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This is an aerial view of the town of Hood and the Sacramento River. Residents in this tiny community worry about the impacts of the state's planned Delta tunnel project. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

#### By Alastair Bland CalMatters.org

Change tends to come at a creeping pace, if at all, in the Sacramento River community of Hood. Families

sleepy agricultural community. One of the smallest towns in the region, Hood lies at ground zero of the main construction site for the Newsom administration's proposed Delta water tunnel project. "This will make our town uninhabitable," said Dan Whaley, who helps manage his family's business, the Willow Ballroom, a community landmark across the main street from Hood's post office. "There will be so much heavy equipment and traffic and people going through town that the locals will be driven out."

The \$20 billion water conveyance project will feature a 45-mile. 36-foot-wide tunnel beneath the West Coast's largest estuary. Its two intake

**City Council Exempts Specific** Outdoor **Dining Areas** from Fees



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

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - In a move to help attract more restaurants, breweries and wineries, the Elk Grove City Council voted to approve an ordinance exempting outdoor dining areas from development impact fees at its recent City Council meeting.

The ordinance amends sections of the municipal code which previously included outdoor dining areas as part of the overall total square footage. According to city documents, the fees are often paid by the business owner, and not the property owner, and were perceived as an economic burden to new developments and expansion plans for current businesses. The Council voted 4-0 to approve the amendment; Council member Darren Suen was absent from the meeting.

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that settled in this Delta outpost generations ago remain today, and pear orchards planted decades ago are still the region's signature crop.

Now Hood, population 271, is facing a formidable transformation that residents fear will shatter their

facilities — which will draw river water into the system - will be situated just a river bend north and south of Hood.

Various versions of the tunnel concept have been discussed for decades. Continued on Page 4

> "This is great news," Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen said. "I am glad that we are doing this."

> The council also authorized the city manager to execute refunds totaling approximately \$156,000 to six businesses that paid development impact fees on outdoor dining areas after Jan. 1, 2020.

> City Finance Analyst Renee Daguman said staff recommended Jan. 1, 2020, as the date because it was when the city started to see more intertest for establishments with outdoor dining.

> "A number of businesses that opened in those five years have reluctantly paid development impact fees for those outdoor dining areas," Daguman said.

> According to council documents, the city reached out to 12 local jurisdictions in the region to identify whether they charge development impact fees on outdoor dining areas. Seven of them do not charge those fees, while three of them charge a lower percentage of the maximum development impact fee amount.

The remaining two jurisdictions charge 100% of the development impact

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# **Delta League Baseball Season Begins**



Justin Dougan delivers a pitch in the Pleasant Grove Eagles' Delta League game against the Jesuit Marauders on April 12, 2024.

#### Story and photos by Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) -The start of the Delta League is set for March 24 and is played by threegame series spread across Monday, Wednesday and culminating on Friday

across six different weeks. Some teams are returning with familiar faces, others with new faces, while there's a new addition to the Delta League.

#### Franklin

The Wildcats were not available for comment at

the time of publication, but they enter this season as the three-time reigning Delta League champion, which includes a Sac-Joaquin Section Championship in 2023.

Prep Baseball California ranks the squad, led by head coach Bryan Kilby, at

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No. 10 among ball clubs in California.

#### It's clear why.

The Wildcats return to the field led by top collegiate prospects like right-handed pitcher Dylan Wood, committed to the University of Arizona,

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# **Pleasant Grove Hosts Robotics Competition**

#### Story and photos by Emanuel Espinoza

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Many schools from across California and the U.S. participated in the regional FIRST Robotics Competition at Pleasant Grove High School March 15-17.

Thirty-four teams from different high schools competed in the event, which includes several skills-based games featuring robots programmed by High School . The students have until the end of February to the beginning of March to build the robot to prepare of the Sacramento regional competition.

The competition itself pits three robots each on opposite sides of the field. The rounds occur in two and a half minutes, and feature multiple skillsbased games.

Each of the teams had their designated number. Pleasant Grove's team number was 2073 and their team's name was

"EagleForce Robotics."

Pleasant Grove Head coach Matt Beaudin said that every team gets a twominute-long video in early January to get the game's specs and that it's also up to the students to brainstorm ideas to build and program a robot within eight weeks.

"We have some kids putting in 300 hours between the first weekend of January and the last weekend of April, which is typically the season," Beaudin said.

Conner Provins, a Pleasant Grove High School junior and mechanical lead for EagleForce, said that the team was founded in 2007 with eight members and throughout the years, the team has grown to 45 members. He noted that their team has their sub-towns, such as mechanical, outreach, scouters, strategy and business.

Provins said that he had been a part of EagleForce since his freshman year and plans to be a part of it

his freshman year in college as a FIRST Robotics Competition mentor.

Velma Lomax, regional director for FIRST Robotics, said each robot is randomly generated depending on which alliance they are a part of. The teams are comprised of multiple robots based off of each's strengths and weaknesses.

"With each robot being randomly generated, there has to be three on the blue alliance and three on the red alliance," Lomax said. "Never will you play with all three robots the same. You might play with one, two might play again but never all three."

PGHS's cafeteria and small gym had the pits for the teams to work and prepare their robots. The big gym was where the field was for the competition. Lomax added that with Saturday being a practice day, many of the kids involved had not gotten their robot on the field for the competition.

"Most of these kids



Many of the teams' robots practiced in the field to further prepare for the main competition.

never had the robot on the field, some of them already competed in week 1 and week 2," Lomax said. "But they've never been on the field, so this was their time to calibrate their robot to get everything working. So that's why we give them a practice day."

Among the 34 teams in the competition, many came from various parts of California, such as Southern California, Northern California and Central California. However, one team came from outside of the state. Team SCREAM represented Smith-Cotton High School in Sedalia, Mo.

Michael Wright, head coach of Team SCREAM, said that his team likes to do a destination trip every other year and likes to meet new teams from different programs.

"When we won the world championships last vear, we were pre-qualified, and we looked at the calendar of events and I thought 'why not come to California and compete with the best robots in the world?" Wright said. "There's a high number of quality teams out here."

Smith-Cotton High senior and Team SCREAM captain Morgan Withers said she and her team

achieved success back home and "punched their ticket to the worlds championship." She said that her team was excited to compete with the other teams.

"It's always exciting to compete with other teams we don't get see often," Withers said. "California is a new place for us. In my sophomore year, we went to New Orleans, and we always make new friends and lifelong connections at these events."

The competition wrapped up on Monday, March 17 after press time. Check egcitizen.com for the competition winners.  $\star$ 

### **Elk Grove Animal Services' Adoption Event Next Week**

#### By PetSmart Charities

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Pets are family, and can bring hope, companionship and unconditional love to their people. Adopting a pet in need of a home can bring joy to people and impact communities, alleviating

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strain on overcrowded shelters.

The Elk Grove Animal Services will bring adoptable pets to PetSmart, 8215 Laguna Blvd., on Wednesday, March 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

for PetSmart Charities® National Adoption Week.

Elk Grove Animal Services aims to find homes for 20 or more pets during the event.

Elk Grove Animal Services is proud to announce that a PetSmart Charities Adoption

Prep Grant will support the addition of a dedicated, part-time Adoption Counselor at the PetSmart Adoption Center. Through this innovative partnership, Elk Grove Animal Services aims to place more than 250 cats into loving homes this year, giving more pets the second chance they deserve.

"Support from PetSmart Charities is truly life-changing for the animals in our care and the families who welcome them home," said Sarah Humlie, animal services manager for the City of Elk

Staff and volunteers are available to help make ideal matches considering lifestyle and other preferences such as energy levels, personalities, sizes, etc.

Grove.

More information about Elk Grove Animal Services can be found online at elkgrovecity.org/ AnimalServices.





# **Preserving EG History at the Historical Society**

#### By Ramona Scarborough

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The aim of the Elk Grove Historical Society is to search for, preserve, and share Elk Grove and the surrounding area's history.

However, just because the word "historical" is part of their name doesn't mean that the organization isn't continually active today. At their recent board meeting on March 10, the group discussed new projects to enhance their capability to host more and bigger events for the community.

Future projects include a barn to accommodate large functions with displays, bathrooms, and an enlarged parking lot. A roof to cover and preserve an authentic covered wagon was also to receive bids.

Not overlooked are smaller tasks like painting the bathroom doors, mowing the lawn, killing weeds and having a contractor pour a large concrete slab with electrical outlets for use by participants. Bids were to be gathered to ensure cost effectiveness.

Each committee head



Elk Grove Historical Society directors pose for a photo on their board meeting day. Photo by Chris Scarborough

for the Historical Society's five fundraisers was called upon to report on their progress and share what else would be done before the date arrived.

Since the Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration in December 2024, and the Black Tie with Santa were such well-attended events for the organization, the society is anticipating another sellout crowd for the Spring Tea, held this year on May 25. Guests will arrive in period costumes or summer frocks. Decorated tables with delicate China teapots and dishes, flowers, finger foods, and desserts

will add a festive touch. Beforehand, some of the volunteers will plant the flowers that have already arrived.

On June 26-29, the annual Yard Sale will be held. However, the collection of items starts on May 16. They don't accept any upholstered furniture.

The Founder's Day on the first Saturday in September will feature authors of books about history. The Elizabeth Pinkerton Historian of the Year will be awarded.

Businesses and individuals can lend their monetary support or volunteer help for any of these occasions. Go to their website, elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com to donate.

In the meantime, the public can attend a free presentation by speakers on history or other current topics on Monday evening. This event is held once a month for eight months out of the year.

Louis Silveira, speech coordinator, said, "This year's docket of interesting speakers has already been filled."

On Saturday, March 22, the historical society is holding a special event, not part of the speaker series, for Bill Cartwright, a NBA legend who won a state championship with the Elk Grove High School Thundering Herd in 1975. Cartwright will speak about his career, his time growing up in Elk Grove and Sacramento, and provide opportunities to have his book signed.

Another outstanding venture of the society is The Living History Program at Rhoads School. Besides local and nearby elementary schools, interest in the program has expanded to students in Davis and Shingle Springs. Fifty-eight classes have already signed up. Five schools have been added this month.

Bret Bartholomew, the Historical Society's president, said, "The CCSD is a great partner, and their staff liaison, Eric Sturges, Park and Golf Operations Manager attends meetings with us to keep us up to date and coordinate our efforts."

Most of the board members have been serving for several years, like Jeanette Lawson, who has been a member for 25 years and is presently the treasurer.

"I feel I am helping a worthwhile endeavor," Lawson said.

"A neighbor encouraged me to get involved and I've been here doing whatever I can for five years," John Frassetto said.

The Historical Society has categorized a treasure trove of information in the basement of the museum. To access court documents, high school yearbooks, a section on the Lewis and Clark expedition, and a complete morgue of the Elk Grove Citizen newspaper, call to make an appointment at (916) 685-8115 or email eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com

If you have historical pictures, objects, or documents to donate, please contact them at the above email. They are always looking for volunteers.

To become a member of the society, fill out a short application and join the over 300 members. The cost is \$30 per year; members will receive a newsletter about all events.

Go to their website for an overview of what is available for you and your family: elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com. Or follow them on Facebook. ★

# Elk Grove Writers Guild Supports Creativity and Networking

#### By Ramona Scarborough

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** -Writing is such a solitary occupation, but thanks to the Elk Grove Writers Guild, it doesn't have to be.

Since 2019, the Guild, a nonprofit organization, has brought local writers together to collaborate and share their progress. At the monthly meetings, each member is given the chance to tell the group what they are working on and what they have done to advance their writing the previous month. The camaraderie helps members be accountable and show progress in their work. Meetings also serve to keep writers abreast of current information about changes in the literary world, discuss writing tips, explore current training available in our area, and seek answers to questions about their trade.

most publishers reject creative work that solely uses AI, there are other ways it can be legitimately used without censure. The issue of writer's block was brought up by a concerned author. Several members commented on how they personally beat the problem.

An announcement was made about who would be speaking and what subjects they would cover at the upcoming Writers Guild Conference at the Holiday Inn on Oct. 25. An agent and editor will be attending to look over authors' work. Conference registration is only \$60.



Local writers can have their works reviewed, gather tips and gain insight as members of the Elk Grove Writers Guild. The group meets monthly in Elk Grove and features a number of local published authors and writers. Photo by Chris Scarborough

For example, at the March 7 meeting, one of the topics discussed by members was the use of AI in writing. Though Speakers are brought in regularly at monthly meetings to address diverse topics related to writing. Writers who regularly attend the two-hour monthly sessions agree they are greatly benefited.

The gathering features writers from a variety of genres. There are participating authors writing memoirs, mysteries, thrillers, dystopian novels, family histories, poetry, a courtroom drama, humor, science fiction, non-fiction and literary fiction.

Rosemary Covington-Morgan, a writer of character driven fiction, said she attends "especially for the networking opportunities." She has published a novel, "The Dancer-A Murder Mystery"; a novella, "Swimming through the Mud" and a collection of short stories, "Tales from the Rio Vista Writers." "Information about completing my novel has been especially helpful," she said.

George Hahn, the Writers Guild's vice-president, and publisher of nine science fiction books, also praised the event. His tenth book, "Energy Unlimited," will be available for purchase this month.

"I appreciate the feedback," Hahn said. "It is necessary to hear what other people think of what you have written."

Loy Holder, the Guild's president, said he been privileged to meet the group of "talented writers."

"They have become my friends and inspire me to keep writing and finish my book, 'Cat and Mouse,' a suspenseful romance story," she said.

Attendees do not have to be published authors to join. The yearly cost is \$65. Members will receive a bonus of a monthly newsletter with writing advice and happenings in our area. Members may request to share their work in the newsletter.

The meetings are held at the Round Table Pizza at 10054 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the first Friday of every month.

For more information, see egweg.com.

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# City Council Exempts Specific Outdoor Dining Areas from Fees

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#### City Council OKs Names for Five Parks

Five parks in Elk Grove received their official names, thanks to a resolution approved by the Elk Grove City Council on Tuesday, March 12.

The five parks are currently under construction throughout Elk Grove and are a mix of trails, neighborhood and pocket parks.

Sun Grove Park Site is a one-acre local park near Whitelock Parkway and Big Horn Boulevard and was dubbed Coyote Oaks. It will have a shaded picnic area, open space and a walking path in addition to play areas for younger and older children.

Mendes Park, a nineacre park, is the largest of the five parks and is located near Bilby Road and Big Horn Boulevard. It was called Mendes Ranch Park. It will have a tennis court, a basketball court, a nature garden and ample open space. It will be horse themed and also have children's play areas.

Pocket Park One, called Creekside Park, is located at 7526 Afonso Way near Montaria Way and will have adult fitness equipment, picnic tables and trail access. It will take up .23 acres.

Pocket Park Two was named Trailside Park. It's a .22 acre park located at 7566 Afonso Way near Mercado Court and features a covered picnic area and trail access.

The Trailhead was named Hitching Post Trailhead and is located at the corner of Horvath and Stillwagon streets in the Elliot Springs Development. It will also have adult fitness equipment, in addition to trail access.

The city partners with Cosumnes Community Services District in a joint naming committee to determine the names.

City policy bars any parks from being named after a living person or being named after dead people until two years after their deaths.

"You do want to pay tribute to not only the area, the neighborhood, the lifestyle, some of those aspects and we did sometimes fuse certain ideas together, so it was an exhaustive process," Singh-Allen said. "I thought it was a lot of fun to do, and we really recognized each other's comments throughout this process."

# Long-Awaited Delta Tunnel Strikes Fear in Locals

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The goal is to upgrade the massive project that sends water to 27 million people, mostly in Southern California, and vast sprawls of farmland. By diverting river water miles upstream, the tunnel would bypass the ecologically sensitive Delta, where regulations restrict pumping, and allow more water to be sent south.

The tunnel project still needs several state and federal permits, and faces multiple legal challenges from environmental and community groups, including the Delta Legacy Communities, a nonprofit representing Hood and other small towns along the lower Sacramento River. In spite of these obstacles, state officials anticipate starting construction as soon as 2029.

Standing north of town beside Highway 160, Mario Moreno pointed upstream, across an old Bosc pear orchard inside of a levee. The entire property, he said, could eventually become a complex of cement and steel, with a holding basin and a chasm that draws water into the tunnel system.

Turning south, he gestured past Hood, toward the downstream intake site. "And my little town is right there," said Moreno, who grew up in Hood and now lives in nearby Elk Grove but remains chairman of the Hood Community Council.

The planned intakes will be massive industrial complexes, lining thousands of feet of riverbank and covering hundreds of acres of



Dan Whaley, owner of the Willow Ballroom in Hood, says tunnel construction noise and traffic will ruin his town. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

farmland with fuel stations, septic systems, sludge-drying fields, access roads, parking and grout-mixing stations.

Construction will mean years of noise, air pollution, dust and traffic. Once operational, the intakes will be capable of diverting 6,000 cubic feet per second of water — a fraction of the Sacramento's floodstage flows but more than its volume in dry periods.

The water will flow by gravity through protective fish screens, under the highway and into sedimentation basins. As the water clarifies, it will move toward the intake shafts and drop into the tunnel system, which will lead to Bethany Reservoir, near Tracy. Eventually, the water will enter the California Aqueduct, the main artery that transports water south.

Major water agencies that could receive its water endorse the Delta Conveyance Project, as it's officially called.

But opposition runs statewide, with many environmentalists saying the project is a water grab that will destroy what's left of the Central Valley's fish populations. Anti-tunnel sentiment is especially fierce in the Delta, where many fear the project will leave them with the dregs of the river.

Carrie Buckman, the tunnel project's environmental program manager with the California Department of Water Resources, said pumping limits will protect the river, and existing rules that safeguard downstream water quality will remain in place.

But Delta farmer Harvey Correia, who grows chestnuts and figs 25 miles downstream of Hood, said saltwater intrusion from San Francisco Bay is already a recurring problem for him, and he believes the tunnel will make it worse.

"The farther upstream they divert the water, the lower our water quality will be," Correia said.

Dirk Heuvel, of McManis Family Vineyards, said half of the 400-acre vineyard he leases will be lost to the southern intake. The facility will also cut off his access to clean river water, forcing him to draw from nearby Snodgrass Slough. Fed by irrigation runoff, the slough's water quality is poor, which Heuvel said will reduce the quality of grapes and wine and harm his brand.

"If you asked me today if I wanted to lease that property, I'd walk away," Heuvel said.

#### Modernizing the Delta Water System

In an early iteration in 1965, the Delta tunnel was to be an aqueduct. Billed "the peripheral canal," it was killed by voters in 1982. It reemerged in the 2000s as a pair of tunnels. In 2019, Gov. Gavin Newsom downsized the plan to a single tunnel and has promoted it since.

California's Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot said the "whiplash between very dry conditions and very wet conditions" gives the project great urgency. In December, Newsom called the tunnel "the most important climate adaptation project in the United States of America."

According to state officials, the tunnel will increase annual Delta exports of water by half a million acre-feet, enough to serve almost 5 million people. Buckman said this will offset expected water losses this century due to climate change.

Jay Lund, a UC Davis professor emeritus of civil and environmental engineering and geography, said the upstream tunnel intakes will be much less vulnerable to saltwater intrusion from San Francisco Bay, adding a layer of protection to the state's water supply. He said the tunnel will provide cleaner water than the supply pumped from the southern Delta, which must undergo costly treatment.

The tunnel's upstream diversion point will avoid the earthquake risk of the levees rupturing and allowing seawater to flood water pumps and other facilities, according to state officials, though they acknowledge this danger is small.

State officials routinely remind the public of potential water supply benefits of the tunnel with a "what if" recap of recent rainstorms.

"If we had had Delta conveyance in place this year ... by the time we got to that big three-day storm in February, we would already have filled San Luis Reservoir," said Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth during a March 4 presentation, referring to a large storage facility near Interstate 5 in Merced County.

#### Chasms, Cranes and Boring Machines

Such arguments about bolstering California's water supply do little to gain the support of Hood, Courtland, Locke and other Delta communities south of Sacramento, where the construction will bring traffic, dust, and other daily disturbances.

Building the project will be a gargantuan undertaking lasting an estimated 13 years, and the intakes in Hood are just the beginning. Every few miles along the tunnel path, crews will dig vertical access shafts, some more than 100 feet wide. These will serve as entry, exit and servicing sites for tunnel-boring machines.

The excavation will produce 14 million cubic yards of earth. This sludge will be tested for hazardous contaminants and, when necessary, disposed of offsite. Much of the rest will be spread across fields and, to suppress dust emissions, planted with cover crop seeds.

To address the plethora of expected impacts on Delta residents, state officials have proposed a suite of "community benefits." Outlined in the project's Final Environmental Impact Report, these benefits include new recreation areas, swimming lessons for all Delta residents, support of local agriculture and various economic development programs.

Gia Moreno, Mario Moreno's niece and a teacher in Clarksburg, thinks the offerings will be too little, too late.

"We won't even be here to benefit from any of the things they're offering," she said.

While the proposed benefits include "marketing of the region for tourism," restaurant owner Michelle Mota expects throughtown traffic will decline. Mota, who runs the Hood Supply Co Bar and Grill with her husband, fears the project will displace residents, deter visitors and make her restaurant unprofitable.

"It's our only means of livelihood right now," Mota said. "We're really unsure about the future."

Rep. Josh Harder, a Stockton Democrat, described the benefits as "a bribe program to placate outraged communities."

This story was originally published by CalMatters.

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MEMORIAL **TIM WILSON • 06/1/1953 - 02/17/2025** Tim Wilson, 71, passed away peacefully at his home Europe twice as part of the Army Band, an experience

Springs, Florida, after a short illness. Georgia was born July 10, 1942, to Allen and Margaret Blaine Stouffer in Salinas, California.

She grew up in the Alta Mesa area and was in the last eighthgrade class to graduate from Colony Elementary School. Georgia was active in 4-H during her elementary and high school years, exhibiting livestock at numerous county and state fairs.

She graduated from Galt High School in 1960 and attended Sacramento City College. In the 1970s, Georgia started her career in Tupperware sales in the Elk Grove area Her success in sales provided an opportunity to travel to interesting places and create lasting and treasured friendships.

Georgia was a gifted gardener and creative seamstress throughout her life. After retirement, Georgia



and her husband Tom moved to the East Coast to be near her daughter's family, where she enjoyed her role as "Nana" to her grandchildren.

Georgia is survived by her husband of 39 years, Tom Curtin of Coral Springs, FL; her daughter Ginny Bowerman (Dennis) of Parkland, FL; her son Mike Cioli (Katie) of Portland, TN; her sister Laurie Cotulla of Sacramento, CA; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Her welcoming smile and generous hugs will be sorely missed by her family and friends. in Fallon, Nev., on Feb. 17, 2025. A heartfelt celebration of life was held in his honor at his home on Feb. 28.

Tim was born on June 1, 1953, in Sacramento, alongside his identical twin. At

age 7, his family moved to Elk Grove, where they settled in the Walnut Orchard. Tim attended Elk Grove Elementary, Joseph Kerr Middle School and graduated from Elk Grove High, where he became known for his musical talent. While in high school, Tim played in four different bands: EGHS Marching Band, EGHS Stage Band, DeMolay Stage Band and Coda (a local hit band).

Following high school, Tim was sure to be drafted into the U.S. Army, since his draft number was 15. He enlisted for three years and proudly served with the 1st Infantry Division Band, playing trumpet. Tim toured

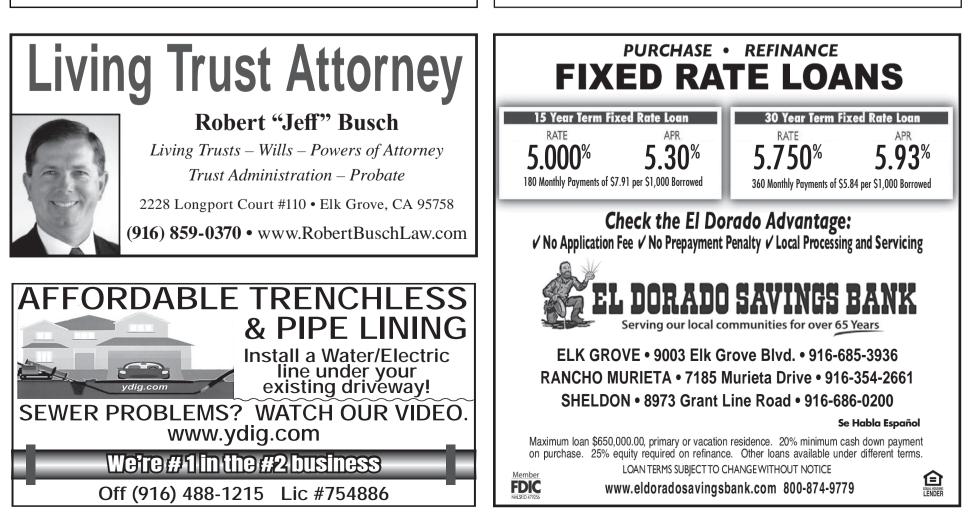


he cherished deeply. After completing his service, Tim returned to college, earning an Associate degree in Computer Science.

Tim's professional life was marked by his work as an

electronic technician for various companies, including Hughes Aircraft, Signetics, Indy Electronics, and the Sacramento Army Depot. After the closure of the Army Depot, Tim transitioned to a career as a technical writer, contributing his expertise at McClellan AFB, Nellis AFB and the Fallon Naval Station.

Music and art were two of Tim's greatest passions. He began playing the trumpet in 4th grade but in recent years found his true love in the piano, often expressing his creativity through both music and song. Tim also loved painting, with a particular fondness for the soothing techniques



### **MEETING MINDERS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

The CSD board meetings can be

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

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

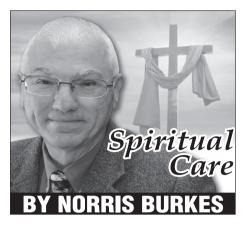
Members of the public can also view it by using the Zoom application and visiting the school district's website, www. EGUSD.net.

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

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

To access them, visit www.egwd.org.  $\star$ 

## You Can Ask and They Will Tell



Note to readers: The woman in this column is a composite character representing the conversations I've had with those seeking chaplain jobs.'

Not long ago, I was working for a hospice group when a woman stopped by my office seeking chaplain employment. Touting her recent graduation from a five-week "chaplain course," the 70-year-old had questions.

She showed her assumptions early. "I'll bet you get to lead a lot of people to Jesus in this job.'

"Not really," I said. "Our patients are from many religious and nonreligious backgrounds that I must respect."

"Oh," she said, "So do you have an understanding all religions?"

I shook my head, "Honestly, there are far too many religions to learn them all. I simply ask the patient to share their beliefs. I call this strategy 'Ask. They'll tell."

She tilted her head like a dog trying to track a high-pitched sound. I kept talking, as I tend to do.

'When you meet a person from an unfamiliar religion, you merely ask them what they believe or how they practice their religion.

"If you are willing to wait for the answers, most folks will tell you all you need to know."

I took her silence as an invitation to continue.

"But I caution you to ask questions with respectful curiosity. You must show a sincerity that outweighs your determination to convert them.

"If they sense that you are willing to honor their beliefs, they will be forthcoming.

questions has provided me an impromptu course in world religions.'

"For instance?" she asked.

I told her about a Hmong couple who asked me to help them retrieve a placenta after they lost their newborn. The grieving couple said they would bury the placenta under a tree so the baby's soul could journey back through the past and become reborn.

When I asked a Muslim father what we could do for his dying child in a combat hospital in Iraq, he asked me to place a Koran in bed with the child.

When I asked my question of two brothers at the bedside of their dying mother, they described a New Age belief quite foreign to me. Nonetheless, I listened for what they found comforting, and together, we tied a crystal around their mother's wrist.

When I asked a Chinese man what his faith taught him about consoling his dying wife, he suggested we move the hospital bed in the healing direction of feng shui. He saw this movement as the best way to use energy forces to harmonize individuals with their surrounding environment.

I know, these practices seem a bit odd to our Western sense of mainstream religion. Believe me, these encounters pushed me far out of my Christian comfort zone, too.

When a chaplain begins a dialogue with someone of a different religion, he or she must ask themselves -- "Am I seeking the information because I've targeted them for conversion - or am I seeking the information I needed to show respect for them?"

Concluding my conversation with the woman, I said "If you really want to become a chaplain, you'll need to adopt an approach that opens the faith dialogue.

Listen to those of other faiths. Only when you show them respect will you be given the opportunity to demonstrate the love taught by vour own faith."

The woman rubbed her chin, releasing some thoughtful tones, but I'm really not sure what her thoughts were.

But next time I see her, maybe I'll employ my own advice and simply ask her. After all, "listening love" is probably a strategy for most all circumstances.

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### **RELIGION NEWS**

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### 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.

#### **Community and Church Events** at Elk Grove **Presbyterian Church**

Community Events: Our Jazz & Blues

Concerts resumed on March 2 with Jazz music by Claudette Stone. The next Concert will be April 6 and will feature blues music by Charlie Wade. The May 4 concert will feature Sinatra music by Larry Ski. These 4 p.m. concerts are held the first Sunday of every month through November.

Singer/songwriter Scotty Inman has performed many times in our area, and he will return to District 56 in the fall. His music is remarkable, with messages of faith, family and life. Come enjoy his music at the concert on November 14, 2025. 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 23: "God's Foolish Patience"

March 30: "Coming to Our Senses" April 6: "Private Blessings, Public

expectations' April 13: "Not What Was Expected"

April 20: "Called by Our Name"

On Ash Wednesday we held a Drive-Through Imposition of Ashes (12-1 p.m.) and are now looking forward to Easter, April 20 – "He Has Risen!"

Please Join Us

Rev. McNamara welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 a.m. 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.

#### **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.

"This process involves a two-way discourse I call 'Listening Love.'

The strategy serves me well as I often ask patients, "How does your faith inform you about dying?

"The answers that sprout from these

thechaplain.net.

All of Norris's books can be ordered on Amazon. Autographed copies can be obtained on his website www.thechaplain.net or by sending a check for \$20 for each book to 10566 Combie Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602. ★





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

### POLICE LOGS

#### March 10

5:45 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Samantha Phillips, 36; Samuel Grozav, 38; and Sylvia Grozav, 52, on burglary and conspiracy to commit a felony charges.

11:22 a.m., Laguna Boulevard/Harbour Point Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Krisma Nunez, 22, on warrant charges.

3:40 p.m., 8300 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Bradley Merriam, 29, on possession of tear gas and drug paraphernalia and warrant charges.

3:40 p.m., 8300 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Sanjesh Singh, 48, on warrant charges.

7:53 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Jasmine Carr, 53, on burglary and trespassing charges.

8:28 p.m., 9100 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Jesus Cobmeneses, 42, on possession of controlled substance, possession of burglary tools and warrant charges.

11:05 p.m., Sheldon Road/Bradshaw Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Abdul Rahimi, 37, on possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

#### March 11

3:23 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Alfredo Ordonez, 32, on burglary and warrant charges.

5:13 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Xavier Brutus, 25, on trespassing charges.

7:50 p.m., 10500 block of Trill Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Laquell

Stevens, 34, on stalking, vandalism, and trespassing charges.

10:40 p.m., 2200 block of Yarnell Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Kelly Bowles, 44, on aggravated battery and child endangerment charges.

#### March 12

2:24 a.m., 8400 block of Gurmit Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Jeremy Mendivil, 32, on loitering charges.

2:57 a.m., 8400 block of Modena Way, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 15, on vandalism and possession of burglary tools charges.

6:52 a.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway,

Elk Grove Police arrested Jason Howe, 46, on possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

7:47 a.m., 9400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Ortican Mayson, 27, on warrant charges.

12:06 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Shawn Anderson, 43, on possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, DUI/ drugs and warrant charges.

#### March 13

12:07 p.m., 7400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested William MacIntyre, 58, on burglary charges.

12:39 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Peighton Linarez, 24, on spousal abuse charges.

6:16 p.m., 8800 block of Calvine Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Chad Fisher, 53, on robbery charges.

8:01 p.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Mason Lynn, 22, on burglary, possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia charges.

#### March 14

10:56 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Jaime McDowell, 44, on warrant charges.

3:37 p.m., 8700 block of Sapphire Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Andres Felix, 29, on driving without an owner's consent, receiving a stolen vehicle and resisting arrest charges.

6:07 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Robert Turner, 29, on possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

10 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Big Horn Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Angelo Moreno, 49, on carrying a concealed weapon and carrying a loaded firearm charges.

#### March 15

1:02 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Joshua Coleman,

42, on corporal injury to a spouse or cohabitant, robbery and false imprisonment charges.

2:07 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Nicole Irving, 33, on domestic battery charges.

10:55 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Isaiah Gordon, 19, on corporal injury to a spouse or cohabitant charges.

12:46 p.m., 8300 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Shyloh Ruffin, 21, on resisting arrest and trespassing charges.

#### March 16

12:27 a.m., Bradshaw Road/Crisswell Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Sterling Davis, 45, on DUI/ drug charges.

7:57 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Toshi Fitim, 31, on grand theft charges.

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# **Cosumnes Community Services District Seeks to Fill Board Vacancy**

#### Cosumnes Community Services District News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors has announced that it is inviting community members to fill a vacant seat representing Division 3. The Board vacancy results from Director Jim Luttrell announcing his resignation on March 13.

Luttrell has served Division 3 since December 2016 and has been a dedicated advocate for the communities of Elk Grove and Galt.

During his eight-year tenure, Luttrell played a key role in major initiatives, including providing COVID-19 vaccines to first responders and the community, building and opening Cosumnes Fire

Station 77, and building the CORE Recreation Center. He served as board president in 2021 and 2024.

"Director Luttrell has been a steady and thoughtful leader on the Board, always advocating for the best interests of our community. His dedication and service have made a lasting impact and we sincerely thank him for his service. We wish him all the best in his next chapter," said Cosumnes CSD Board President Angela Spease.

Cosumnes CSD is a Special District that provides fire protection and emergency medical services in southern Sacramento County, as well as parks and recreation programs in Elk Grove. The Board of Directors guides these essential services, ensuring safe communities, quality recreational opportunities, and a high standard of living for residents.

**Cosumnes CSD Board** of Directors Application Process: On March 17, the Board of Directors held a special meeting and voted to fill the Division 3 vacancy by appointment. Cosumnes CSD invites eligible community members to apply for the vacant Board seat. Applicants must be registered voters who reside in Division 3.

To be considered, interested individuals must submit a letter of interest to the District Office at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd. by Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 5 p.m. The Board intends to appoint a new member at its regular meeting on April 16.

The individual appointed will serve until the next regularly scheduled election, which will take place on Nov. 3, 2026.

#### Saturday, March 22 Thriftathon at Old Town Plaza - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: This urban reclaim market features over 30 vendors and is a curated flea market experience including community clothing swaps and buysell-trade opportunities. More information at americanavintagecalif.com/ thriftathon. 9615 Railroad St.

**Bill Cartwright Book** Signing – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Elk Grove High School and NBA basketball legend Bill Cartwright is hosting a book signing for his autobiography "Living Life at the Center." 9941 E. Stockton Blvd.

Saturday, March 29 Giant Pumpkin Grower's Spring Social -10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Come learn and share in the art' of growing giant pumpkins. With a few special seeds and tips from those who know best, you could grow a giant pumpkin just like the pros! Lunch catered by the Pride of Laguna Creek Lions. Preregistration is encouraged. 9950 Elk Grove Blvd.

The Creative Space **Market: Cherry Blossom** Time – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: All are welcome to our Cherry Blossom event at Old Town plaza. Our intent is to celebrate cherry blossom time. 9615 Railroad St.

Sunday, March 30 Running of the Elk 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.: The 14th annual Kaiser Permanente 5k, 10k, and kid's fun runs starts and finishes at District 56 in the heart of Elk Grove. Help us support Elk Grove Youth Sports Foundation by participating. Information and registration at: runningoftheelk.com. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

#### Saturday, April 5

Art Extravaganza and competition – 10 a.m. to 5 **p.m.:** This is a fundraising

### **ABOUT TOWN** component for the Elk

Grove Artists' educational scholarship for Elk Grove **Regional School District** students. It will include local community artists with exhibits, host vendor booths, live entertainment, and art demonstrations. For more information, call 916-715-3749. 8230 Civic

*Center Dr., #100* Wilton Bingo – 5 p.m.: Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale, and bingo starts at 6 p.m. in the Wilton Community Center All proceeds go to two non-profits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. Colony Road, at Dillard Road.

Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6 Elk Grove Music Festival – noon to 8 p.m. both days: This two-day, family-friendly music festival will be in Old Town Plaza, with local craft and business vendors, food and beverage vendors, plus a beer garden. Day one will be rock and reggae music, day two will bring Latin sounds. Tickets and information at elkgrovemusicfestival.com. 9615 Railroad St.

Monday, April 7 **Elk Grove Community** Band Concert - 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.: The band includes professional, semi-professionals, community members, and students. Concerts are in the multi-purpose room at Joseph Kerr Middle School. Concerts are free and donations are accepted. 8865 Elk Grove Blvd.

Friday, April 11 "Denim and Paws" fundraiser benefiting Paws for a Purpose – 5 p.m.: The event includes a barbecue sit-down dinner plus live and silent auctions. Entertainment includes a DJ and line dancing lessons. For more information or tickets, please visit judybagsandmore.com/

product/denim-and-pawsevent/297. District 56, 8230 Civic Center Dr., #100

Sunday, April 13 Dia de la Concha – Elk **Grove Sweet Fest – 10** a.m. to 4 p.m.: ARTners non-profit presents the 2nd annual festival, celebrating the traditional sweet breads of Mexico. There will be sweet pan dulce, cupcakes, cookies, coffee vendors, shopping with artisan crafters, themed art murals and other photo opportunities, silent art auction, music and all kinds of entertainment. More at: artners.org/ artgrove-day-of-la-concha-2025/ District 56, 8230 Civic Center Dr., #100

#### **Ongoing Activities** Widowed Persons:

March 21, 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.

March 25, 5 p.m. Sheldon Inn, 9000 Grantline Road. Contact is Addie at 916-682-3609.

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

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

**American Legion Post** 233: American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 have general meetings 7 p.m. fourth Thursday at Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m. Next meeting will be Thursday, March 27.

Family Breakfast first Saturday at Mimi's Café on the corner of Laguna Blvd. and West Stockton Blvd. For information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 or Sue at 916-683-6128. ★

## **Cosumnes Oaks Brings SAT to High School Seniors in Need**

By Charynna Torres-Calderon Cosumnes Oaks High School, SacSchoolBeat

ELK GROVE. CA (MPG) - In Fall of the 2024-2025 school year Cosumnes Oaks High School hosted its first Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), officially becoming a testing center. Since then, it has accommodated students from across the Sacramento region and beyond almost every other month: many of whom are high school seniors in desperate search of a testing center. The SAT is a standardized math and English exam used for college admissions for the past 98 years. Last fall over 1.9 million students took the exam. Yet, many Northern California high school students travel hundreds of miles to take the SAT because they cannot find a seat locally. Within 24 hours, COHS's August test date was full. And as spring test dates approach, the demand for SAT testing centers remains high. Angelina Gan, a senior at Cosumnes Oaks High, took the exam at her home campus in October. "I originally planned to take it in Nevada, so that automatically took off an eight-hour drive [and] all of the anxiety that came with having to plan such a big trip," said Gan. "I think I did better here

because I was already used to the environment." A few months prior, she had traveled three hours to Palo Alto for her first SAT.

"It was very stressful," Gan said. "We got to the hotel around 10 p.m. the night before and then at 4 a.m. I had to wake up and get ready to go to the SAT (site) which was around a 30-minute drive away."

other states such as Dallas, which had 70. Many students compare finding a test center to a lottery or a game, as the search can take hours.

"The day that they opened up registration for the new test, the nearest test center got completely filled up after a few minutes," said Nootenboom. "It took a lot of like, refreshing the page and then setting the distance to further away and then refreshing it again, until I could actually find a test center."

"It wasn't enough because there are a lot of people who want to take the test," said Nootenboom. "At the test center I went to - like that was just at one school - there were not nearly enough seats at that test center at that time to be able to facilitate all of the students at that school, and CO is

probably gonna be similar to that." "I think a lot more students are ambitious than schools may be led to believe," said Gan. "Even though many schools are now test optional, a lot of students still want to take the SAT or the ACT to improve their application."

Arie Nootenboom, another senior at COHS, shared a similar experience, traveling two to three hours to Chico.

"I had to wake up around between 3 and 4 a.m. because the test started at 8 a.m. and I really didn't wanna be late," Nootenboom said. "I heard that there was someone at my test center who got turned away at the door because they were a few minutes late, and they had also driven several hours to get there."

As a response to COVID-19 in 2021, all colleges in the California State University (CSU) system became test-blind - eliminating the SAT from admissions decisions. In 2023, the University of California (UC) system followed suit, announcing plans to create their own standardized test for. In the meantime, SAT centers have closed.

Northern California has felt this change significantly. For the August test date, the Bay Area had 12 test centers open – a stark contrast to major metropolitan regions in

"[My experience] made me more nervous to take the test, and I think that's why I didn't do as well on my first try," Gan said.

Rachel Baird, an English teacher at COHS, recognized this issue in her community and took the initiative to make her school a test center.

"[In] California, because it's test-blind now, there's just less priority on schools offering the SAT," said Baird. "And so any student who wants to go out of state or go to a private school, if they need to take the SAT because it's required at more schools this year, there's just less opportunities for them to do so ... I wanted to make it as easy as possible for our students to find a spot."

Despite this progress, some students feel it's still not enough.

"I just think that College Board or schools that are requiring the SAT need to take a more active role in making it possible for California students to get spots," said Baird. "Because right now, it's completely dependent on [high]schools to figure it out."

Charynna Torres-Calderon is a Cosumnes Oaks High School student and a Sacramento School Beat reporter. The Student Education Reporter program is funded by the Sacramento County Office of Education. Each student works with a writing coach throughout the year. The program's goal is to increase media coverage of Sacramento County schools and districts to benefit the students, the parents and educators.



#### **CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 07-2025**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTERS 16.81 (CITY OF ELK GROVE EAST FRANKLIN FACILITIES FEE), 16.82 (CITY OF ELK GROVE LAGUNA RIDGE PARK FEE), 16.89 (AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEE FOR NEW NON RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT), AND 16.95 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES) TO EXEMPT DESIGNATED OUTDOOR AREAS FROM CERTAIN CITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend EGMC Chapters 16.81 (City of Elk Grove East Franklin Facilities Fee), 16.82 (City of Elk Grove Laguna Ridge Park Fee), 16.89 (Affordable Housing Fee for New Non Residential Development), and 16.95 (Development Impact Fees) to exempt designated outdoor areas from certain City development impact fees by adding a definition of "designated outdoor area" and a section regarding fee exemptions for such areas to each specified chapter. Introduced March 12, 2025; to be adopted March 26, 2025. AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: SUEN.

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

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00647 Lawrence Vang, 10770 W Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business 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

STATEMENT FDIF2029-01097 Cap City Trim Clinic LLC, 9075 Elk Grove Boulevard, Suite 100A, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the 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

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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 ARTH 3-21-25

#### 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 Sacramento County February 14, 2025

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01168 Drums & Flats Inc., 29 Walnut Meadow Lane, Danville, CA 94506 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wingstop" 8694 Elk Grove Boulevard, Suite 3, Elk Grove, CA 94524. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 19, 2025 Kathy Nguyen, 9309 Fox Springs Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "iBeauty-ByKat/Lashes and Brows By Kat" 7601 Laguna Boulevard, Suite #140, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, 2025 Publish: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2025-01781 Michael Luong, 9531 Supreme Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fat Boy SnackShack" 9531 Supreme Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 7, 2025

Publish: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025 FAT 4-11-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2025-01733 Hitech Security Services, 9245 Laguna Springs Drive, Suite 200, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hirise Security Services" 9245 Laguna Springs Drive, Suite 200, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 6, 2025 Publish: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025

HIRISE 4-11-25 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2025-00749 Michael Bauro, 12464 Woods Road, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "I Know A Guy Services" 12464 Woods Road, Wilton, CA 95693. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 4, 2025 Publish: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025 KNOW 4-11-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-09287 Mama Bear Face Painting & Cleaning LLC, 8939 Mountain Home Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mama Bear Face Paint & Cleaning" 8939 Mountain Home Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2024 Publish: March 21, 28 April 4, 11, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01891

Jo & Ho Corp, 8568 Zinnia Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yang Kee Dim Sum BBQ" 8347 Elk Grove Florin Road, #127, Elk Grove, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, 2025

Publish: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025 YANG 4-11-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01451 Kimberli Riley, 9404 Laguna Creek Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KBooks Services" 9404 Laguna Creek Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trust-The sale will be made, ee. but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT Trustor(s): DUE. Hung Huynh, a single man Recorded: 9/30/2015 as Instrument No. XXX in Book 20150930 Page 0154 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 4/15/2025 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the East Main Entrance of the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$369,295.25 The purported property address is: 6600 CASTRO VERDE WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95757 Assessor's Parcel No.: 132-1270-066-0000 132-1270-066 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand there are risks involved that 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 **ÓWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, a coui Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale visit this internet website http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-22-943678-CL. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if vou 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 619-645-7711, or visit this internet website http:// www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-22-943678-CL 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, vou must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OC-

owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BID-DERS: For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-22-943678-CL and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: http://www. qualityloan.com. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE **CORPORATION 2763 Cami**no Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login http://www.qualityloan. to: com Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SER-VICE CORPORATION TS No.: CA-22-943678-CL IDS Publish #0236945 3/7/2025 3/14/2025 3/21/2025

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ELK GROVE CITIZEN 3-21-25 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Title Order No.: 91228334 Trustee Sale No.: PFI-231935 Reference No.: 524-L-020 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT DATED DATED 12/22/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOU CONTACT A LAWYER. SHOULD 04/03/2025 at 1:30 PM, PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 12/31/2020 Document No. 202012311038 Book Page of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder SACRAMENTO County, California, property owned by: REUBEN D. LEWIS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIERS CHECK, or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 all right, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property sit-uated in said County, describing the land therein: As more fully described on said Notice of Claim of Lien for Delinquent Assessments APN: 116-1500-136-0040 The street address and other common designation, if any of the real property described above is purported to be: 8370 CRYSTAL WALK CIRCLE ELK GROVE, CA 95758 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrect-ness 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 Delinguent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice advances, if any, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee. The estimated total amount of the unpaid balance at the time of the initial publication of the notice of sale is: \$15,958.40 PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE **RIGHT OF REDEMPTION The** claimant, BIG HORN MASTER MASTER ASSOCIATION under said Notice of Delinquent 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 OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property. you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this internet website www. nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case PFI-231935. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting. com, using the file number assigned to this case PFI-231935 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 think you may qualif 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. PLAĊER FORECLOSURE INC. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT AND DEBT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: 02/27/2025 FORECLOSURE, PLACER INC., Trustee 12190 Herdal Drive, Suite 9 Auburn, California 95603 (530) 888-8411 STELLA SHAO, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER DIRECTIONS MAY OBTAINED PURSUANT A WRITTEN REQUEST то SUBMITTED TO THE BENEFICIARY C/O PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., 12190 HERDAL DR., SUITE 9, HERDAL DR., AUBURN, CA 95603, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. NPP0471745 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE) 03/14/2025, 03/21/2025, 03/28/2025 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 3-28-25 T.S. No. 24-71623APN: 116-0170-042-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALEYOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/7/2019. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union. or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon,

of Trust recorded 5/13/2019, as Instrument No. 201905131114 SUBJECT DEED OF TRUST WAS MODIFIED BY LOAN MODIFICATION AGREEMENT RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT 202110071434 AND RECORDED ON 10/07/2021., of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale:4/8/2025 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: 334,519.47Note: 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 propertv: 9363 LOS TORRES DRIVE ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA 95624Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. A.P.N # .: 116-0170-042-0000The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, vou should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence. priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866) 266-7512 or visit this internet website www. elitepostandpub.com, using the 24-71623. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligi-ble 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 (866) 266-7512, or visit this internet website www.elitepostandpub. com, using the 24-71623 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: 3/4/2025 ZBS LAW, LLP, as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450Irvine, CA 92606For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920For Sale Information: (866) 266-7512 www.elitepostandpub.com Michael 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

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01289

John Patrick Lindsey, 9609 Cramer Cove Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lollybarktopia" 9609 Cramer Cove Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 24, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06840 Matthew James Alves, 9916 Colony Road, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "New Age Detail" 9916 Colony Road, Wilton, CA 95693. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 5, 2024 Publish: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025 NEW 3-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01437 Tawnee Russell, PO Box 1932, Twain Harte, CA 95383 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phoenix Therapeutic Services" 9920 Sorrentino Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 27, 2025 Publish: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025 PHOENIX 3-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01525 Jessica Yee, 9479 Sidesaddle Drive, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jay's Sweet Imperfections" 9479 Sidesaddle Drive, Wilton, CA 95693. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 28, 2025 Publish: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025 SWEET 4-4-25

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00968

Bonin RV, Inc, 9540 Stablegate Road, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "RV's of Sacramento" 9501 E Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 11, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01862 27, 2025 Publish: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025 KBOOKS 4-11-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01819 Jacqueline Rosha Caldwell, 8743 Summer Sun Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "LoveJoy Entertainment" 8743 Summer Sun Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 11, 2025

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#### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. FBNF2022-06993 FILED: 9/19/2022 Abandoned: 03/06/2025 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO: FBNF2022-06993 The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of Fictitious Business Name of:ELK GROVE SUBARU located at: 8581 LAGUNA GROVE DRIVE, ELK GROVE CA 95757 The fictitious business name statement referred to above was filed on 9/19/2022 in the county of SACRAMENTO. The full name and address of registrant: KNIGHT SACRAMENTO SU INC., 16005 VALLEY BLVD, FONTANA, CA 92335 This business was conducted by: COBPORATION

/s/ K. KNIGHT 3331591-PP ELK GROVE CITIZEN 3/21,28 4/4,11 2025 SUBARU 4-11-25

#### LIEN SALE

LIEN SALE 4/3/25 10AM AT 2600 NORTH AVE, SACRAMENTO 19 CHEV LIC# 9BQU040 CA VIN# 1G1JF5SB0K4129889 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 3-21-25

#### TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-22-943678-CL Order No.: FIN-22009618 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UN-DER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/24/2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPER-TY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEED-ING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAW-YER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, caLegal Advertising Hotline 916-483-2299 Legal Advertising Fax 916-773-2999

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#### TRUSTEE SALE

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ELK GROVE CITIZEN 3-28-25 T.S. No.: 241126854-5 Loan Order xxxxxxx9112 No.: No. 95530552 APN: 117-1470-007-0000 NOTICE OF STEE'S SALE YOU IN DEFAULT UNDER TRUSTEE'S ARE A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/24/2018. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's 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. No cashier's checks older than 60 days from the day of sale will be accepted. Trustor: Tania Gill Duly Appointed Mortgage Trustee: Lender Services Recorded 5/30/2018 as Instrument No. 201805301364 in book n/a, page n/a of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 4/10/2025 at 1:30 PM Place of

Sale: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 The property situated in said County, California de-scribing the land therein: LOT 7, AS SHOWN ON THE "FINAL MAP OF SHELDON FARMS, SUBDIVISION NO. P04-118", FILED FOR RECORD MARCH 27. 2006, IN BOOK 348 OF MAPS, MAP NO. 10, RECORDS OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$51,337.77 (estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8580 Neopolitan Way Elk Grove, CA 95758 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, vou should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bid-

ding 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, vou may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site www. nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 241126854-5. Information about postponements that are verv 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 TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit

this internet website site www nationwideposting.com, usina the file number assigned to this case 241126854-5 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. When submitting funds for a bid subject to Section 2924m please make the funds payable to "Total Lender Solutions. Inc. Holding Account". If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 3/7/2025 Mortgage Lender Services 7844 Madison Avenue #145 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 Phone: 916-962-3453 Sale Line: (916) 939-0772 BY: Lauren Meyer, Vice President NPP0471997 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE) 03/21/2025 03/28/2025, 04/04/2025

ELK GROVE CITIZEN 4-4-25

### City of Elk Grove

**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, April 17, 2025** for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

#### FY2025 THERMOPLASTIC RESTRIPING PROJECT (MP2503)

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: restripe various streets throughout the City of Elk Grove with thermoplastic spray material (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$165,700.

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 and/or Class "C-32" Parking and Highway Improvement Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California.

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

Robert French, Operations 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:

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.

#### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the *Valley High School, Science Wing Roofing* project at Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until 3:30 p.m., local time, on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at which time bids will be opened.

Each bid must conform to the requirements of the Drawings and Project Manual and other documents comprising the Contract Documents, which are available from Signature Reprographics, 620 Sunbeam Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811, (916) 454-0800. Prime Contractors may obtain copies for a non-refundable cost of **\$25 per set**. Signature Reprographics maintains the project plan holders' list, so it is a requirement that prospective bidders purchase their plans from Signature Reprographics to ensure that all potential bidders possess a complete set of documents including any addenda for the project. Plans may be previewed online at **www.egusdplans.com** 

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on *Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.* at the *Valley High School, 6300 Ehrhardt Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95823*. The District's Representative will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

This project involves roof replacement on science classrooms wing. This project requires a *Class C-39* license.

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

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

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sacramento County, California

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

Elk Grove Citizen 3-14, 3-21-2025

#### ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District, County of Sacramento, State of California, will receive sealed bids up to but no later than **April 11, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. PST.** for:

Bid# 792-24/25 Food & Nutrition Services, Food & Commodity Potatoes

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Jeffrey R. Werner, PE Public Works Director Date: March 12, 2025

Elk Grove Citizen 3-21, 3-28-2025

#### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the *Prairie Elementary School, Playground Reconstruction* project at Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until 3:00 p.m., local time, on *Tuesday, April 8, 2025*, at which time bids will be opened.

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

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

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on Wednesday, *March 26, 2025, 8:30 a.m.* at *Prairie Elementary School, 5251 Valley Hi Drive, Sacramento, CA 95823.* The District's Representative and Architect will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are **required** to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

This project involves replacement of playground surface pavement, playground striping, basketball stations and tetherball poles, upgraded water fountain, replace gates, accessible parking and path of travel striping. Possible minor landscape renovations. This project requires a *Class A or B* license.

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

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

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sacramento County, California

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

Elk Grove Citizen 3-14, 3-21-2025

The bid must be obtained, submitted, and received electronically online through the EGUSD online Bonfire Procurement Portal at https://egusd.bonfirehub.com

Bids will not be opened or read publicly and will be opened in accordance with the procedures set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 20112 and 1601.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids received in whole or in part, waive any irregularities in the bids or bidding, and be the sole judge of the suitability of products and services being offered.

For assistance, please contact Kirsten Garcia at kgarcia@egusd.net or by phone at (916) 686-7773.

Kirsten Garcia Purchasing Supervisor Elk Grove Unified School District

Elk Grove Citizen 3-14, 3-21-2025

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#### **CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 06-2025**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 18-2001 AND AMENDING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 2000-2 TO ADJUST STIPEND PAID, REVISE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT, AND REMOVE REFERENCE TO SACRAMENTO COUNTY CODE SECTIONS REGARDING THE CITY OF ELK GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION. The purpose of this Ordinance is to set the per meeting stipend at \$100 to be paid to each Planning Commissioner for each regular or special Planning Commission meeting attended, and to amend other portions of Ordinance No. 2000-2 to revise the method of appointment to conform to current state law and the Elk Grove Municipal Code, and to remove reference to Sacramento County Code sections regarding the City of Elk Grove Planning Commission; all other provisions of Ordinance No. 2000-2 (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) shall remain unaltered and in full force and effect. Introduced February 26, 2025; Adopted March 12, 2025; Effective April 11, 2025. AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: SUEN.

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

Elk Grove Citizen 3-21-2025

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The past week for the Sacramento Kings may very well be poorest stretch in a helter skelter season that saw the Sactown boys lose games to the New York Nicks, Golden State Warriors and Phoenix Suns by a combined total of 71 points.

Many Kings fans turned their TV sets to another channel in the fourth quarter of these games to avoid the agony of watching another beatdown. No lighting the beam last week and probably the last thing on anyone's mind.

Most fans agree that watching a seesaw battle in which your team is giving the best they have will always keep them watching to the very end but what we witnessed in the past week was hard for even the most ardent fan to lay eyes on.

Thrust into the position of point guard with the trade of DeAaron Fox, Malik Monk has struggled in his new role. Most glaring are the constant turnovers and it appears to be contagious as usually reliable ballhandlers DeMar DeRozan and Zach Lavine have suddenly joined the turnover turnstile. Forty-eight times, the Kings have turned the ball over in the past three games and that means 48 missed opportunities to put a shot up.

Entering Monday night's game against the Memphis Grizzlies, Sacramento sits in the number 9 position in the Western Conference with a 500 record of 33-33.

At no time entering the 2024/2025 season did I believe the Sacramento Kings were a 500 team.

After the firing of Mike Brown and the trading of DeAaron Fox, newcomers Zach Lavine, Jonas Valanciunas and Jake LaRavia gave hope to Kings fans that the playoffs were not a pipe dream.

The bench is stronger but the starting lineup is putting the team in a hole in the first quarter of nearly every game. The past three games saw the Kings down by double digits at the end of the first quarter and climbing out of a hole every game is not a recipe for success.

So what is the answer Kings fans? How does this newly-assembled squad put together a winning stretch that allows Sacramento fans to witness postseason basketball? With 16 games remaining, there's no more trading or adding to the team, so coach Christie will have to move the chess pieces he has.

Sadly, although Malik has wanted to be a starter for some time, he has not thrived in his new role. Coming off the bench and adding a spark seems to be the logical move for coach Christie to make.

Jake LaRavia has added much needed defense but Markelle Fultz has failed to add much to the point guard position. Coach Christie might be faced with using rookie Devin Carter who has proven himself to be a skilled ball handler and surprisingly a good rebounder as well.

Perhaps the time has come to give Isaac Jones some more court time, as this team could use his length and rebounding. Jones has received too little time on the court but seems to make an impact when given the opportunity.

Trey Lyles and Keegan Murray need to live up to their billing and add 3-point shooting to a team that is in sore need.

Cross your fingers, Kings fans, that Domantas Sabonis will stay healthy and former all-stars DeMar DeRozan and Zach Lavine will be the players we know they can be the rest of the way.

Many of the senseless turnovers come from players trying to do too much and what the Kings need is to get back to basics and keep it simple. Move the ball, make good passes and allow teammates to shoot the basketball in rhythm.

Make no mistake about it, there is plenty of talent on this team.

Play-in appears to be the logical prescription, so take your medicine Sacramento Kings and see where the Play-in might take you.

King's fans want postseason basketball and what you call it matters little. Magical things can happen when given a chance and that's what the play-in brings, a chance.

Stay positive, Kings fans, and keep those TV sets on for the fourth quarter. These guys might surprise you yet! All the best!

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

# **Social Security Matters** *Can I Avoid Paying the Medicare Premium?*



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Is there any way I can get out of paying the \$185 I am told will be taken out of my Social Security for Medicare Part B when I turn 65? We pay for Medicare all our working lives, and now I have to pay a monthly premium for insurance that only covers 80%. Signed: Disheartened Senior

Dear Disheartened: For clarification, the money you paid into Medicare while working during your lifetime was for Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage). The Medicare taxes paid while working entitled you to FREE Medicare coverage for Part A inpatient hospitalization coverage, but they do not entitle you to Medicare coverage for outpatient services (coverage for doctors, medical tests, etc.). For that coverage from Medicare, you must enroll in Medicare Part B, for which there is a monthly premium (\$185/ month for 2025). If you wish to have Medicare Part B coverage, you must enroll in Medicare Part B at age 65 - unless you have other "creditable" healthcare coverage from an employer.

The Medicare Part B premium will be automatically deducted from your Social Security payment when you enroll in Medicare, and there is no way to avoid it if you wish to have Medicare healthcare coverage for outpatient medical services. But, if you currently have "creditable" healthcare coverage from an employer, you can delay enrolling in Medicare Part B (thus avoiding the premium) until your employer coverage ends. If you don't enroll in Medicare Part B during your initial enrollment period (at 65), or in a Special Enrollment Period following the end of your creditable employer healthcare coverage, then you will incur a penalty for enrolling in Medicare Part B outside of the prescribed enrollment periods. That penalty is a permanent increase in your Medicare Part B premium. FYI, "creditable" is an employer group plan with at least 20 participants.

We do not advise going without outpatient healthcare coverage, so you should carefully consider enrolling in Medicare Part B when you turn 65. If you are already collecting Social Security benefits, you will be automatically enrolled, but you can opt out of Part B if you wish – it's just not advisable, unless you have current creditable healthcare coverage from an employer.

So, to recap: the Medicare taxes you paid while working only entitled you to free Medicare Part A inpatient hospitalization coverage. You must enroll in Medicare Part B (for which there is a monthly premium) to have Medicare healthcare coverage for outpatient healthcare services. Both Medicare Part A and Part B have deductibles and copayments, for which you may wish to consider getting either a supplemental insurance plan or a Medicare Advantage plan. But, in either case, you must still have both Medicare Part A and Part B to obtain such additional healthcare coverage.

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## California's Cities and Schools Face Big Budget Gaps, Few Options

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Season 29 2025 Finale



#### By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California's state budget is mired in what fiscal authorities call a "structural deficit," meaning its revenues cannot keep up with spending mandated by current law.

For several years, Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature have papered over the chronic gap between income and outgo with gimmicks, including on- and off-budget borrowing and creative accounting, plus dips into "rainy day" funds set aside for emergencies.

Those maneuvers merely postpone the day of reckoning, because the administration and the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, project yearly multibillion-dollar shortfalls indefinitely.

The state's dilemma has several roots, most notably an erroneously high multiyear revenue forecast in 2022 that led to a belief that there would be an immense budget surplus and to sharply increased spending. The administration later pegged the revenue error at \$165 billion over four years.

That factor was exacerbated by what Petrek dubbed "a sluggish economy."

"Outside of government and health care, the state has added no jobs in a year and a half," Petek noted in a November fiscal overview. Californians who are unemployed is 25% higher than during the strong labor markets of 2019 and 2022."

State government is not alone in facing chronic budget deficits. The state's major cities and many school districts are also feeling the pinch of stagnant revenues and inflation, especially with rising worker salaries. Add the horrendous Los Angeles wildfires and President Donald Trump's potentially huge federal spending reductions and the budget gaps could become even wider.

A few days ago, Matt Szabo, the City of Los Angeles' chief administrative officer, and city Controller Kenneth Mejia bluntly warned the city council that LA is several hundred million dollars short of covering its budgeted expenditures not even counting the likely effects of wildfires on revenues and spending.

"The city is facing significant headwinds," Szabo said, adding "immediate spending reductions required."

"The city of L.A., financially, we are in trouble," Mejia told the council in a letter. He added, "The city is estimated to overspend by \$300 million over budget. So when you have less revenues compared to your budget, and you have more expenses over your budget — that's a big gap that we have to fill."

San Francisco's new mayor, Daniel Lurie, says he wants to "eliminate \$1 billion in overspending" over the next three years to cover an \$876 million deficit over two years. "The era of onetime or Band-Aid solutions is over," Lurie told other officials after taking office in January. ies, including Sacramento, are also dealing with significant deficits.

Meanwhile many school districts are also facing big budget gaps due to declining enrollment and chronic absenteeism that reduce state aid based on attendance, in addition to the expiration of federal grants meant to cope with COVID-19 and employee union demands for raises to offset inflation-hammered personal budgets.

The Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, a state agency that monitors school district finances, recently issued a report on school systems in various degrees of fiscal difficulty, with those in Oakland and San Francisco on the list of the most troubled.

The agency cited not only enrollment declines, but the jolts of losing federal pandemic aid and rising costs, particularly for fire insurance and electric power, as factors.

In theory, local officials could seek tax increases as they ponder ways to balance their budgets. However voters facing rising living costs of their own are not likely to approve of that solution.

Therefore the options are either make real spending reductions, which might mean laying off workers and closing schools, or emulate the state's gimmickry and hope the problems solve themselves.

Dan Walters is one of most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. \*

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# TY Johnson Named to All-Big West First Team

University of California Davis News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The University of California (UC), Davis senior guard TY Johnson, one of the most dynamic two-way players in college basketball, was named to the All-Big West First Team on Tuesday, March 11, as announced by the conference.

-Johnson's selection marks the fourth consecutive year the Aggies have placed a player on the First Team. A model of consistency, Johnson has earned conference recognition in each of his three seasons at UC Davis: an Honorable Mention in his debut 2022-23 campaign, a Second Team nod in 2023-24 and now a First Team honor in 2024-25.

-The Chicago native has been the cornerstone of the Aggies' success this season, starting all 31 games while averaging 21.2 points, 4.2 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 2.3 steals per game. Johnson has led UC Davis in assists 15 times this season and recorded three or more steals in 12 games, including a season-high six in a record-breaking performance against Cal Poly, where the Aggies forced 33 turnovers-the most in program history.

-Johnson's statistical profile this season places him in elite



UC Davis senior guard TY Johnson was named to the All-Big West First Team on March 11. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

company, as he is the first qualified player since Vanderbilt's Scotty Pippen Jr. in 2021-22 to rank in the 99th percentile in points per 40 minutes while also ranking in the 95th percentile or higher in steals per 40 minutes.

-Johnson burst onto the national scene early this season, leading the country in scoring at one point and earning a spot on the "Early Season" watch list for the Lou Henson Award, which honors the top mid-major

player in college basketball. His 21.2 points per game currently rank sixth nationally, and he has scored in double figures in 29 games, including 21 performances with 20 or more points and five games with 30 or more.

-Defensively, Johnson has been equally impactful, ranking 10th nationally in total steals (72) and 15th in steals per game (2.3), both of which are second among Big West leaders.

Johnson solidified himself as

the conference's premier twoway standout, slotting in as the only player in the Big West this season to rank inside the top five in both points per game and steals per game.

Johnson notably opened the season with a career-high 35 points against Washington, followed by a 30-point outing against Idaho. Those efforts earned him Oscar Robertson National Player of the Week honors, one of the most prestigious weekly awards in college basketball.

In Big West play, Johnson elevated his game even further, averaging 21.8 points per game. He matched his career-high with another 35-point performance at UC Santa Barbara on Jan. 18 and dropped 33 points against Long Beach State on Feb. 6.

His was recognized throughout conference play twice with Big West Player of the Week honors this season, bringing his career total to three.

Johnson also has etched his name throughout the UC Davis record books this season. He currently ranks fourth in program history in scoring (1,686 points, including 1,675 at UC Davis) and is one of only 26 Aggies to reach 1,000 career points. He needs just 19 points to tie for third all-time.

Defensively, Johnson is second in career steals at UC Davis and holds the program's Division I single-season record with 72 steals and counting this year. He also set a single-game program record with 18 free throws made against Long Beach State on Jan. 11, breaking the previous mark of 17 held by Fowzi Abdelsamad. Additionally, Johnson now holds every UC Davis free throw record, including most in a single season (175 and counting) and most in a career (464).

# of the Week Honors



On March 8, The Hornets' Varsity Eight was named the West Coast Conference Crew of the Week. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State University

# Hornets Receive Crew Using Tech to Improve Anglers' Experience

California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is excited to announce the launch of a web-based platform called the California Inland Recreational Angler Survey (CIRAS), that will provide the public with helpful fishing information driven by data submitted by anglers. The platform can be found at CIRAS. wildlife.ca.gov.

The California Inland ecreational Angler Survey is powered by anglers for anglers. It allows anglers to submit data regarding their fishing trips and provides immediate access to aggregated sport fishing data through an interactive "Ready to Fish" dashboard. As a crowdsourcing platform, California Inland Recreational Angler Survey requires a high level of participation among the full spectrum of California inland anglers' fishing interests to drive the quality of fishing information it provides. This new technology expands the reach of the state's Angler Survey Boxes, a network of more than 200 metal angler survey boxes located throughout the state where anglers can record their fishing experiences on paper survey slips. While the Angler Survey Boxes system is typically used to evaluate trout fisheries, the modern California Inland Recreational Angler Survey platform will provide anglers with an opportunity to submit and interact with information about any sport fish from any fishable inland or anadromous water in the state.



#### Sacramento State university News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Hornets' Varsity Eight was named the West Coast Conference Crew of the Week for the team's performance on March 8 at the season-opening Sacramento State Invitational.

The Hornets joined the West Coast Conference this season, and took home the honor in their first week in the conference.

At the Sacramento State Invitational on Lake Natoma, the Hornets took home first place in a five-boat field, which included three other West Coast Conference teams.

Despite racing with a crew that

consisted of just two seniors, the Hornets finished with a winning time of 6:53.4, followed by Saint Mary's (6:57.5), Portland (7:04.3), Santa Clara (7:28.3) and Orange Coast College (7:43.5). The Hornets raced with 4-6 mph cross winds on the course.

Sacramento State's lineup in that race was, cox - Emma Goldsmith, stroke - Nieka Marais, seven - Valarie Reed, six - Kaylee Godwin, five - Daria Okhremtchuk, four - Ella Holmes, three - Mackenzie Murray, two - Ruth Brooks and bow - Harper Waring.

Sacramento State is scheduled to be back in action for the Hornet Invitational March 15 on Lake Natoma at 8:30 a.m. ★

# Mulumba Led the Nation in Rebounding



Sacramento City College sophomore Joyce Mulumba led the nation in rebounding at the collegiate level, for the 2024-2025 season. Photo courtesy of Sacramento City College

#### Sacramento City College News Release

#### SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Congratulations to Sacramento City College sophomore Joyce

Mulumba for leading the nation in rebounding for the 2024-2025 season!

Joyce Mulumba was the only player in the country to secure 500+ rebounds during the regular season of competition on any level of college basketball. This includes National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division-1, NCAA Division-2, NCAA Division-3, NAIA, NJCAA and 3C2A.

Mulumba totaled an astonishing 516 rebounds for the 2024-2025 season and reached the 1,000-rebound milestone for her young college career.

Mulumba led the state (3C2A) in rebounding consecutively for two years and the BIG-8 Conference at 18.4 rebounds per game for the 2024-2025 season.

Joyce Mulumba is the first player in program history at Sacramento City College to lead the nation in rebounding.

This means data on additional locations and fish species will be more accessible to the public than ever before.

Historic data from the survey box program will also be uploaded into the California Inland Recreational Angler Survey providing immediate utility for those

The California Inland Recreational Angler Survey is a new web-based platform created by the state to provide helpful fishing information. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

fisheries while anglers begin to populate new locations and species data.

The web platform debuts its first phase for waters within CDFW's North Central Region and will later be expanded statewide. While the new survey can be accessed using mobile devices, the platform currently requires internet connectivity to submit angling data. However, the state plans to incorporate off-line functionality in future phases.

"The CIRAS project represents a new opportunity for the state to better understand angler preferences and performance of fisheries, while also allowing anglers to access information to plan their next fishing trip," said CDFW Fisheries Branch Chief Jay Rowan.

"By giving access to information that other anglers have entered into CIRAS, people will be able to see what species are present, catch rates, size distributions, and the time of year others are out catching fish. CIRAS also provides an opportunity for anglers to contribute directly to scientific work at CDFW, which will help us better manage the lakes and streams and improve fishing opportunities."

The state uses fishing survey data submitted by anglers to inform management actions to protect fisheries and improve angling opportunities. These surveys collect data directly from anglers about the fish they catch (or don't catch).

Data collected from angler surveys can include the species of fish caught, general fishing location, and overall angling experience from a single fishing trip. This information can also serve as an alert for state scientists when more robust surveys are necessary. This new technology will complement, rather than replace, more intensive assessments conducted by trained staff.

The state encourages anglers fishing in California Department of Fish and Wildlife's North Central Region to contribute their catch information using this new platform. California Department of Fish and Wildlife's North Central Region encompasses all or parts of 17 counties, including Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lake, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento (east of Interstate 5), San Joaquin, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo (north of Interstate 80), and Yuba.

# **Elk Grove-to-MLB Pipeline Flourishing**

#### By Alejandro Barron

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Opening day for Major League Baseball is scheduled for March 27, but the season started on Tuesday with the World Series champion Los Angeles Dodgers taking on the Chicago Cubs in Tokyo, Japan.

With another season opener in the books, another group of Elk Grove baseball products are fighting for positions on Major League Baseball teams.

One guy who you may see in the big leagues this year in Anaheim is J.D. Davis, who struggled last season as he split time starting in spring training with the Giants where he was later cut. He signed with the Athletics and was then traded to the Yankees.

Davis had a slashline of .218/.293/.338 in 46 games played last season and was released by the Yankees on Aug. 2, 2024. He was picked up by the Baltimore Orioles on a minor league contract a few days later.

Davis signed a minor league contract

with the Angels on Jan. 24 of this season, where he's been assigned to Triple-A Salt Lake but has the opportunity for a comeback year and help a struggling ballclub like the Angels.

In the Pacific Northwest, fans can catch Rowdy Tellez in Seattle after he was released by the Pirates last season. The release was perhaps to avoid paying him his \$200,000 bonus in his contract for reaching 425 plate appearance; He finished his season with 421..

Tellez signed a minor league deal with an invite to spring training with the Mariners and was assigned to Triple-A Tacoma but could be a valuable leader and bat in a struggling Mariners lineup.

Last season, Tellez had a slashline of .243/.299/.392 with 13 home runs and 56 RBIs and proved to be a clubhouse leader in Pittsburgh whether it was defending his teammates or mentoring young superstar Oneil Cruz.

The former first-round pick of the Chicago White Sox in 2018, Nick Madrigal, signed on Jan. 31, with the New York Mets.

About a month later, he was placed on the 60-day injured list with a left shoulder fracture, which is another injury to the major injuries he sustained in the past few years, including a left pinky fracture, right hamstring strain and groin strains.

Last season, Madrigal slashed .221/.280/.256 in 51 games with the Cubs.

Elk Grove High School standout Dylan Carlson departed from the only team he's known his entire career in the St. Louis Cardinals when he was traded to the Tampa Bay Rays. On Jan. 27, he signed with the Baltimore Orioles.

Carlson looked to be a big part of the Cardinals' future but a left ankle sprain in 2023 prevented him from showing his full potential.

So far this spring training, he's slashing .273/.455/.545 with two home runs and five RBIs for the Orioles.

Another former first round pick of the Detroit Tigers in 2014, Derek Hill, was picked up by the Marlins after being designated for assignment by the Giants last season and is slashing .242/.375/.424 with two home runs and 3 RBIs.

After being drafted in 2014, Hill didn't debut until 2020, and the Marlins could be a great opportunity for him to get everyday playing time and show why he was a first-round pick 11 years ago.

Last year, Hill hit a career high 39 hits, seven home runs, 25 RBIs, tying his career high with six stolen bases and games played with 53.

Once again, we have another first round pick but in 2016 also with the Tigers in Matt Manning who is the only local ballplayer who has remained with the same team who initially drafted him.

He's had his highs and lows as a Tiger and last season he started in five games and pitched 27.2 innings while posting a 4.88 ERA with an 0-1 record.

Manning will have to fight for a spot in the rotation in Detroit that includes reigning Cy Young winner Tarik Skubal and World Series champion Jack Flaherty. He's been assigned to Triple-A Toledo to start the season.

# Delta League Baseball Season Begins



Continued from page 1 infielder and right-handed pitcher Jason Harris, committed to the University of California, Berkeley, and first baseman and outfielder Dylan Minnatee, committed to Louisiana State University.

At the 2024 Perfect Game Showcase at Chase Field in Arizona, Wood's fastball topped out at 94 MPH and according to MaxPreps, he posted a 1.33 ERA backed by a 2-1 record across 21 innings pitched.

Last season as sophomores, Harris hit .297 with 28 RBIs and four home runs while Minnatee hit .380 with 28 RBIs and a home run. The Wildcats have talent around the diamond and the skills to be able to make a playoff run towards a section title, as last season they came up short as they fell in the semifinals to Rocklin. At the time of publication, the Wildcats hold a 4-0 record and their first test in the Delta League will be the newcomers to the league, the Laguna Creek Cardinals, for a three-game series beginning on March 24.

Frutchey and Pettis, those guys were able to command a pretty big workload because of their experience and I don't know if we necessarily have two guys who can slide in and eat up that many innings," Bellotti said.

Despite missing two starters who can pitch deep in games, Bellotti said he feels confident that his team is in a decent spot to contend.

With the start of Delta League approaching, Bellotti said he's played around with different lineups and been cautious with pitching early during the pre-season.

The pitchers that Bellotti highlighted that will make an impact for the Herd this season include Anthony Bascherini, Colton Lincoln, Brent Martin, Bryce Engle, Tristen Bartlett and Cooper Gannon.

As far as the top end



Eagles missed the playoffs; last season they were eliminated in the first round. Now, head coach Chris Terry, in his fourth year as head coach of the Eagles, said they're as talented as they've been in the past couple years and look to make a deeper run in the postseason.

"We're senior heavy this year with 12 seniors and we also have four sophomores, so we have a mix of old and young on this team," Terry said. "We have more depth, more pitching depth so we're excited about the season. It's just a matter of getting everyone on the right



overall record last season.

Head coach Scott Congress said that with the departure of Jesuit and Davis from the league, his team is in a better situation to be more competitive.

"Our pitching is not walking as many players, we're not striking out looking as much so we're evolving, it's not just that everyone's weaker around us," Congress said.

One of the impact players for the Wolfpack is senior Massimo Jimenez, who has five RBIs and a home run on this young season as a four-year varsity player and is getting looks from a few different



just short from advancing to the Sac-Joaquin Section Championship to having to suddenly hit the reset button.

"When you graduate 13 guys, you're definitely going to hit the reset button whether you like it or not and things are going to look different," Evans said. "So far, we've thrown the ball well and it's been hit or miss with hitting, but we've played really good defense."

Evans said that naturally there's pressure as a coach when it comes to filling the voids of those 13 graduating seniors but they're taking this situation head is senior Dom Rivera, who was a bullpen arm last season as he was learning behind some experienced pitchers but is now stepping up and showing what he's learned with Evans confident in him when he takes the mound, he said.

Along with Rivera, junior Ian Larot will be a starting pitcher as well as middle infielder for the Cardinals. Evans said Rivera has shown great mound presence in this young season and will get better each inning on the hill.

As the new team in the league, Evans has clear goals for his team to be able to compete this season.

"We want to win every inning, compete every inning," Evans said. "As I've explained to the guys that when you're playing teams with guys throwing 95 it's tough to get things going and it's tough to stay positive so I think as long as we can prove we belong and compete that's a win for us." The Cardinals will begin their journey in the Delta League with a three-game series against the Franklin Wildcats beginning on March 24.



#### **Elk Grove**

The runner up in the Delta League last season, the Thundering Herd, came up just short of a Sac-Joaquin Section Championship after being walked-off by Granite Bay in the eleventh inning.

They were led by tremendous pitching in Ned Frutchey and Russell Pettis, who regularly went deep into games, something that head coach Joe Bellotti, in his seventh season with the Herd, said they are missing this season.

"We have a lot of guys who are able to pitch at this level, but when we had of the lineup last season, Bellotti said it was senior heavy so he's now testing out who fits in those spots while still having a young team that includes four sophomores.

A position player that will make an impact for the Herd this season is senior third baseman Brent Martin, who's back after a knee injury at the end of the basketball season last year. Bellotti said the team is excited to have him back after helping the team out as a sophomore.

Other names Bellotti mentioned are senior Matt Soares and junior Hudson Hall, with both taking over behind the plate, junior Chase Groves, sophomore Antonio Cuevas, who was a varsity player last season and will also pitch more this season

Despite not coming up with a section title last season, Bellotti said the experience the Herd got in playoffs and in the NorCal playoffs was huge as far as playing in big games.

"It's always our goal to push for the section championship and I think it's a matter of staying healthy and once we get there," Bellotti said. "We feel good against anybody, and we'll try to find a way to win and hopefully we're on the right side of it."

At the time of publication, the Herd hold a 3-3 record with their first opponent in the Delta League being the Pleasant Grove Eagles for a three-game series beginning March 24.

#### **Pleasant Grove**

Two seasons ago the

page."

With pitching depth comes the welcome problem of trying to figure out the right rotation, but they expect to have a four-year varsity starter in left-handed pitcher Justin Dougan factor in a lot in the starting lineup., as Terry said he's "super critical for us."

The other pitchers that Terry thinks will make an impact for the Eagles are senior Jake Dougherty, sophomore Matt Emmons and senior Maddox Ali.

Terry said the program is looking forward to having a good year out of seniors Breydon Boyle, Cole Davis, Darian Roberts Nolan Underwood and junior Zac Black

Given this is the most talented they've been over the past few years, the goal for the Eagles is to finish at the top of the league to be able to get into the postseason, Terry said.

"That's definitely in our sights (a section title); it's in our long-term sights and I think we have a lot to do to get there," Terry said. "Obviously, there's a lot of meat left on that bone before we have to worry about that so right now, we're just trying to focus on each day getting better and learning to play with some confidence."

The Eagles at the time of publication hold a 3-3 record and will start league play with a threegame series against the Elk Grove Thundering Herd beginning on March 24.

#### **Cosumnes Oaks**

The Wolfpack look to turn the page after a 5-21

schools, Congress said.

Junior right-handed pitcher Aaron Jeremic, one of Congress' starting pitchers, is touching 90 mph in, Congress and the Wolfpack expect big things from him heading into league play.

Congress also highlights some of the young talent on his squad with his two freshmen, Michael Bourtayre and Jay McIntyre; McIntyre is currently hitting .667 in six at-bats with five RBIs and Bourtayre is hitting .333 on this young season.

Despite the rough season last year, Congress and the Wolfpack are taking steps towards improving this season as they have a 3-1 record, at the time of publication.

"Coming here and not having the baseball IQ and talent here and having to start from a different area was difficult," Congress said. "We are now finally at a point where we are playing a cohesive defense with some strategy and able to implement some play calls."

Congress said his team is much stronger and expects them to be much more competitive as they start league play in a three-game series against the Sheldon Huskies beginning on March 24.

#### Laguna Creek

The newcomer in the Delta League are the Cardinals, who had a successful season in the Metro League last season. The squad is learning to adjust after graduating 13 seniors last season.

As third-year head coach Zach Evans said, they were

on.

"There's years where coaching comes a little easier and others where you're doing everything possible to get everyone up to speed and that's why we coach, right? So far, the guys who are returning from last year's team are stepping up and they're showing they want to step up," Evans said.

As the new team in the league, Evans wants his team to be loose and have fun, but they know the level of talent they will be faced with.

Despite the tough work and challenges ahead, Evans said it's exciting to have an opportunity to play against the best talent in the area and we the Delta League the Cardinals are able to do that.

"We wanted to step into a league that pushed our program even further," Evans said. "You step into a league like that and with the talent around that Elk Grove's got as a town has, so yes it;s daunting but it's a huge opportunity to show what our program's got."

Evans said he's excited to see growth from junior Ryan Eddy. Eddy, in his third varsity season, who will be the backstop and play some outfield, Evans said, and will look to build off a season where he hit .339 with 16 RBIs as the three-hitter.

Senior Connor Elliot has been a positive thus far for the Cardinals as he's currently hitting.444 through seven games and Evans said he's expecting big things from him.

A pitcher to look out for



#### Sheldon

The Huskies were not available for comment, but they are coming off a season with a 5-22 record.

They are led by head coach Freddy Saldaña who will look to turn this ship around for the Huskies as they currently hold a 2-3 record and have not had a winning record since the 2016 season.

In their five games played, their batting average, hits and RBI leader are all junior Freddy Saldaña with a .500 batting average with six hits and five RBIs, according to MaxPreps.

Saldaña also leads in innings pitched and strikeouts as he's pitched 11 innings and struck out 16 batters across two appearances.

The Huskies start the Delta League season in a three-game series against the Cosumnes Oaks Wolfpack on March 24. ★

# **Aquatic Invasive Plants' Control Efforts Begin**

#### *California Department of Parks and Recreation News Release*

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - California State Parks' Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) began its 2025 control efforts for invasive aquatic plants in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and its southern tributaries (Delta) this month.

Starting March 20, after press time, the Division of Boating and Waterways began herbicide treatments on water hyacinth, South American spongeplant, Uruguay water primrose, alligator weed, Brazilian waterweed, curlyleaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, coontail, fanwort, and ribbon weed in the Delta. The treatment start date can change, depending on weather conditions and plant growth/movement.

"DBW continues to work with the public and our local, state and federal partners to control these aquatic invasive plants to reduce or eliminate the negative impacts on people's daily lives and businesses," said Division of Boating and Waterways' Deputy Director Ramona Fernandez. "The continued use of monitoring and technology allows the division to focus on the areas that best help us manage wthe challenges."

These aquatic invasive plants have no known natural controls in the Delta, the West Coast's largest estuary. They negatively affect the Delta's ecosystem as they displace native plants that are essential to the area's biodiversity while negatively impacting the economy, environment and public health. Continued warm temperatures help the plants proliferate at high rates.

The plants are also known to



Starting March 20, the Division of Boating and Waterways will begin herbicide treatments. Photo courtesy of California State Parks' Division of Boating and Waterways.

form dense mats of vegetation, creating safety hazards for boaters and obstructing navigation channels, marinas and irrigation systems. Due to their ability to spread rapidly to new areas, the plants will likely never be eradicated from Delta waters. Therefore, Division of Boating and Waterways operates control programs as opposed to eradication programs. The division works with local, state and federal entities to better understand the plants and implement new integrated control strategies to increase efficacy.

Funding for Division of Boating and Waterways' aquatic invasive plant control programs comes from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund, which receives revenues from boaters' registration fees and gasoline taxes.

All herbicides are registered for aquatic use with the U.S. **Environmental Protection Agency** and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. Treated areas for submersed aquatic vegetation (Brazilian waterweed, curlyleaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, coontail, fanwort, and ribbon weed) will be monitored to ensure herbicide levels do not exceed allowable limits and follow EPAregistered label guidelines. The public can view the public notices and sign up to receive weekly updates on this year's treatment season at the Division of Boating and Waterways' website at dbw. parks.ca.gov.

Below is a list of proposed area control actions for the 2025 treatment season.

Floating Aquatic Vegetation

Control Program is to control water hyacinth, South American spongeplant, Uruguay water primrose and alligator weed. Herbicide control treatment period is for all sites from March 20 to Nov. 30. Types of herbicides are Glyphosate, Imazamox, 2,4-D or Diquat.

Potential treatment areas are initially in and/or around but not limited to the following areas: San Joaquin River, Old River, Middle River, Fourteen Mile Slough and Snodgrass Slough.

The submersed Aquatic Vegetation Control Program is to control Brazilian waterweed, curlyleaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, coontail, ribbon weed, and fanwort. The herbicide control treatment period from March 20 through Nov. 30, based upon Division of Boating and Waterways field survey data, water temperatures and fish surveys, uses Fluridone, Diquat or Endothall herbicide. Potential Sacramento-area treatments will be at French Island, Hogback, Long Island Slough, Sacramento Marina, Snug Harbor and Washington Lake.

Last year, Division of Boating and Waterways treated a total of 2,649 acres of floating aquatic vegetation and 1,115 acres of submersed aquatic vegetation. No mechanical harvesting was conducted. A combination of herbicide, biological and mechanical control methods will be used to help control invasive plants at high-priority sites in the Delta.

In 1982, California state legislation designated Division of Boating and Waterways as the lead state agency to work with other state, local and federal agencies in controlling water hyacinth in the Delta, its tributaries and the Suisun Marsh. The Egeria Densa Control Program was authorized by law in 1997 and treatment began in 2001. In 2012, spongeplant was authorized for control upon completion of the biological assessment. In 2013, Division of Boating and Waterways's jurisdiction expanded to include other invasive aquatic plants, and since then, other aquatic invasive plants such as Uruguay water primrose, Eurasian watermilfoil, Carolina fanwort, coontail, alligator weed and ribbon weed have been added to the Aquatic Invasion Plant Control Program.

To report sightings, subscribe for program updates or for more information regarding the control program, connect online at dbw.parks.ca.gov/AIS, email a AIS@parks.ca.gov or phone at 888-326-2822.

# Los Rios Chancellor Brian King to Retire



**Chancellor Brian King** 

2012 after an extensive national search by the Los Rios Board of Trustees. He is the ninth chancellor in the 60-year history of the district.

Under King's leadership, Los Rios has raised more than \$60 million through grant-seeking and fundraising efforts and seen marked improvements in student Executive Committee. King also served as co-chair of the Sacramento Metro Chamber's Cap-to-Cap 50th Anniversary and the past president of the Global Community College Leadership Network.

"The Board of Trustees is grateful for Chancellor King's 13 years of skilled service," said Los faculty, staff, students and the community.

"Though I'm announcing a timeline for my retirement today, this is far from goodbye," King said. "Fifteen months is a long time and we've got a lot of work to do to expand access to our colleges and help students, especially first- generation students and students of color, realize the promise of a college degree for their family and community."





#### Los Rio Community College District News Release

#### SACRAMENTO REGION, CA

- Los Rios Community College District Chancellor Brian King will retire at the end of the 2025-26 academic year.

"Serving as the chancellor of the Los Rios Community College District has been the professional honor of my lifetime," King said in a video message to faculty, staff and administrators at the four Los Rios colleges and district office. "I'm so proud of what our district has accomplished over the past 13 years."

King joined Los Rios as chancellor in February success. In the last 13 years, Los Rios has built or significantly renovated more than a dozen major campus facilities, seen enrollment grow to beyond pre-pandemic levels and expanded programs for students and employers in the Capital region.

During his time at Los Rios, King has served in leadership roles in a number of significant local and statewide organizations, including serving as past president of the Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges Board. King has been a member of the Sacramento Metro Chamber Board of Directors and the Greater Sacramento Council Economic

Rios Board of Trustees President Kelly Wilkerson. "Chancellor King has shepherded our district through tumultuous times, always keeping students at the forefront of his decision-making. His leadership and deep commitment to creating opportunity throughout the Sacramento region has left a lasting mark on Los Rios and the students we serve."

The Los Rios Board of Trustees expects to immediately begin the process of selecting a search firm to coordinate the recruitment and hiring of King's replacement. The search process will begin this spring and continue into the 2025-26 academic year with significant engagement from

The Los Rios Community College District is the second-largest community college district in California, according to the college district, serving the greater Sacramento region. American River, Cosumnes River, Folsom Lake and Sacramento City colleges; six major education and outreach centers; and specialized workforce and economic development programs for regional businesses, governments and organizations are in the district.

For more information, go online to www.losrios. edu.

# **New Home Sales Rebounded in February**

#### North State Building Industry Association News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG)** - Sacramento - area new home sales slowed during the first three weeks of February before coming back strong during the last week of the month, according to the North State Building Industry Association on March 11.

Tim Murphy, the Building Industry Association's president and CEO, attributed the late-month surge in part to mortgage interest rate trends.

"As markets adjusted to the presidential transition, interest rates ticked upwards to a little over 7% in mid-January and then gradually eased downward," Murphy said. "That decline accelerated in the latter part of February, which likely accounted for higher sales at the end of the month."

Building Industry Association member builders sold 521 new homes in the seven-county region in February, which was above the average for the month (505 sales) but below February sales totals reported in recent years.

Sales were down 32% from February 2024 (partly because that year was a five-week month) and down 21% from January (again, partly because that, too, was a five-week month).

As mentioned, however, sales rebounded from 114 in the third week of February to 148 in the last week of the month, which was the best weekly sales total since the end of last August.

New home communities in Sacramento County reported the highest number of sales in February with 269, due largely to the fact that there are far more open communities there than in other parts of the region. Placer County finished in second-place with 154, followed by Yuba County with 49. Including adjacent Sutter County, the region reported 57 sales in all.

As is often the case, Roseville reported the most sales of any submarket

with 80, followed by Rancho Cordova and Elk Grove, tied with 56 each. Sacramento was fourth with 33 and Plumas Lake fifth with 27. Rocklin came in sixth with 21, followed by Folsom with 20, Natomas with 17, and Lincoln and Antelope, which each saw 14 sales.

Building Industry Association statistics include sales by members in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

Representing more than 500 members who provide 55,000 industry jobs, the North State Building Industry Association is committed to preserving and furthering the economic interests of its members, while working to enhance the industry's standing as a significant contributor to the regional economy. The association, founded in 1944, is comprised of builders, developers, subcontractors, suppliers and related professionals.

For more information, visit online www.northstatebia.org.

Here is a rendering of "Riparian" by HUA Design Studios, one of the new permanent art installations planned at Sacramento International Airport. Photo courtesy of Sacramento International Airport

#### Sacramento International Airport News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento International Airport (SMF) continues its public art program with a \$2-million investment in three permanent art installations as part of its SMForward expansion.

The artwork will be featured in the new pedestrian walkway, offering travelers an immersive and inspiring experience that reflects the region's natural beauty, history and culture.

"These installations are a reflection of Sacramento's vibrant history and commitment to public art, which has the power to transform spaces and create a sense of place," said Sacramento County First District Supervisor Phil Serna. "These installations will celebrate Sacramento's identity and enhance the journey for millions of travelers who pass through SMF each year."

The selected works explore themes of migration, movement and connection, featuring large-scale sculptures, intricate designs inspired by local landscapes and celestial-inspired imagery.

One installation is "Preserved Flight Path" by David Brooks, showcasing avian flight paths in aluminum and endangered local bird sculptures in the Pedestrian Walkway Hub. The second installation is "Riparian" by HUA Design Studios (Huameng Yu & Louis Chinn), evoking the Natomas Basin's habitat with thousands of suspended glass rondelles forming a murmuration, geographic brass inlays and native plant motifs.

The third installation is "Blue Moon (Theia)" by John Roloff, transforming the walkway into a cosmic-inspired space with translucent lunar imagery and meteorite-inspired flooring.

"Our goal in this art program is to cultivate an unforgettable experience for every traveler," said Sacramento County Director of Airports Cindy Nichol. "The artists will create a welcoming, inspiring environment for travelers while celebrating our region's culture, ecology, and spirit of innovation."

The new selections join iconic sculptures such as "Leap," the red rabbit in Terminal B and the giant whimsical luggage carts, "Samson," in Terminal A.

The public art program is a key component of SMForward, the airport's \$1.4-billion expansion plan, which includes new parking, a pedestrian walkway and terminal improvements. The installations are expected to be completed alongside the new facilities, further establishing Sacramento International Airport as a gateway to Northern California's creativity and diversity.