate fee.

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 arrangement to ensure accessibility.

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River Cats Announce 2025 Coaching Staff

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Sacramento River Cats News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento River Cats, proud Triple-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants, have announced their full coaching staff for the 2025 campaign.

Returning in 2025 are four of Sacramento's five on-field coaches from

last season, Manager Dave Brundage, Pitching Coach Alain Quijano, Fundamentals Coach Jolbert Cabrera and Assistant Hitting Coach Robert Riggins.

They will be joined by P.J. Pilittere, who will

serve as Sacramento's new hitting coach. Other returning names include Brian Reinker (trainer), Chris Walsh (trainer), and Emmanuel Gaspard (home clubhouse manager), while new to the staff this year is Chris Harms (strength & conditioning coach) and Nick Solitario (player development associate).

Brundage returns for his ninth year at the helm of the River Cats, first assuming the role prior to the 2017 campaign. In his seven seasons (no season in 2020), Brundage has amassed a 460-535 (.462) record, including a magical 2019 season in which Sacramento won 73 contests and were both Pacific Coast League and Triple-A champions.

In 2024 Brundage guided the River Cats to an overall record of 80-70, his most wins in a single year with Sacramento. Currently, Brundage has totaled the second-most managerial wins in Sacramento franchise history, trailing only the 578 of Tony DeFrancesco (2003-07, 2009-10).

Cabrera prepares for his ninth season in the Giants' organization, the sixth as fundamentals coach of the River Cats after assuming the role in time for Sacramento's championship 2019 season. Twice Cabrera has helped the team set franchise records, tying the mark for fewest errors committed in 2021 (103) before rewriting it in 2024 (98). Quijano returns to Sacramento for his second season, his fifth total in the San Francisco organization after spending his first three as pitching coach with the Eugene Emeralds. Under his tutelage, the River Cats recorded 80 wins for the first time since 2012 and pitched their most innings in Sacramento franchise history (1,326.0). Additionally, the 1,460 strikeouts totaled were the second

the .258 opponent batting average was the fourth lowest.

Riggins

returns for his second year with the River Cats, his fourth in the San Francisco organiza-

tion after also serving as the hitting coach/strategist for the DSL Giants Black from 2022-23. Alongside former River Cats hitting coach Damon Minor, Riggins helped mentor the team to their best batting average (.265) since 2021 with the most at-bats as a team in Sacramento franchise history. The 837 runs scored last year by the River Cats were the fourthmost in franchise history, as were the 689 walks drawn.

Pilittere joins the San Francisco organization and the River Cats for his first season, most recently spending time as the assistant hitting coach for the Colorado Rockies for the 2022-2024 seasons. For all three seasons under Pilittere, the Rockies finished top five in the National League for doubles, and last season finished seventh in the N.L. in triples. Prior to his stop with Colorado, Pilittere worked the 2018-21 seasons with the New York Yankees, making the playoffs in all four seasons while twice coaching in the ALCS.

The season begins on March 23 when the River Cats battle their parent affiliate in The 2025 Exhibition Game presented by Sky River Casino. A full season schedule is available online at www.rivercats. com, with game dates and times subject to change. Tickets and ticket memberships are currently available by calling a Sutter Health Park ticket representative at (916) 371-HITS (4487), or by visiting www.rivercats.com/tickets.

Sac State Mourns Longtime Coach

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Sacramento State University News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State University is saddened to announce the passing of former Hornet gymnastics coach Randy Solorio following a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 63 years old.

A fixture on the Sacramento State campus for nearly 40 years, Solorio served as an assistant coach, head coach and kinesiology instructor since 1986.

"The man loved Sac State, this was his home, and his family," current head coach Melissa Genovese said. "Randy's impact goes far beyond the gymnastics floor. Some could argue his ballroom dance class

was the most popular class on campus. You couldn't go anywhere on campus without someone knowing Randy. His personality and love of life was contagious, and he always looked at the positive side of everything. That outlook and his years of dedication had a profound impact on Sac State gymnastics and every person he met."

Solorio was the head coach of the Hornets from 2016-23. His first season at the helm saw Sacramento State win the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation championship and saw four Hornet gymnasts advance to the NCAA West Regional. That season, the team posted three top 10 overall scores, including the two best scores in school history. His teams went on to add three more top 10 marks and account for over half of the top totals in program history.

Following his retirement, Solorio remained close to the program, frequently stopping by practice and serving as an analyst for the team's video streams of home meets. One of his largest contributions to Sacramento State gymnastics came to fruition this past summer when the team moved into its new training facility. Solorio was instrumental in the creation and design of the facility and worked closely with University Enterprises Inc., from a dream to completion.

"This is a sad day for Sacramento State

and we are mourning with his family and loved ones," Director of Athletics Mark Orr said. "Randy was a beloved member of the campus and left a positive impact on countless people. He dedicated a large portion of his life to the University and his legacy will carry on through the hundreds of student-athletes he coached and the staff that he mentored."

Outside of gymnastics, Solorio taught ballroom dancing and weightlifting classes for the kinesiology department and was also a member of the UEI board. Throughout his life he starred in local theater, musicals and commercials in Sacramento. Solorio regularly showcased his vocal skills by singing the national anthem prior to meets where he

> was accompanied by his wife, Jori, and daughter Kaycee. Solorio began his tenure at Sacramento State in as an assistant coach under Kim Hughes. The duo proved to be a great team, guiding the Hornets to seven conference titles. The Hornets also made their first NCAA

regional team appearance during the stretch, advancing to the postseason in 1999, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Those efforts did not go unrecognized as he was named the West Region Assistant Coach of the Year in 1990 and 2006, the USA Gymnastics Assistant Coach of the Year in 1997 and the MPSF Assistant Coach of the Year in 2014 and 2015.

Solorio was elected to the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee in 2018 where he helped establish rule changes for the sport and oversaw the national championships. During his time on the committee, the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championships reached new heights, setting record numbers for viewership and appearing on national broadcast television for the first time.

Prior to coaching, Solorio was a decorated gymnast himself, earning All-America honors on vault, high bar and floor exercise while competing for UC Davis from 1980-82. He finished his academic career at Sacramento State where he earned a bachelor of science in exercise science and master's in sports performance.

Aggie Earns Pitcher of the Week Award

UC Davis Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - UC Davis senior right-hander Noel Valdez held Gonzaga scoreless for six innings in the Aggies' 3-1 win on Feb. 15 and was honored with the season's first Big West Pitcher of the Week award, the conference announced on Feb. 17.

Valdez, the South San Francisco native, kept the Bulldogs off balance in an efficient manner, allowing just four hits, striking out three, and surrendering zero walks, setting the tone for the rest of the pitching staff over the final two days of the series.

Valdez's six innings pitched tied for the most among all Big West pitchers this past weekend, along with Cal State Fullerton's Mikiah Negrete.

This is Valdez's first Big West Pitcher of the Week honor, and the first weekly award for an Aggie since the 2019 season when both Logan Denholm and Chris Brown swept the weekly awards after a dominating series win over Northern Colorado.

The Aggies were back in action on Feb. 18, hosting Pacific for the first midweek game of the season with the Aggies using a 5-run first inning to propel themselves to a 11-7 victory over the Tigers.

UC Davis senior right-hander Noel Valdez was honored with the season's first Big West Pitcher of the Week award on Feb. 17. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics



Curling Comes to Sacramento Region

Wine Country Curling News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Wine Country Curling Club is excited to once again host our annual Barrel Bonspiel at Skatetown Ice in Roseville from March 14 to March 16.

The club has 20 teams from Sacramento, Roseville, Northern California, Nevada and Oregon coming to Skatetown Ice to curl in pool-play-to-bracket tournament with the winning team getting their name added to the legacy trophy.

Each team will play two games on Friday, March 14, and two games on Saturday, March 15. There is also a HOT SHOTS contest on March 15 at 8:30pm. Finals are scheduled for Sunday, March 16.

This year's tournament will also include a banner-unveiling ceremony for the current USA Curling Arena Nationals Champions: Team Spangler.



The Wine Country Curling Club is hosting the annual Barrel Bonspiel at Skatetown Ice in Roseville from March 14 to March 16. Photo courtesy of Pixaby

Team Spangler [Camren Spangler (Meadow Vista), Chris Hillman (El Dorado Hills), Junior Feldman (Sacramento), and Brian Feldman Sacramento)] won GOLD at the 2024 Arena National Championships held last fall in Wausau, Wisconsin. The Arena National Championship was created for curlers who curl on ice that is shared with hockey players and ice skaters.

Curling is an ice sport that requires players to slide 42-pound stones over an ice sheet to a target at the other end. Clubs around the country and the world host tournaments (called bonspiels) which brings players together in friendly competition. Wine Country Curling Club hosts two tournaments a year, The Barrel Bonspiel in March and the Crush Bonspiel on Labor Day weekend.

Considered to be one of the most captivating sports, curling is popularly known as chess on ice and a hybrid of bowling and shuffleboard. Americans flocked to the sport with intrigue and fascination when the Winter Olympics were televised from Torino in 2006, Vancouver in 2010, Sochi in 2014, South Korea in 2018, and Beijing 2022.

Readers might also remember that Team Shuster from the United States brought home GOLD in the 2018 Olympics from South Korea. Shuster's win catapulted curling to the front page of every newspaper and the lead story in every newscast.

Bradshaw Christian Comes Up Short in Section Championship

Story and photos by Alejandro Barron

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -After 100 total minutes of regular and overtime play, the No. 2-seed Bradshaw Christian Pride fell to the No. 1 seed Millennium High School of Tracy Falcons in the Division VI 2025 CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Championship game in a penalty shootout at Cosumnes River College.

The Pride and Falcons could not put it in the back of the net leading to a 0-0 draw, which led to the Falcons goalkeeper being the hero in the shootout saving three penalties for the championship win.

"It's heartbreaking and I'm just so proud of these guys," Pride head coach Andreas Batiansila said. "I've worked with these guys, some of them, since the sixth grade and to be here in this moment to come down this. These guys work so hard so it's more pride than disappointment."

Despite practicing penalty kicks leading up to this match, the Pride were able to only score two of their





Bradshaw Christian's senior goalkeeper, Tim Anderton, attempts to save a penalty in the penalty-kick shootout against the Millennium Falcons on Feb. 22. The Falcons would miss one of their five penalties.

Penalty that crowned the Millennium Falcons as the Division VI 2025 CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Champions at Cosumnes River College on Feb. 22.

five from the penalty spot.

"I felt almost responsible because I have to pick the top five, so I had picked five but those guys, we practice that every single practice so it's intense moments, it's hard," Batiansila said. "I don't know what it's like in this moment, only these guys do so I put them in the position to win and they gave it their all."

The most dangerous chances for the Falcons

came early in the match when shot bounced off the crossbar and hit the Pride's goalkeeper in the back on his diving attempt and ended up in the back of the net.

The Falcons' players celebrated before the referee called a goal kick as it hit the football goal post and not the actual crossbar of the goal.

The Falcons had most of the possession early on, but this disallowed goal was a sort of waking call as the Pride began to gain possession and both squads would go back and forth before going all 80 minutes of regular time and two two-minute halves of overtime.

"I didn't think it would go all the way to (penalty kicks)," Batiansila said. "It was the one and the two, we were the best two guys, right? We were facing them, and they outplayed us really in parts of it, but we were even and up until a few inches in the end. A few inches make the difference."

Despite the loss, the program has turned around for the better under Batiansila and this core of players compared to four seasons ago. The Pride went from 0-10 in league play to now competing for a section title.

"We have a firm foundation on Christ and that's where we built it, and character is the number one thing here," Batiansila said. "We build off that, we're all encouraging each other, all supporting each other and that's the key. The rest of the stuff, the tactics, that comes second because I'm building young men."

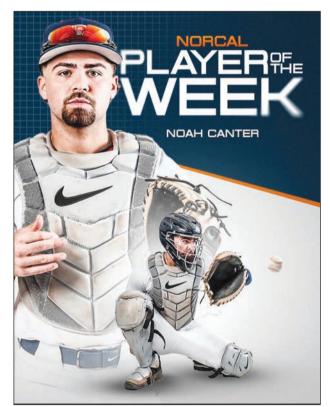
The Pride's season ends with an overall record of 14-8-1 and as the runners-up in the section. \bigstar

EG Alum Wins NorCal Player of the Week

By Alejandro Barron

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - For his play during the week of Feb.10-16, sophomore catcher of the Cosumnes River College Hawks and Elk Grove High School alumnus, Noah Canter, was named NorCal Player of the Week award by the California Community College Baseball Coaches Association.





Association.

Canter went 7-11 over that span which was good for a .636 batting average with four home runs, three doubles, seven RBIs, two walks and a hit by a pitch for a .714 on-base percentage.

"I think the biggest thing was just simplifying everything," Canter said. "I was really focusing on just seeing the baseball and keeping my still and not trying to do too much. I was trying to hit line drives in the gaps and the home runs just happened."

The General, as Canter's being called on the Hawks social media accounts and by coaches, has been a

Noah Canter at the plate in the Cosumnes River College Hawks non-conference home game against the West Valley Vikings on Feb. 22. The Hawks went on to win by a score of 9-6. Courtesy photo

leader for this team, assistant coach Scott Haynes said.

"To me, (he's) the best catcher in NorCal," Haynes said. "He leads, he does everything, never complains, he's the first guy here, the last guy to leave. He's everything you want in a catcher."

It has not been an easy road for Canter, as he tore his Achilles tendon his senior year of high school while also sustaining knee injuries around the same time which included tearing his posterior cruciate ligament which put him out of action for two years.

"It's not an easy process at all with the rehab and everything so I'm grateful for the man upstairs," Canter said. "It's a blessing so I've really leaned on my faith."

Haynes said that this level of play is due to

Noah Canter won NorCal Player of the Week, awarded by the California Community College Baseball Coaches Association, for his play during the week of Feb. 10-16. Photo courtesy of @ BaseballCRC on X

Canter being able to be on the field again, as now he's putting on display what kind of player he can be when he's fully healthy.

Last season, Canter's freshman season saw him play 40 games for a .271 batting average with four home runs and 38 RBIs while this season, he's already surpassed his home run total from last season with six and is more than halfway to his RBI total with 21.

"Last year I was just

trying to do too much at the plate," Canter said.

"I was trying to be Superman and not Noah Canter. Ultimately, we've made some good adjustments and we're going to continue to do so as the season goes on."

Canter and the Hawks at the time of publication hold an 11-3 overall record and he said that he and the team will take things day by day while trying to reach the peak of the mountain at the end of the season.

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It's Girl Scout Cookie Season

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (GSHCC) is excited to announce the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Season, running from Feb. 21 through March 16. This Cookie Season will span communities in the Greater Sacramento, Stockton, and Modesto regions.

When girls participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program, the largest entrepreneurial program in the world, they acquire a host of invaluable entrepreneurial skills, including goal setting, money management, decision making, people skills, and business ethics. Each box of cookies sold allows Girl Scouts to develop an inextinguishable entrepreneurial spirit, gaining courage, confidence, and character as they conquer new feats and embark on new adventures. Girl Scouts obtain transferable life skills through various badges and awards, including Cookie Business badges, Financial Literacy badges, Cookie Entrepreneur Family pins, and Entrepreneur badges.



Girl Scouts of Northern California with their cookie display. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts of Northern California.

"GSHCC's Cookie Program goes beyond selling fan-favorite cookies; it ensures a bright and promising future for our Girl Scouts," said Girl Scouts Heart of Central California CEO Linda E. Farley, Ed.D. "Through the Cookie Program, girls acquire important skills in goal setting, decision-making, money management, people skills, and business ethics — skills that will help them make an impact in the world and become our future leaders."

Starting on Feb. 21, Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at booths outside local grocery stores, shopping centers, and community events across the region. Girl Scouts Heart of Central California encourages cookie enthusiasts to support Girl Scouts by using the Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Cookie Finder website feature, which provides an easy and convenient way to locate cookie booths in the community.

About Girl Scouts Heart of Central California

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California is dedicated to building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Through various programs and initiatives, the organization empowers girls to take the lead in their lives and communities.

Headquartered in Sacramento, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California serves more than 16,000 girl and adult members across 18 counties including: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Mariposa, Merced, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yuba, and Yolo.

Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors, and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voices and make changes that affect the issues most important to them. To join us, volunteer, reconnect, or donate, visit www.girlscoutshcc.org.

Drumming Up History



Martin Ross takes his steel drum to Albert Schweitzer Elementary to illustrate the development of African music during Black History Month. Photo courtesy of Martin Ross

By Susan Maxwell Skinner

areas. The steel drum's festive sound crosses many cultures. When I'm playing, I feel I'm

Shelf-Ready ADU Plans Welcomed

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On a roughly one-acre property in rural northern Sacramento County, Rick Field is one of the first county residents to build an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) using the county's shelf-ready plans.

Sacramento County's new shelf-ready Accessory Dwelling Unit plans have been met with enthusiasm from residents in the unincorporated areas, with the first units already in the construction phase. The program, which offers free, pre-approved detached Accessory Dwelling Unit plans, has made the process of adding secondary housing units more affordable and efficient for homeowners.

The plans, which adhere to the 2022 Residential Building Code and have received prior approval from the county's Building Permits and Inspection Division, speed up the permitting time frame and remove the added expense of having a full set of drawings prepared for a permit. By providing ready-to-use designs, Sacramento County is significantly reducing permitting times and saving homeowners thousands of dollars in architectural and engineering costs. "We've recently set a goal to make Sacramento County the best place to build in the region, and these shelf-ready ADU plans are one way of the ways we are doing just that," said Troy Givans, Community Development director. "We are thrilled that these plans have been so well-received by our residents. So far, 15 residents have submitted site plans for their ADUs."

Since the launch of the shelf-ready Accessory Dwelling Unit program, residents have responded positively, taking advantage of the cost savings and streamlined approval process. Many homeowners see these Accessory Dwelling Units as a practical solution to housing needs, whether for extended family members, rental income or downsizing while remaining on their property.

One of those residents is Rick Field, the second customer to use Sacramento County's shelf-ready Accessory Dwelling Unit plans.

"We decided to build an Accessory Dwelling Unit about a year ago," Field said. "We saw that some other counties had ADU plans available and were on the lookout for plans from Sacramento County."

Field applied for his Accessory Dwelling Unit in October 2024 and is currently in the construction phase. Although he had hoped for completion in March, some delays have pushed the timeline to April. Despite this, he remains enthusiastic about the program and its benefits.

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Musician and community activist Martin Ross marked Black History Month (February) with a presentation detailing the evolution of Black percussion at Carmichael's Albert Schweitzer Elementary School.

Hauling his steel drums to the class of teacher Suzanne Anderson, Ross (55) faced fourth- to sixth-graders. His tutorial demonstrated African polyrhythm and its eventual collision with European music.

"The kids and I were able to conclude that sometimes, out of difficult circumstances, beautiful things arise," Ross said. "They danced, they played instruments and we all had fun. We agreed that sharing love is the best way forward for everyone."

Ross, a former Salvation Army pastor who uses music and sports to reach children, was recently listed among the 20 "Top Black Changemakers" for Sacramento.

He first heard steel drums while studying at University of California, Berkeley.

"The musicians told me what their instruments were," Ross said. "I loved the joyous sound. Next semester, I joined them."

In the Salvation Army, Ross got 10,000 hours of steel drum practice while collecting outside stores at Christmas.

"Music's done so much good in my life and career," Ross said. "I've used it in tutoring, particularly with kids from underserved

connecting with everyone."

Ross is now an executive for the nonprofit Health Education Council. He sits on the Carmichael Park District board; chairs Sacramento County's Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee and is a Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency commissioner. The six-foot-plus taekwondo black belt teaches martial arts to youth and has coached basketball, track and race-walking.

His Schweitzer School workshop was presented by the Carmichael Kiwanis' K-Kids group and club Treasurer Wayne Lang, as part of Black History Month programs.

Ross also told students about his uncle, Warner Freeman, who helped the integration of high schools with the historic "Little Rock 9" effort during the 1950s.

"Uncle Warner is a proud part of my family and an inspiration," Ross said. "Like me, he was a musician. He played classical guitar and sometimes jammed with Bob Dylan and Joan Baez. He also taught martial arts. He knew all along that he wanted to teach."

"The arts and sports create a sense of belonging for some kids who don't do so well academically," Ross continued. "Both are additional motivations for kids to stay in school and graduate."

Contact Ross at rossmtca@gmail.com for more information.

The available plans include two 460-square-foot studio/one-bedroom units, an 870-square-foot two-bedroom unit, a 1,000-square-foot two-bedroom unit and a 1,184-square-foot three-bedroom unit.

To use these plans, applicants must submit a site plan to indicate where on their property the Accessory Dwelling Unit will be placed. While modifications to the pre-approved designs are not permitted, their variety and thoughtful layouts cater to a wide range of needs.

These plans might not work on all parcels within the unincorporated county due to setback and firewall requirements but they should work with most. "The hardest part was getting the site plan drafted. Once that was done, I had the permit within about a week or two," Field said. "I'm all for these plans. Nothing's perfect in its first draft but these plans are good."

Field also praised the responsiveness of the permit department and the continuity of inspections, noting that having the same inspector throughout the process was a huge benefit.

"The Building Permit division has been very responsive. I've had an inspector come out and issue a correction ticket and the same guy came out to re-inspect," Field said. "The continuity was great! Overall, I've been very happy with the process and department."

Living on just under an acre of land, Field saw the Accessory Dwelling Unit as a great way to utilize previously unused space. He plans to rent out the unit, once it's completed, adding valuable housing to the community.

With interest growing and the first projects moving toward completion, Sacramento County's initiative is proving to be an effective strategy for expanding housing options in the region.

For more information on the shelf-ready Accessory Dwelling Unit plans, visit building.saccounty.gov/pages/adu.aspx. ★

Mental Health Help Available 24/7

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - In the heart of Sacramento County, a team of compassionate professionals is reshaping the way that mental health crises are addressed.

The Community Wellness Response Team, staffed by trained behavioral health professionals, provides trauma-informed crisis response, ensuring that those in need receive care without law enforcement intervention.

Every call that Community Wellness Response Team members answer highlights the significant impact that they have on individuals in distress.

Earlier this year, a middle-aged man

called, overwhelmed by depression and frustrated from waiting weeks for medication. He had reached a breaking point. He called 988, desperate for help after learning his next medical appointment was still three weeks away. He was angry and ready to end his life.

At the time of the call, he was outside of City Hall and had a plan to provoke an officer so they could help "end it all." He hung up the call.

Community Wellness Response Team's mental health counselors sprang into action, meeting the caller at City Hall. Through patient conversation, Community Wellness Response Team specialists provided the support that the overwhelmed man needed to de-escalate, ultimately transporting him to a mental health urgent-care clinic where he could receive immediate care. By simply showing up and listening, the team changed the course of his life.

This is just one of the thousands of individuals finding hope in moments of despair from the Community Wellness Response Team. From individuals struggling with anxiety, facing loneliness and suicidal ideation to overcoming addiction, the team has been a beacon of support.

"The biggest success is saving lives," said Alexsandria Lose, the Community Wellness Response Team's mental-health program coordinator. "Every day, we remind people that they are not alone."

The work is not without its challenges but the rewards far outweigh them.

"Every day is an honor to serve," Lose added. "We support each other as a team, and together, we've helped over 1,000 callers find a path forward."

For those facing mental health struggles, the message is clear: Community Wellness Response Team is here 24 hours a day, seven days a week. By dialing 988 anytime, residents can reach this dedicated team that is ready to help, free of judgment and full of compassion. In Sacramento County, hope is just a call away.