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National Night Out on Aug. 5 aims to raise awareness about crime and drug prevention while strengthening the bond between residents and public safety agencies. Photo courtesy of Elk Grove Police Department

By *Idaly Valencia*

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - National Night Out, held annually on the first Tuesday in August, is a nationwide event that brings neighbors and law enforcement together to promote community safety and unity.

Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, this evening aims to raise awareness about crime and drug

prevention while strengthening the bond between residents and public safety agencies.

In Elk Grove, National Night Out is a beloved tradition that encourages neighborhoods to come together in a show of solidarity, engagement and mutual support. Beginning about 5 p.m. Aug. 5, residents throughout the city organize block parties and community get-togethers in front yards, cul-de-sacs

and nearby parks. Most events wind down by 9 p.m.

These local gatherings foster a sense of community and help build trust between residents and public safety officials. The Elk Grove Police Department and Cosumnes Fire Department plan to visit as many neighborhood celebrations as possible throughout the evening, greeting residents and showing support for

community-driven safety efforts.

The event also serves as a visible message to criminals that neighborhoods in Elk Grove are connected, engaged and working together to keep their streets safe. It's a night filled with food, music and games, with an emphasis on creating community connection.

"National Night Out is more than just an event; *Continued on Page 2*

Building a Beautiful Future Together

Sacramento Native Author Talks Unity in New Book



Julian S. Newman, son of longtime Elk Grove residents Leon and Gloria Newman, pictured, recently celebrated the release of his new book at Underground Books in Oak Park. Courtesy photo

By *Idaly Valencia*

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Julian S. Newman, son of longtime Elk Grove residents Leon and Gloria Newman, recently celebrated the release of his new book, "Beautiful Together: How to Become a Better Leader & Bridge Builder," with a special event at Underground Books in Oak Park.

More than 50 guests attended the June 10 event, where Newman, a Sacramento native, shared insights from the book and signed copies for attendees.

The author, futurist and leadership development expert has reached more than 100,000 people through talks delivered to organizations including Google, UN Women and Wolverine Worldwide. He is also the founder and chief executive owner of The Future Cast Foundation and Culture Creative and has been featured in Forbes magazine.

Newman's talk addressed timely issues, such as incivility in the workplace, which he said has led to significant costs for organizations. According to the Society for Human Resource Management, "58% of U.S. workers believe our society is uncivil and collectively experience over 200 million acts of incivility daily, leading to approximately \$2 billion per day in reduced productivity and absenteeism."

Newman's book offers guidance for navigating workplace challenges, emphasizing emotional intelligence, effective communication and bridge-building. Newman told The Elk Grove Citizen that his upbringing in the Sacramento area, along with his parents' influence, played a major role in shaping his work.

"I really believe that my Sacramentan roots and my parents have played a huge part of the work I've done, the book I've

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Drive Family First Celebrates Grand Opening



The ribbon-cutting event on July 10 highlighted the realization of the Martinez-Motoyoshi family's decades-long pursuit of the American Dream, fueled by hard work, perseverance and a commitment to community. Photo courtesy of Drive Family First

By *Idaly Valencia*

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The evening of July 10 marked a milestone for Drive Family First, a family-oriented auto sales company, as it celebrated the grand opening of Mazda and Nissan of Elk Grove under new ownership on Laguna Grove Drive.

The event highlighted the realization of the Martinez-Motoyoshi

family's decades-long pursuit of the American Dream, fueled by hard work, perseverance and a commitment to community.

Owner and President Robert Martinez shared that the milestone was 27 years in the making. Martinez began his career in the automotive industry in 1997, where he met his wife, Shelly Motoyoshi. Their children have also taken an interest in the

business and now work in the same field.

According to its website, Drive Family First aims to create a place where every person feels supported, whether it's purchasing a car, visiting a service center or seeking collision repairs.

With both Hispanic and Japanese roots, the family's diverse heritage *Continued on Page 2*



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Little Gym to Celebrate Its Grand Opening

The Little Gym of Elk Grove News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Little Gym of Elk Grove will hold a ribbon-cutting with the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce to celebrate its grand opening on Tuesday, July 29, at 2 p.m. at 9163 E. Stockton Blvd., Suite 340.

The Little Gym of Elk Grove is the place to be for gymnastics and enrichment for children as young as 4 months up to 12 years.

Their program offers a non-competitive environment focused on developing the

whole child, from physical skills and confidence to cognitive, social and emotional development.

This event will celebrate a milestone for The Little Gym of Elk Grove as well as provide an opportunity to showcase the growing and improving business community in the city. Along with the ribbon cutting will be guided facility tours.

Among those attending will be executives and staff of The Little Gym of Elk Grove, chamber board members, ambassadors and staff as well as a variety of business and civic leaders, and members of the Elk Grove community. ★

Stronger Together on National Night Out



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it's a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish together," said Sgt. Jason Jimenez. "When neighbors come together, it builds trust, creates safer streets and reinforces the strong bond between our community and those who serve it."

While the goal is for police officers and firefighters to attend many of the events, it is not guaranteed, due to the nature of their duties. Since first responders remain on call during the evening, emergencies or service calls might prevent them from visiting every party.

National Night Out reminds residents that



On Aug. 5, residents throughout Elk Grove will organize block parties and community get-togethers in front yards, cul-de-sacs and nearby parks for National Night Out.

building strong communities is everyone's responsibility and that when people come together, neighborhoods grow safer, stronger and more connected.

Those interested in a community party visit by

either or both departments can submit a form at bit.ly/44RBRCe.

For any questions, contact the Media and Community Relations Bureau at 916-478-8122 or crimeprevention@elk-grove.gov. ★

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has shaped the values that drive their operations: hard work, respect and service. Martinez emphasized that these values extend beyond business and into the customer experience, aiming to build trust with its customers and give back to the community.

Martinez told the Elk Grove Citizen that he envisions Drive Family First being more than just a car brand: It's also a place where the community feels welcome.

"We're hoping that it's bigger than just a brand, meaning bigger than Nissan or Mazda," said Martinez. "I want people to know that when they come into the store that they feel like they're part of the family."

The company supports children's causes through committing to donating a set amount of money each year to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Shriners Children's Hospital. Martinez said giving back to veterans is equally important, as a way of honoring those who have fought for the freedoms that the families and children who live in this country have.

"It's a chance to help provide those that weren't born with the best conditions and give them an opportunity to better their circumstances, mindset and come out of a situation



Drive Family First owner and President Robert Martinez gave a speech, alongside Chief Executive Officer Bob Giles, on July 10 reflecting on family values and work ethic.

having the resources to have a better life," Martinez said.

Before the ribbon cutting, Martinez reflected on his family's modest background, stating that having support and working hard has led him to creating Drive Family First.

"My wife and I come from humble beginnings. Our family who worked the fields in the Central Valley and has no shame in doing it, just working extremely hard," said Martinez. "Their work ethic, with my aspirations and my wife's belief that we could get this done, is probably the reason why we are standing here today."

Chief Executive Officer Bob Giles echoed the importance of family in his own journey.

"I know that I would not be where I am today if it wasn't for all the sacrifices my family has made along the way so I could reach for my dreams that I had," said Giles. "So to have this opportunity to partner with Rob and help him realize his dream is what's most important to me."

Martinez ended his speech by restating the goal of continuing to better an already great business and acknowledged those who have and continue assisting in providing quality service.

"We're just working to make a great dealership better and it's wonderful to have so many wonderful resources, great facilities and great people," he said. "Everyone buckle up, because Drive Family First is here to stay." ★

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City Names Pitch Elk Grove Semi-Finalists

City of Elk Grove News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - On July 14, the City of Elk Grove announced the 16 semi-finalists for the Fourth Annual Pitch Elk Grove startup competition. The competition received a record-breaking 70 valid applications from startups based in Sacramento, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, San Joaquin, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

Notably, this is the first year a San Joaquin County business has advanced to the semi-finalist round, marking an exciting expansion of the competition's regional reach.

From this competitive pool, 16 semi-finalists were chosen to advance in the competition.

They will first compete in a virtual pitch-off July 31 to determine at least eight finalists. Those finalists will then be paired with expert mentors for personalized coaching as they prepare to present live to a distinguished panel of judges at the Pitch Elk Grove event on Sept. 4.

The event will take place at District 56 (8230 Civic Center Drive #100) with \$20,000 at stake: \$10,000 for Best Startup, \$5,000 for Second Best Startup, \$2,500



The City of Elk Grove announced on July 14 the 16 semi-finalist startups for the Fourth Annual Pitch Elk Grove Competition. These semi-finalists will first compete in a virtual pitch-off July 31 to determine at least eight finalists. Photo courtesy of City of Elk Grove

for Third Best Startup and \$2,500 for Best Elk Grove-based Startup.

Here are the 16 semi-finalists:

Anchor Point Health (Sacramento), whose mission statement is "Shaping the future of healthcare at home through advanced spatial intelligence technologies."

Core Envision Inc. (Folsom), which "Uses artificial intelligence (AI) to turn blueprints into digital models and custom layout tapes, so builders can frame 4x faster and save 25%."

Demotu (Cameron Park) is a startup with a focus on using an "AI training platform powered by movement analysis for gyms and sports teams."

EnlitenAI (Tracy), whose mission is "Powering personalized neurology care through AI-driven decision support for treatment optimization."

IGH Naturals (Sacramento) is a "Patented electrolyte mix that helps reduce chemo-related vomiting, diarrhea and mouth sores."

Invasive Species Corporation (Davis) "discovers, develops and deploys nature-positive solutions to control invasive species in agriculture and water."

NutraCompass (Sacramento) is "A nutritional app that recommends and tracks food for clients."

Pheronym, Inc. (Woodland) is a startup that "Uses a new kind of pheromone to control agricultural pests in the soil."

The Purple Door Finders (Folsom) startup "Helps families find senior housing fast, easy and without the sales pitch."

Red Line Safety, Inc. (Greenwood) is a tech startup that "Builds wearable technology that protects firefighters, enhances operations and helps safeguard property."

Rely (Sacramento) describes its services as a digital rental passport which "Verifies renter data once so you can share anywhere, while operators lease faster with built-in intelligence."

Resolv (Truckee) startup aims to, "Automate clean energy rebates with cutting-edge AI to unlock billions for contractors and incentive providers."

SeeMedX (Sacramento), whose mission statement is "Provides continuous, noninvasive heart monitoring to improve patient care and outcomes."

Soar Optics (Elk Grove) is a startup with a focus on "Developing products for the rapid and cost-effective detection of microplastics."

Splash Tech (Davis) "Simplifies pool care with smart daily readings and clear chemical guidance, all from one app."

Stealth Talent Solutions (El Dorado Hills) describes its services as "AI meets recruiting. An outcome-based hiring platform with agency-level service at software speed and scale."

To attend Pitch Elk Grove on Sept. 4, register at bit.ly/4IFYFH0.

For more on the criteria of the contest, visit startupsac.com/pitch-elk-grove. ★

Sapphires in the Mail, Arriving by the Day

Story and photos by Kimberly A. Edwards

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The highlight of my day is awaiting the mail truck, as I'm on the watch for flats, bundles and cardboard boxes.

This new pastime is an unexpected treat of buying books and articles written by early authors of the California Writers Club Sacramento. Our club is turning 100 years old this fall. The hunt has made me realize that not only were these authors talented but that they deserve honor. They are deceased now but the books, poems and articles they left behind endure.

Daily, I scour club records for references to work published. Then I tear through the internet, screen after screen, chasing available titles.

Books are searchable, although covers changed by publishers make first editions hard to identify.

Magazines can be fleeting. For example, so-and-so sold stories to Love Stories, Argosy, Secrets, Intimate Stories, Essence, Popular Mechanics, Weird Tales, Dude, Popular Science, Better Homes and Gardens, Teen and so on. But our records don't specify the exact date of publication. So last night, I foraged for an hour for "The Torso on the Rocks," sold to Trapped Detective Story Magazine. No luck.

Each day's mail brings surprises, as I rediscover the forgotten gems I've ordered. Our club, an affiliate of the California Writers Club in 1925, claimed members who

published as early as 1914. Yesterday, I discovered early publisher Jo Anderson, "His Print Shop," at 416 J St., Sacramento. The illustrations done by a name described as "Sacramento Boy" went on to become an internationally famous article.

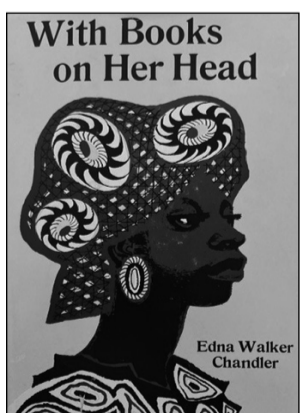
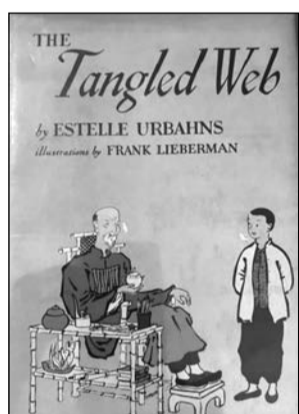
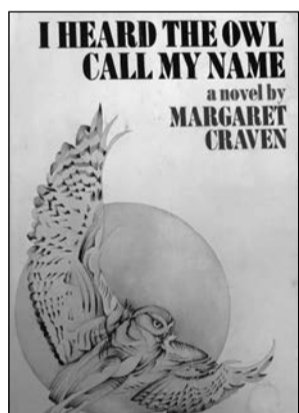
Enthusiasm can be dizzying. Four times I ordered duplicate copies of the same book but they were different editions with different covers. Twice I ordered "The Golfer's Bible" but one turned out to be a real Bible. Recently, the bank put my credit card on hold for charges thought to be suspicious.

On a dark night, I realized that I had accidentally disposed of something in the garbage bins. With a flashlight and a stool, I dug for a discarded photo of nationally-syndicated columnist "Helen Help Us" Helen Bottel.

It's exciting to find an early book, especially a scarce one. I'm not a professional book trader, so I obviously don't know what I'm doing. I'm just snatching what I can, convincing myself that the dazzle of yore belongs to us in Sacramento.

Having studied multi-cultural children's books in the '70s, I know that librarians in those days had little guidance when ordering books with diverse characters. I am, thankfully, finding in this growing trove of jewels respectable renditions.

What tested my mettle, however, were two early books with "Pickanny" in the title. One was dedicated to the students of



These books are just a few of the works by Sacramento-area writers. Some of the authors were published as early as 1914. California Writers Club, Sacramento will celebrate 100 years of excellence in writing on Oct. 18 at North Ridge Country Club. Go online to sacramento-writers.org for more information about the writers club and its 100th-year anniversary.

own our past and understand that perspective at the time differs from love on the page crafted laboriously by an author with good intentions.

Many of our early authors' books were made into movies. One inspired the TV series, "Grizzly Adams."

Edna Chandler and Lee Roddy published more than 50 books apiece.

Duane Newcomb sold 2,000 articles. Leo Rosenhouse sold dozens monthly.

Psychiatrist Walter Bromberg, author of "Crime of the Mind," served as an expert on famous criminal cases. Edna Mae Burnam Nauman wrote the "Dozen a Day," music instruction for piano students.

Attorney Ken Donelson and his wife, Irene, wrote "Married Today, Single Tomorrow: Marriage Breakup and the Law." Diane Davidson wrote "Feverisham" about a real-life murder in Tudor England.

Walter T. Boyd, having worked in secret military operations, wrote about cryogenics.

Amparo Campeón wrote a column for Spanish-language newspaper, "El Hispano."

Bud Gardner became the most inspirational writing teacher in the U.S.

Eva Rutland wrote, "When We Were Colored."

So what will we do with this stockpile of early work of which we are so proud? We plan to display it at our "100 Years of Writing Excellence in Sacramento" event from noon to 3 p.m. Oct. 18 at North Ridge Country Club. Presenters

will include award-winning featured speaker Jack Ohman, Rich Ehsen, poet Carol Lynn Stevenson Grellas, literary agent Sandra Proudman and Alison Linton of the local CBS affiliate. For tickets or more information, go to sacramentowriters.org.

The 102-year Kiyo Sato International award winner will be on hand. Attendees will learn about early magazines and trends in publishing.

We thank our partners, the Crocker Art Museum, the California State Library, the Sacramento Public Library and the Center for Sacramento History.

As a child whose hands leaked stories from the minute I awoke, I believe that everyone who wants to write should be encouraged and we need to applaud all who have.

Questions remain: will my credit card be deactivated due to flagged purchases around the globe? What am I going to do with these treasures after the event, since they are taking over my condo?

Sapphires shine and can last forever, as will these works, long past my condo and me.

Kimberly A. Edwards, first vice-president of the California Writers Club, is a long-time writer with credits in national magazines, international media, newsletter publishing, reporting, column writing, poetry and memoir. Everyone in the writing community is invited to join the Centennial event (sacramentowriters.org) to honor early writers and those currently devoted to all genres, including journalism. ★

Building a Beautiful Future Together

Continued from page 1 written," he said. "There's a lot of things in my book, even though I talked about leadership, it talks about communication and solving conflict; it's really rooted in family, and it's rooted in love."

Newman began his journey in leadership as a student ministries pastor at Capital Christian Center, now Destiny Christian Center, in Roseville. He also attended American River College, which he credited as another formative experience within the Sacramento region.

Newman said that his daughters were a

major inspiration behind "Beautiful Together," as he aimed to equip them for challenges they might encounter, particularly in environments lacking racial and cultural diversity.

"I felt like when I moved to the Midwest from the West Coast, it was very different in relation to how people navigated their relationships, racially, ethnically, stylistically, etc.," he said. "Their experience as African American girls going to, in their cases, predominantly Caucasian schools was a challenge because of the lack of exposure so many of these

teachers, administrators, students and parents had."

"So I wanted to help them by being part of the solution to the problem and not just someone who talked about the problem," Newman said. "The foundation of the book is that all of us have something; none of us have everything. When we put all of our somethings together, we have everything. We're more beautiful together."

Newman described the book as a guide to help individuals create positive and inclusive environments at work and beyond.

"I really believe there's a part of us that wants to

experience a beautiful future, beautiful community, the ability to work together, live together, love each other and do good together ... but we don't always have or exercise those tools to be able to do that effectively," he said. "The book 'Beautiful Together' is a field manual and a guide to help make that happen."

Although the book focuses on workplace issues, Newman said that its message is for everyone.

"I think whether you're a corporate executive, community leader or connector, whether you're in a non-profit or for-profit world



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but also if you are a person at home trying to navigate the world with a measure of hope, I really think that 'Beautiful Together' can be very helpful," Newman said.

As Newman continues to share his message across the country, his

Sacramento roots remain central to a vision that calls all of us to build a more beautiful future together.

To learn more about Newman or for information about his book, visit beautifultogetherbook.com or purchase on Amazon at a.co/d/2zpuQ8b. ★

RELIGION NEWS

Events at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

Our next Jazz & Blues Concert at our church will be on Aug 3, with Blues music by Julie & the Jukes. Concerts are held the first Sunday of every month through November.

Rev. McNamara welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 a.m. Our church is at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn.

We have open Communion the first Sunday of the month.

For more information, Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or elk-grovepres@gmail.com.

Grace Church 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.

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

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church's Mass Schedule

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

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

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

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MEMORIAL

IDA DEE BROWN PETERS GARRETT • 08/20/1932 - 06/01/2025

CIVIL RIGHTS CHAMPION MARCHED WITH DR MARTIN LUTHER KING, FOSTER MOTHER TO SCORES OF YOUNG MEN PASSES AT 92



Ida Dee Brown Peters Garrett passed on to glory June 1, 2025. She was born in Virginia, to Wayman Alexander Brown and Dee P MacQuay Brown, August 20, 1932, as the 8th of what would be a family of 10 children. She was an energetic child who loved to play, to make music with spoons on the glass window panes in spite of the constant warnings of her mother. She was self-taught to play the piano, a gift she would share throughout her life with children and grandchildren. In a world still recovering from the civil strife of the previous century, her parents elected to raise their family on a rural farm isolated from much of the continuing strife & racial tension. It proved to be a strengthening choice as they planted strong feelings that all peoples were children of God and ought to love one another. Even when many did not act the part. Up through high school and on to college she determined that equal rights- civil rights, belonged to everyone, emerging as a committed voice for the struggle towards Equality. Her college days would lead her to meet James D. Peters, Jr. and they were married on the 23rd of June, 1952. This energized couple committed themselves to Christ and he became a Baptist minister. As First Lady in the congregation, she ministered to families and young mothers. Four children would

join them: Tyrone, James Daniel III, Yvette Twanna and Pamela Annette. This calling would take them to a congregation in Bridgeport, Connecticut, into the heart of the Civil Rights movement.

The inspired words of the Declaration of Independence, plus the chain-severing Emancipation Proclamation, would find them hosting leaders and speakers from throughout the Civil Rights Community. Meetings to develop strategies, to calendar and plan demonstrations were numerous. Regular events included sessions at the home of Jackie Robinson with local and national leaders, cap-stoned with frequent visits by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dee remembers numerous times at her home when her husband and Dr. King would crawl around the living room with each others children on their backs.

Working together she helped her husband and Dr. King create the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in the 1950's. For the March on Washington in 1963, they helped organize transport for activists, personally marching at the Lincoln Memorial. She marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, in 1965. Dee was an active

organizer in the fight for desegregation and for voting rights.

Many would come to know Dr. Martin Luther King in the "First Person" because of Dee and her fierce support of him as a good, God-fearing Standard Bearer for social and political justice.

Paths would ultimately diverge and as a single mom with 3 children, Dee found her way to Sacramento, then Elk Grove. She would meet & marry Bob Garrett in 1973. Several years later he would pass and as a single mom, Dee committed to becoming a Foster Parent. Mothering over 50 boys and girls she would adopt two: Emon Williams and Ezekiel Garrett.

Dee's personality, sharp wit, sense of humor attracted many friends over the years and with their love and care, she would embrace the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ, becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served as pianist- with a passion, and as organizer numerous times. Dee leaves us with a sure knowledge that this life is but another step on our journey because Christ promised that there is Much More to Come!

A Memorial Service will be held:
11:00 am Saturday, July 26

Elk Grove Stake Center
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(at Elk Grove-Florin Road),
Sacramento, CA 95829

For more information, please call Mark Jansson - 916-417-9400

MEMORIAL

BETTY J. WOMBLE EVERETT • 10/11/1939 - 06/04/2025

Betty Everett, 85, a resident of Elk Grove since 1977, passed away peacefully in her home due to complications of COPD.

Betty was fortunate to have her granddaughter as her caretaker.

She was born in Tunis North Carolina to Arthur Mae Womble and Walter Lloyd Womble.

Betty grew up in Suffolk, Virginia, where she met the

love of her life, Paul Lee Everett. Betty and Lee were married for 42 years until Lee's passing in 2009.

Betty worked in Special Education as an Instructional Assistant for many years. A job she thoroughly enjoyed.

Betty loved to go on cruises with her husband and family. Venice was a favorite destination of hers. She was quick witted and had a great sense of humor. Betty was a loving wife, devoted mother

and grandmother and will be Dearly missed.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Lee Everett, her daughter-in-law, Kim Everett, and her brother, Bobby Womble.

She is survived by her daughter, Beth Eller (Rick) of Sacramento & son, Paul Everett of Wilton, Her grandchildren, Andrew (Loll) Eller of Redmond Washington & Ashley Eller of Elk Grove, CA.



MEMORIAL

RUBY FAYE PARSLEY • 12/17/1934 – 06/24/2025

Ruby Faye Parsley, 90, passed away peacefully, with family at her side on June 24th, 2025 in Elk Grove, CA. She was born in Appleton, Arkansas on December 17th, 1934. After a childhood in the Ozark's of Arkansas, she settled in Elk Grove in 1963 with her husband of fifty years, Samuel S Parsley. Together they raised two children, Chad James Parsley, and Ruby Chareen (Chari) Sketchley.



Ruby worked in the library at Elk Grove High School for 25 years until her retirement in 1994. She loved to travel within the US, but she also visited the UK, Switzerland, Germany, France, Austria, Mexico, Jamaica, and Africa. Volunteering was an important part of Ruby's Christian faith, and she did so in Cameroon, and nearer to home as a den

mother for the Boy Scouts, a church camp counsellor, a Sunday school teacher, and as her neighborhood watch coordinator. For the latter, she was honored by the Mayor in 2014 with a Volunteer of the Year award.

Ruby is preceded in death by her spouse, as well as seven of her ten siblings. She is survived

by her siblings James Melton, Ann Fox, and Mary Jo Williams, as well as her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ruby was joyous and touched the lives of all who knew her. Please join family and friends for a Celebration of Life, with reception following, on August 7th, at 1pm, at Creekside Christian Church, 8939 E. Stockton Blvd, Elk Grove, CA 95624.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Library Association at ec.ala.org/donate or the Alzheimer's Association at https://www.alz.org/norcal

Special thanks to Mainline Care Home, Freedom Hospice, and East Lawn EG, for their kindness.

For a more detailed obituary, go to https://obits.eastlawn.com/ruby-parsley

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Hear that Train Whistle Blow

Historic Steam Locomotive Set to Ride the Rails Again

California State Railroad Museum Foundation News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Visitors to the Old Sacramento Waterfront will soon regularly hear that steam whistle blow as Granite Rock 10 returns to operating service, riding the rails of the Sacramento Southern Railroad.

The California State Railroad Museum & Foundation are thrilled to announce the historic steam locomotive is set to officially begin pulling weekend excursion trains on August 9.*

Moving forward, Granite Rock 10 will likely pull excursion trains on two weekends per month, rotating with historic diesel locomotives.

In the meantime, the community and rail fans might see Granite Rock 10 on the excursion train as the train crew gets fully up to speed operating the steam locomotive for the first time in six years.

Since October 2019, Granite Rock 10 has been out of service for needed maintenance that took place in the historic Railyard Shops. Most of the meticulous work done on the locomotive involved a cylinder-rebuilding project followed by precision adjustments to the valves and valve-timing mechanisms.



The California State Railroad Museum Foundation mission is to generate revenue and awareness on behalf of its destinations, while supporting the preservation, interpretation and promotion of our railroad heritage. The foundation provides funding for ongoing support of numerous programs, both at the museum's Old Sacramento location and at the historic park in Jamestown. Photo by Kelly B. Huston, courtesy of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation

The precision-focused maintenance was led by Chief Mechanical Officer Al DiPaolo who was supported by a dedicated crew of mechanics that specialize in historic rail equipment.

"Still operating steam locomotives such as our prized Granite Rock 10 are true survivors and always have a fascinating story to tell," said Dr. Ty Smith, Director of the California State Railroad Museum. "We invite our local, regional, and world rail

community to take a ride back in history to experience the sights, sounds, and smells of a historic train ride reminiscent of an earlier time when steam ruled the rails and connected the nation in majestic ways."

As background, Granite Rock 10 was built in 1942 for the U.S. Army Transportation Corps, sold as surplus to Granite Rock Co. of Logan in 1947 before retiring from service in 1960. The historic steam locomotive was later donated to the California State Railroad

Museum in 1995 and returned to service in 1997, pulling weekend excursion trains and delighting fans of all ages.

With roots dating back to World War II, Granite Rock 10 tells a tale of ingenuity and using every available technological resource available at the time. "Today, Granite Rock 10 allows the Museum to preserve and teach the now nearly forgotten knowledge associated with the maintenance and operation of steam-driven machinery," said Tim Schroepfer, President

& CEO of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation.

In addition to periodic evening and/or special train ride experiences, memorable six-mile, 45-minute excursion train rides are available Fridays through Sundays, with three trains departing on Fridays (11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.) and five on Saturdays and Sundays (10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.).

Advance reservations for excursion train rides are available here. Tickets purchased online may be picked up in the ticket office of the Central Pacific Passenger Station on Front Street between I and J streets at the Old Sacramento Waterfront. If still available, same-day tickets are available at the ticket office as well.

For updates on when Granite Rock 10 will be operating on the Sacramento Southern Railroad, the team will give as much advance notice as possible via social media channels. For more information about the California State Railroad Museum or Foundation, please visit www.californiarailroadmuseum.com.

*Steam is not guaranteed and motive power is subject to change on any given day without advance notice. ★

Law Enforcement Partnership Yields 24 Narcotics Arrests



Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho speaks at a podium in Sacramento during a July 16 press conference about a joint narcotics operation between Sacramento Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Police Department, along with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office announced the results of a recent operation focused on maintaining safety and quality of life in the central city.

Over a five-week period from April 23 to May 30, a temporary team known as the Central Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET) worked to identify and stop street-level drug activity.

The operation was part of the Sacramento Police Department's ongoing efforts to ensure our streets remain a safe and welcoming place for residents, workers and visitors.

"This operation addressed street-level drug activity helping to keep our neighborhoods safe," said Sacramento Police Chief Kathy Lester. "We're committed to using focused strategies and strong partnerships to protect our community and preserve the

vibrant atmosphere of our city."

The operation led to approximately 24 arrests, with additional arrests anticipated and resulted in the seizure of large quantities of drugs, firearms and cash.

More than 2,700 grams of cocaine, 6,000 fentanyl pills, 311 grams of heroin and 260 grams of ketamine were seized, along with more than 200 grams of ecstasy, 17 ounces of Dimethyltryptamine (DMT) and nearly two pounds of psilocybin mushrooms.

Also seized in the operation were 20 Adderall pills, more than four pounds of methamphetamine, more than \$31,500 in cash believed to be proceeds from drug sales, three rifles and one handgun.

While Central Narcotics Enforcement Team was a temporary team, the Sacramento Police Department remains focused on using resources effectively, listening to community concerns and working with partners to keep neighborhoods safe.

The link to the July 16 CNET News Conference news conference is <https://www.youtube.com/live/yGTVb6YZ-DAs?si=s9mVyuvdmVyXTd3C>. ★

Governor Newsom Announces Appointments



Gov. Gavin Newsom

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Governor Gavin Newsom announced the appointment of several positions on July 16.

Jennifer Osborn, of Orangevale, has been appointed Director at the California Department of Industrial Relations. Osborn has been Chief Deputy Director at the California Department of General Services since 2021.

She was Director of the Division of Administrative Services at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from 2018 to 2020. Osborn was Deputy Secretary of Fiscal Policy and Administration at the California Government Operations Agency from 2013 to 2018. She was Deputy Secretary of Fiscal Operations at the California State and Consumer Services Agency from 2012 to 2013.

Osborn was Principal Program Budget Analyst at the California Department of Finance from 1998 to 2011. She earned a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Nevada, Reno and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Political Science from California State University, Chico. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$236,052. Osborn is a Democrat.

Gentian Droboniku, of Sacramento, has been appointed Chief Deputy Director of the California

Department of Tax and Fee Administration. Droboniku has been a Research Data Manager at the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration since 2019 and an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Southern California, Price School of Public Policy since 2017.

Droboniku was a Research Data Specialist at the California Public Employees Retirement System from 2014 to 2018. He was a Debt and Investment Researcher at the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission from 2012 to 2014. Droboniku was Performance Evaluator at the California State Auditor from 2010 to 2012. He was a Graduate Student Policy Assistant at California's State Controller's Office from 2008 to 2010.

Droboniku earned a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$214,968. Droboniku is a Democrat.

Sean Connelly, of Sacramento, has been appointed the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Public and Employee Communications at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Connelly has been Chief of Staff in the Office of Assemblymember Jessica Caloza in the California State Assembly since 2024.

He held multiple positions in the Office of Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez in the California State Assembly from 2016 to 2024, including Chief of Staff and Capitol and Communications Director. Connelly held multiple positions at the University of California Student

Association from 2013 to 2016, including Interim Executive Director and the Director of Government Relations.

He was a Legislative Assistant and Consultant for Office of Senator Ellen Corbett in the California State Senate from 2012 to 2013. Connelly was an Executive Fellow in the Capital Fellowship Program at the California National Guard for Adjutant General David Baldwin from 2011 to 2012. He earned a Bachelor of the Arts degree in Global Studies and Maritime Affairs from California State Polytechnic University, Maritime Academy.

This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$172,008. Connelly is a Democrat.

Melissa Bacon, of Sacramento, has been appointed Deputy Director at the Office of Legislative and Governmental Affairs at the California Department of Health Care Services. Bacon has been Assistant Deputy Director at the Office of Legislative and Governmental Affairs at the California Department of Health Care Services since 2016, and was Staff Services Manager from 2013 to 2016.

She was an Associate Governmental Program Analyst at the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs from 2008 to 2013. Bacon was an Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention Coordinator at University of California, Davis, Health, Education and Promotion Department from 2006 to 2008.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of California, Davis. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$164,400. Bacon is registered with no party preference. ★

Unsecured Property Taxes Due Sept. 2

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Annual bills for Sacramento County unsecured personal property taxes for fiscal year 2025-2026 will be mailed on July 18 and are due no later than Sept. 2 to avoid penalties for delinquency.

If you owned unsecured property in Sacramento County, such as a boat or aircraft or if you leased or owned fixtures and equipment related to a business on Jan. 1 and do not receive a tax bill by Aug. 8, contact the Sacramento County Tax Collector's Unsecured Property Tax Unit at 916-874-7833 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse delinquency or allow the tax collector to cancel penalties or collection costs.

Payments can be made by mail or in person at the County Tax Collector's Office, 700 H St., Room 1710, Sacramento, CA 95814, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays.

Property taxes can also be paid online by e-check or credit card with the Sacramento County Property Tax Bill Information System website.

Tax bills become delinquent if not paid in the Tax Collector's Office by 5 p.m. Sept. 2 or received by mail bearing a postmark of Sept. 2.

If the tax bill is not paid by the delinquency date, a 10% penalty and collection cost will be added. DMV registration could be withheld on watercraft if unsecured property taxes are reported delinquent.

If a tax bill remains unpaid after Oct. 31, additional collection costs and monthly penalties at the rate of 1.5% will be added to the base tax. ★

POLICE LOGS

July 12

12:23 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Alberto Velazquez, 44; and a male juvenile, 16, on shoplifting charges.

1:34 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Jessica Clement, 34, on shoplifting and petty theft with priors charges.

3:08 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Joseph Merriwether, 28, on domestic violence charges.

11:04 a.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Laguna Springs Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Keith Owens, 32, on warrant charges.

12:30 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Laguna Springs Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Albert Jurasin, 39, on possession of a controlled substance charges.

2:38 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/State Highway 99, Elk Grove Police arrested Hugo Lozanflorwa, 55, on warrant charges.

7:56 p.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested a female juvenile, 16, on shoplifting charges.

7:58 p.m., Sheldon Road/Vytina Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Daejon Ceaser, 23, on possession of cocaine or heroin charges.

9:47 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Gregorio Trejo, 60, on domestic violence charges.

10:55 p.m., Sheldon Road/Vytina Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Javier Tellechea, 68, on DUI/drug, driving with an open container and lane weaving charges.

July 13

2:41 p.m., 8800 block of Sebago Way, Elk Grove Police arrested a

male juvenile, 16; a male juvenile, 14; and a male juvenile, 16, on robbery, minor in possession of a firearm, possession of an undetectable firearm, minor in possession of live ammunition, possession of large-capacity magazine, criminal threats, resisting arrest, giving false identification to a police officer and warrant charges.

8:11 p.m., Harbour Point Drive/Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Marquan Pierce, 30, on driving without owner's consent, DUI, reckless evasion, receiving a stolen vehicle and resisting arrest charges.

July 14

6:06 p.m., West Stockton Boulevard/Dunisch Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Michael Puleo, 39, on resisting arrest and warrant charges.

9:02 p.m., 9000 block of Tillander Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Carlvonca Brooks, 30, on driving while on DUI probation and child endangerment charges.

11:47 p.m., 9400 block of Canmoor Circle, Grove Police arrested Ennis Mayberry, 29, on negligent discharge of firearm, assault with a firearm and felon in possession of firearm charges.

9:57 a.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Ernesto Olguin, 61, on warrant charges.

1:17 p.m., 9900 block of Meadow Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Nam Nguyen, 34, on assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury charges.

July 15

10:34 a.m., Laguna Boulevard/Laguna Main Street, Elk Grove Police arrested Fredrick Johnson, 24, on resisting

arrest, driving without a license, speeding, not wearing a seatbelt and possession of open container of marijuana while driving charges.

2:09 p.m., 8200 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Vanessa Castaneda, 28, on possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cocaine or heroin charges.

July 16

1:32 a.m., 8600 block of Ponta Delgada Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Fernando Sanchez, 22, on DUI and driving with an open container charges.

5:15 p.m., Harbour Point Drive/Maritime Drive, Grove Police arrested Chad Frazier, 43, on exhibition of speed, driving without proof of registration and failure to present a driver's license charges.

5:47 p.m., 9200 block of Big Horn Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Mahlagha Molavi, 85, on battery charges.

7:26 p.m., 8700 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Patrick Estrada, 29; Rosalino Rodriguez, 26; and Vivian Arias, 35, on grand theft, criminal conspiracy, felon in possession of ammunition, false impersonation, possession of a controlled substance and warrant charges.

9:04 p.m., Grant Line Road/East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jovanathan Clark, 43, on possession of cocaine or heroin charges.

9:32 p.m., Pacifica Lane/Pacific Shore Lane, Grove Police arrested Gilberto Placascencia, 39, on resisting arrest, public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

Arrest reports for July 17-21 were unavailable by press time. ★

ARTS CALENDAR

View Artwork from Elk Grove

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The Elk Grove Arts Commission has created a virtual Citywide Art Guide to art pieces and art events in Elk Grove.

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

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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.

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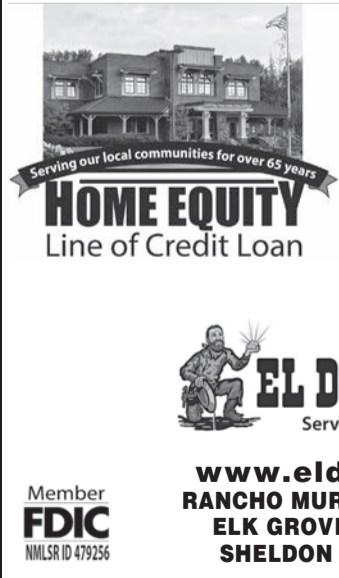
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The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: **Andrew Visitacion** Duly Appointed Trustee: **Sokolof Remtulla** Recorded **6/28/2022** as Instrument No. **202206280151** in book --, page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **Sacramento** County, California, Date of Sale: **8/12/2025 at 1:30 PM** Place of Sale: **East Entrance County Courthouse, 720 9th St, Sacramento, CA 95814** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$52,531.50** Street Address or other common designation of real property: **10322 Machico Way Elk Grove, California 95757A.P.N.: 132-1270-023-0000**The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.**NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 866-266-7512 or visit this internet website www.elitepostandpub.com using the file number assigned to this case 2024-00347. 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." For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: **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 (844) 477-7869, or visit this internet website www.STOXPOSTING.com, using the file number assigned to this case 88094 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid; by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code; so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Disclosure in compliance with CA civil code 2924f(F), the opening bid for the foreclosure sale is based on a valuation provided t the trustee by the lender of the lender's representative. The trustee does not determine, verify, or opine on the accuracy of this valuation and makes no representation regarding the market value of the property subject to foreclosures (the "Property"). The trustee's compliance or non-compliance with CA civil code 2924f(f) shall not be construed as an opinion, warranty, or representation regarding (i) the priority of the deed of trust being foreclosed, (ii) the condition of title to the Property, or (iii) any other matters affecting the Property, including the value of the Property. The trustee relies solely on the trustee's sale guaranty and/or information provided by the lender regarding the lien priority and title condition and does not independently verify such information. All bidders are solely responsible for conducting their own independent due diligence regarding the loan, the Property, its value, the lien priority of the deed of trust being foreclosed, and the condition of the title to the Property. The trustee assumes no liability for the accuracy or completeness of any information provided by third parties, including the lender. The valuation used to determine the minimum opening bid applies only to the Initially scheduled sale date. Any postponement or continuation of the sale does not obligate the trustee to obtain or rely upon a new valuation, nor does it alter the trustee's limited role in the process. Published 7/25/2025, 8/01/2025, 8/08/2025
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 8-8-25
APN: 116-1450-047-0000 TS No.: 24-08576CA TSG Order No.: 240558353 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2022. 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. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded December 14, 2022 as Document No.: 202212140014 of Official Records in the office of the

short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANTS:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 866-266-7512 or visit this internet website www.elitepostandpub.com using the file number assigned to this case 2024-00347 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 7/8/2025 Sokolof Remtulla2301 Dupont Drive, Suite 505Irvine, CA 92612Sale Line: 866-266-7512 Deziray Scotia, Junior Trustee Sale OfficeEPP 44399
Pub Dates 07/18, 07/25, 08/01/2025
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 8-1-25
TS No. 250619507 Notice Of Default And Foreclosure Sale U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development Recorded in accordance with 12 USCA 3764 (c) APN 948-111-006 Property Address: 39897 Verono Corte Murrieta, CA 92562 Title Order No.: 95529479 Whereas, on 5/8/2013, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by Mariluz Sommer, A Married Woman As Her Sole And Separate Property as trustor in favor of Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc. as beneficiary, and Lawyers Title as trustee, and was recorded on 5/13/2013, as Instrument No. 2013-0227870, in the Office of the County Recorder of Riverside County, California; and Whereas, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and Whereas, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an Assignment of Deed of Trust dated 12/1/2020, recorded on 12/15/2020, as instrument number 2020-0635003, in the Office of the County Recorder, Riverside County, California; and Whereas, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust in that the payment due on 6/14/2024, was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and Whereas, the entire amount delinquent as of 8/12/2025 is \$353,844.54; and Whereas, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; Now Therefore, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of Total Lender Solutions, Inc. as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on 9/4/2018 as instrument number 2018-0353951, notice is hereby given that on 8/12/2025 at 9:30 AM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Legal Description: Lot 6 Of Tract No. 21999, In The City Of Murrieta, County Of Riverside, State Of California, As Shown By Map On File In Book 174, Pages 32 To 37 Inclusive Of Maps. In The Office Of The County Recorder Of Said County. Commonly known as: 39897 Verono Corte, Murrieta, CA 92562 The sale will be held at bottom of stairway of building located at 849 West Sixth Street, Corona, CA. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid an estimate of \$353,844.54. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$35,384.45 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$35,384.45 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other

time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD Field Office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD field office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The amount that must be paid if the Mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$353,507.39, as of 8/11/2025, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Date: 6/19/2025 Total Lender Solutions, Inc. U.S. Dept. of HUD Foreclosure Commissioner By: Rachel Seropian 10505 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 125 San Diego, CA, 92121 Phone: 866-535-3736 Fax: 866-242-8599 A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document. State Of CA County Of San Diego On 6/20/2025 before me, Kimberly Alise Lokey, a notary public personally appeared, Rachel Seropian who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under Penalty Of Perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. Witness my hand and official seal. Kimberly Alise Lokey (Seal) Published 7/18/2025, 7/25/2025, 8/01/2025
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 8-1-25
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 8792084 TS No.: 24-009825 APN: 132-1820-022-0000 Property Address: 6204 CASTRO VERDE WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95757-3492 **YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/23/2019. 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.** On 08/07/2025 at 01:30 P.M., America West Lender Services, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/17/2019, as Instrument No. 201912170865, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, State of California. Executed by: DEBORAH HOLMAN, A SINGLE WOMAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT 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 conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 132-1820-022-0000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 6204 CASTRO VERDE WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95757-3492 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$ 456,080.13. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. **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. All bids are subject to California Civil Code 2924h and are sold "AS-IS". **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 844-693-4761 or visit this internet website www.awest.us, using the file number assigned to this case 24-009825 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 if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 844-693-4761, or visit this internet website www.awest.us, using the file number assigned to this case 24-009825 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: America West Lender Services, LLC P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 America West Lender Services, LLC MAY BE ACTING

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 844-693-4761 NPP0476494 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE) 07/18/2025, 07/25/2025, 08/01/2025
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 8-1-25
Title Order No.: 2624183CAD Trustee Sale No.: 88094 Loan No.: 399482931 APN: 116-0580-080-0000 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/24/2023 . UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On 8/14/2025 at 1:30 PM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 10/31/2023 as Instrument No. 202310310899 in book ////, page //// of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: ZI FA PANG, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY , as Trustor YOU LAND INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Outside the East Main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF ELK GROVE, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 142, AS SHOWN ON THE "PLAT OF LAGUNA CREEK WEST UNIT NO. 14B", IN THE CITY OF ELK GROVE, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RECORDED IN BOOK 182 OF MAPS, MAP NO. 19, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. EXCEPT THEREFROM THE MINERALS, OIL, GAS, AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES LYING BELOW THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9472 DENHOLM COURT ELK GROVE, CA 95758. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$470,292.85 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. 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. DATE: 7/16/2025 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCE", VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "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 on 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 the outstanding lien 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 844-477-7869, or visit this internet Web site www.stoxposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 88094. 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." For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: **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 (844) 477-7869, or visit this internet website www.STOXPOSTING.com, using the file number assigned to this case 88094 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid; by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code; so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Disclosure in compliance with CA civil code 2924f(F), the opening bid for the foreclosure sale is based on a valuation provided t the trustee by the lender of the lender's representative. The trustee does not determine, verify, or opine on the accuracy of this valuation and makes no representation regarding the market value of the property subject to foreclosures (the "Property"). The trustee's compliance or non-compliance with CA civil code 2924f(f) shall not be construed as an opinion, warranty, or representation regarding (i) the priority of the deed of trust being foreclosed, (ii) the condition of title to the Property, or (iii) any other matters affecting the Property, including the value of the Property. The trustee relies solely on the trustee's sale guaranty and/or information provided by the lender regarding the lien priority and title condition and does not independently verify such information. All bidders are solely responsible for conducting their own independent due diligence regarding the loan, the Property, its value, the lien priority of the deed of trust being foreclosed, and the condition of the title to the Property. The trustee assumes no liability for the accuracy or completeness of any information provided by third parties, including the lender. The valuation used to determine the minimum opening bid applies only to the Initially scheduled sale date. Any postponement or continuation of the sale does not obligate the trustee to obtain or rely upon a new valuation, nor does it alter the trustee's limited role in the process. Published 7/25/2025, 8/01/2025, 8/08/2025
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APN: 116-1450-047-0000 TS No.: 24-08576CA TSG Order No.: 240558353 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2022. 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. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded December 14, 2022 as Document No.: 202212140014 of Official Records in the office of the

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TRUSTEE SALE

Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: Vamba W Freeman, a single man, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: August 19, 2025 Sale Time: 1:30 PM Sale Location: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 2 File No.:24-08576CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8831 Staplehurst Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$399,624.71 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to

sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.nationwideposting.com, for information regarding the sale of

this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 24-08576CA. 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 24-08576CA 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. 3 File No.:24-08576CA If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee

and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. For Pre Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: (916) 939-0772. For Post Sale Results please visit www.affinidefault.com or Call (866) 932-0360 Dated: July 8, 2025 By: Omar Solorzano Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0476353 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE) 07/25/2025, 08/01/2025, 08/08/2025 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 8-08-25

APN: 119-1390-006-0000 FKA 119-1390-006 TS No: CA08001057-24-1 TO No: 240544020-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED December 28, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On August 19, 2025 at 01:30 PM, At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on January 6, 2006 in Book 20060106, on Page 1920 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by RAMIRO BARAJAS, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for AEGIS WHOLESAL

CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9127 HAUSSMANN STREET, ELK GROVE, CA 95758 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$195,191.83 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to

the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to all qualified electors that an election will be held in the County of Sacramento for Omochumne-Hartenell Water District on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 and that candidates to be voted upon at said election may declare their candidacy for the following offices:

2 Directors, to be elected at large to fulfill 4-year terms and one director to fill a 2 year term.

Qualifications: Candidate must be a holder of title to land within the district, the legal representative of a holder of title to land within the district or a representative designated by a holder of title to land within the district if the holder has filed with the district written evidence of that said designation.

Declarations of candidacy and related forms are available at the District office located at 8970 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, CA 95624 or on the District's website at www.ohwd.org. For more information contact the District at 916-682-5958.

All nomination documents must be filed at Omochumne-Hartnell Water District's office, 8970 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, CA 95624 no later than 5:00 pm on August 8, 2025 in person or by mail to P. O. Box 211 Wilton, CA 95693 arriving to the office no later than 5:00 pm August 8, 2025. If, however, an incumbent does not declare candidacy by 5:00 pm on August 8, 2025, candidates other than the incumbent shall have until 5:00 pm on August 13, 2025 to declare their candidacy for such office.

Appointment to each elective office will be made as provided for in applicable statutes in the event there are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees for such office for an election by 5:00 p.m. on August 13, 2025.

Dated: July 10, 2025
Michael Wackman
General Manager
Omochumne-Hartnell Water District

Elk Grove Citizen 7-18, 7-25-2025

City of Elk Grove INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic bids will be received at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids prior to 10:00 a.m. local time (09:59:59 – according to the PlanetBids official Bid clock) on **Tuesday, August 26, 2025**, for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Crossings at Four Elementary Schools Project (WAM038)

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 include but not be limited to the following: installing Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) crossings at uncontrolled crossings leading to Foulks Ranch Elementary School, Franklin Elementary School, Helen Carr Castello Elementary School, and Roy Herburger Elementary School (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the Work is \$199,800.

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 Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California.

Substitutions:

Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 3400(c) the City may make a finding that designates a particular material, product, thing, or service designated by a specific brand or trade name for one or more of the purposes as described in Section 3400(c)(2). As required by Section 3400(c) the City has made such findings as further described in the Supplemental Conditions Section C-19. These findings, as well as the materials, products, things, or services and their specific brand or trade may be found in Section C-19 of the Supplemental Conditions.

Pre-Bid:

This Project does not have a Pre-Bid Meeting scheduled.

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

Travis Kuhn, Project Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 627-3262 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:

Kimberlee Marlan, Administrative Assistant, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 627-3315 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 \$25.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable. Bidders may also view and download the plans, specifications, and other bid documents at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. Any Addendum shall only be issued electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. In person requests for Addendum shall not be accepted by the City during the pandemic.

By: _____ Date: _____

Christina Castro, PE
Capital Program Division Manager

Elk Grove Citizen 7-25, 8-1-2025

City of Elk Grove - Planning Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **August 7, 2025** at **6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall in the **Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way**, Elk Grove, California to consider the following matter:

OLD TOWN PUB REROOF (PLNG25-003) – MAJOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS AND OLD TOWN DESIGN REVIEW TYPE 1 AMENDMENT:

The Project consists of a Major Certificate of Appropriateness and Old Town Design Review Type 1 Amendment for an existing commercial historic building in the Old Town Historic District to modify the roofing material for the "Hayes Market" buildings located at 9032 Elk Grove Boulevard. The Applicant is requesting to change the front portion of the roofing from composition shingle roofing to metal roofing and to change the rear portion from metal roofing to composition shingle roofing. The amendment proposed herein related to the reroof will not affect the Hayes Residences at 9030 Elk Grove Boulevard or the commercial building at 9036 Elk Grove Boulevard.

PROPERTY OWNER/PROJECT APPLICANT: Larry and Joanna Baker 9036 Elk Grove Boulevard Elk Grove, CA 95624	
LOCATION/APN:	9030/9032/9036 Elk Grove Boulevard; APNs: 125-0222-003/125-0222-004
ZONING: GENERAL PLAN:	Commercial (C) within Elk Grove Old Town Special Planning Area Community Commercial (CC)
ENVIRONMENTAL:	No further environmental review is required from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities)
PROJECT PLANNER:	Kyra Killingsworth, Senior Planner 916.478.3684 or killingsworth@elkgrovecity.org

Dated / Published: July 25, 2025

NOTICE REGARDING APPEALS
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NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS
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In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call (916) 478-3620 or skyles@elkgrove.gov or TTY 888-435-6092. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangement to ensure accessibility.

Elk Grove Citizen 7-25-2025

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ALLEN RANCH MEDICAL BUILDINGS AMENDMENT (PLNG25-018) – MAJOR DESIGN REVIEW AMENDMENT:

The Project consists of an Amendment to a previously approved Major Design Review to revise the architectural design of the building elevations approved for the Allen Ranch Medical Buildings Project (PLNG23-029). No changes to the site plan are proposed.

PROPERTY OWNER: JJV LLC John Jackson Jr. (Representative) 155 Cadillac Drive, Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95825		PROJECT APPLICANT: Gillum Consulting, Inc. Jim Gillum (Representative) 11358 Amalgam Way, No. 9 Gold River, CA 95670	
LOCATION/APN:	East side of Laguna Springs Drive 350 feet south of Elk Grove Boulevard; APNs: 132-2150-008, 132-2150-009, 132-2150-010, 132-2150-011, 132-2150-021, and 132-2150-013		
ZONING: GENERAL PLAN:	Shopping Center (SC)/Laguna Ridge Specific Plan (LRSP) Regional Commercial		
ENVIRONMENTAL:	No further environmental review is necessary pursuant to Sections 15162 (Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations) and 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (State CEQA Guidelines).		
PROJECT PLANNER:	Sarah Kirchgessner, Senior Planner 916.478.2245 or skirchgessner@elkgrove.gov		

Dated / Published: July 25, 2025

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TRUSTEE SALE

has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www.Xome.com or call Trustee Corps at (949) 252.8300 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001057-24-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this

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after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: July 10, 2025 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001057-24-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Xome.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Xome at 800-758-8052 NPP0476611 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE) 07/25/2025, 08/01/2025, 08/08/2025 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 8-8-25

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STONELAKE LANDING DUTCH BROS (PLNG23-022) – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WITH AN EXCEPTION FOR HOURS OF OPERATION & DESIGN REVIEW AMENDMENT WITH A DEVIATION FOR THE LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING OF THE DRIVE-THROUGH AISLE:

The Project consists of a Conditional Use Permit with an Exception for Hours of Operation and a Design Review Amendment with a Deviation for Landscaping and Screening of the Drive-Through Aisle to modify the site layout for Parcel 7 (Building F) within the previously-approved Stonelake Landing Shopping Center (EG-04-738) for the construction of a new ±790 square-foot restaurant building with an outdoor patio area and drive-through service. The CUP requires an exception as the proposed hours of operation for the drive-through are 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This Project will supersede the prior Design Review for Building F that was originally approved with the Stonelake Landing Shopping Center Project (EG-04-738). The Project will comply with the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) for new non-residential development.

PROPERTY OWNER:	PROJECT APPLICANT:
PDF Development LLC Paul Frank (Representative) 9381 E. Stockton Boulevard, Suite 212 Elk Grove, CA 95624	Perkins, Williams & Cotterill, Inc. Jason Voorhees (Representative) 3320 Data Drive, Suite 200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
LOCATION/APN:	West side of W. Taron Drive and approximately 250 feet south of Elk Grove Boulevard; APN: 132-2480-013
ZONING:	General Commercial (GC)
GENERAL PLAN:	Community Commercial (CC)
ENVIRONMENTAL:	Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 (In-fill Development) and no further environmental review is required pursuant to Section 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning).
PROJECT PLANNER:	Joseph Daguman, Associate Planner 916.478.2283 or jdaguman@elkgrove.gov

Dated / Published: July 25, 2025

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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 **AUGUST 13, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. P.ST.** for:

BID# 800-25/26 KILNS AND RELATED ITEMS

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 part, to waive any irregularities in the bids or bidding, and to be the sole judge of the suitability of products and services being offered.

For assistance, please contact Brad Minami at bminami@egusd.net or by phone at (916) 686-7773.

Brad Minami
Director, Purchasing & Warehouse
Elk Grove Unified School District

Elk Grove Citizen 7-18, 7-25-2025

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BID# 801-25/26 STAGE RISERS AND RELATED ITEMS

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Brad Minami
Director, Purchasing & Warehouse
Elk Grove Unified School District

Elk Grove Citizen 7-18, 7-25-2025

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BID# 802-25/26 STAGE CURTAINS, INSTALLATION, AND RELATED ITEMS

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More information and tickets available at exploreelkgrove.com/events. 9624 Melrose Ave.

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Friday, July 25 through Sunday, July 27

Strauss Festival of Elk Grove – continues 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. nightly at Elk Grove Regional Park's Strauss Island. Enjoy this award-winning, free outdoor dance production, set to the music of composer Johann Strauss, Jr., played by a live 40-piece orchestra. More information available at straussfestival.com. 9950 Elk Grove Florin Road.

Saturday, July 26

Cosumnes Community Services District CORE Grand Opening – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The community is invited to the free grand opening event of Cosumnes CSD's state-of-the-art fitness and recreation center located at 5542 Bellaterra Drive. Residents will have the opportunity to explore the space, meet the team and participate in various activities throughout the facility.

Learn to Be a Kitten Foster and Save Lives – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Elk Grove Animal Shelter. This free, entry-level neonatal kitten care class will increase your knowledge of how to care for these precious little ones, birth to five weeks old. Contact us to sign up at info@egasneonaltalkittencare.org. 9150 Union Park Way.

Saturday, Aug. 2

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.

Ongoing Events

Elk Grove Certified Farmers Market – every Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon at 8245 Laguna Blvd.

Rotary Club of Elk Grove – every Wednesday for lunch at noon, at The Park at Laguna Springs, 9670 Laguna Springs Drive. More information at elkgroverotary.org.

Widowed Persons Social Club – July 25, 10:00 a.m.: Hand and Foot card game at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

Aug. 1, 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.

Aug. 2, 10:30 a.m., Coffee Gathering at Peets Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Aug. 4, 10:30 a.m., WPC Board Meeting at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Open to all members.

Aug. 4, Noon, Lunch at BJ's Restaurant, 9237 Laguna Springs Drive, Elk Grove. Contact is Barbara at 916-516-6009.

Aug. 7, Noon, no-host Lunch & Bunco at Patty's Pizza Shack, 8591 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

Aug. 8, 10 a.m., Hand and Foot card game at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

Aug. 13, Noon, no-host Lunch followed by Beginners' Pinochle at Original Mike's, 9139 East Stockton Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Aug. 15, 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.

Aug. 17, 1-3 p.m., Ice Cream Social Oaks Mobile Home Club House, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Aug. 21, 11:30 a.m., Lunch & 12:30 p.m. General Meeting at Golden Corral, 7700 W. Stockton Blvd. \$24 includes lunch. Contact is Pat at 916-802-4524.

Aug. 22, 10 a.m., Hand and Foot card game at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the

church is expected. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

Aug. 26, 5 p.m., The Brick House, 9027 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove. Contact is Addie at 916-682-3609.

Aug. 27, 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.

A widowed person may attend up to three events while deciding if they wish to join WPC. Contact Bonnie at 916-422-1522 if you are interested in membership.

Library Events

Sacramento County Libraries have the following upcoming events: (EG) Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd.; (F) Franklin, 10055 Franklin High Road; (NW) Nonie Wetzel Library, 170 Primasing Ave., Courtland; (VH) Valley Hi / North Laguna, 7400 Imagination Parkway, Sacramento:

Friday, July 25: Outdoor family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Morse Community Park, 5540 Bellaterra Drive. (F) Lunch at the Library, noon to 1 p.m. Youth 18 and under are invited to join us for a free meal. (EG) and (VH)

Saturday, July 26: Explore and learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) STEAM lab – with Mad Science, 3 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mad Science instructors will teach us about science with a flair. The program will be full of experiments, humor and audience interaction. (VH)

Tuesday, July 29: Lunch at the Library, noon to 1 p.m. Youth 18 and under are invited to join us for a free meal. (EG) and (VH) Elk Grove Navigator office hours, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Participants can connect with trained navigators who offer guidance, answer questions and link clients to resources such as shelters, food assistance, and housing. (EG)

Wednesday, July 30: Explore and learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (VH) Lunch at the Library, noon to 1 p.m. Youth 18 and under are invited to join us for a free meal. (EG) and (VH) Adult book group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (NW) Summer reading program – Magician Jon Lopez, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (NW)

Thursday, July 31: Outdoor family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Elk Grove Regional Park, 9950 Elk Grove Florin Road, in front of the concrete slab near the Rhoads School House. (EG) Lunch at the Library, noon to 1 p.m. Youth 18 and

under are invited to join us for a free meal. (EG) and (VH) Adult space, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Discover engaging activities, enjoy light refreshments and meet good company. (VH)

Friday, Aug. 1: Outdoor family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Morse Community Park, 5540 Bellaterra Drive. (F) Lunch at the Library, noon to 1 p.m. Youth 18 and under are invited to join us for a free meal. (EG) and (VH)

Saturday, Aug. 2: Adult space – senior yoga with Coach Sarah, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (NW) Explore and learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) STEAM for kids – Wild Things, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Meet real, live animals up close with local conservation ambassadors Wild Things in an educational, entertaining event. (EG)

Veterans Meetings

American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units – fourth Wednesday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Next meeting will be Aug. 27. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m. 8830 Sharkey Ave.

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – general meetings the fourth Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m. Next meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 28. Post Family Breakfast, 9 a.m. Aug. 2, Bert's Diner, 8972 Grant Line Road. Information: 916-683-6128.

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursdays. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Summer league has grown exponentially, and fans are tuned in today like never before.

Sunday night saw our Sacramento Kings vying for their third summer league championship, as they faced off with the Charlotte Hornets in Las Vegas Nevada.

With identical 5-0 records the Kings got a dose of what their first and second round draft choices were capable of, so it remained to be seen how they would perform when the lights were brightest.

After an auspicious summer league audition, Nique Clifford struggled finding his shooting stroke, and had just 4 points entering the fourth quarter. The Kings would never give up on this game. After being down by 18 points, the young squad fought back to a single point deficit with less than 2 minutes remaining.

A pass from Isaac Jones to Clifford well beyond the arc, and Nique did not disappoint draining a deep three. Clifford followed up with an acrobatic jump shot in the corner for another three, and the Kings looked like winners.

Charlotte would not go quietly as sharpshooter Kon Knueppel pulled up for a back breaking three. Moving the ball quickly into the frontcourt Isaac Jones sized up his first 3-point shot of the night and when Isaac converted the three the Kings were knocking on the door once again.

Kings fans can be proud of how the team fought for a win that ultimately would escape them, as a much needed rebound careened off the foot of Isaac Jones, and the Kings would go on to lose 83-78.

Neither the loss of the game nor the championship is the real story. The Sacramento Kings got more than just a glimpse of what their first and second round draft choices are capable of.

Talented, for sure and yes, they are raw. Nique Clifford put together a string of games that stated loudly, I've arrived and ready to make a difference!

Although I don't like using that word, Maxime Raynaud is more of a project. Raynaud, like every rookie, is going to need extended playing time, and time to play through his mistakes.

What the Kings really wanted to know, is can this 7'1" big man make an impact and play alongside Domantas Sabonis. I believe

he can, but confidence building is what will determine how quickly Maxime Raynaud will arrive.

Not to be left behind was the electric play of second year man Isaac Jones, who coming off a stellar 36-point performance, led all scores again with a 24-point performance. Jones made his lone 3-point attempt and added 11 big boards while chipping in with 2 assists.

Isaac Jones summer league performance came as no surprise to me. What's sad is the lack of playing time he received in his rookie year. It's my hope, as Isaac is receiving accolades from other coaches and pundits, that the staff pay close attention to what is possible.

Jones 6'9" frame and 7'3" wingspan make him a difficult guard for any team. He has a definite knack around the rim. He's active, and if he finds himself in a rotation that gives him 20 minutes plus per game, look for both Isaac and the Kings to take a step forward.

There is much to shout about as the Kings close out their summer league schedule. The confident presence that Nique Clifford brought every night is one of many things to be happy about.

Nique lived up to his billing as he played hard at both ends of the court, and like Isaac Jones, Clifford will need to find his place on the team that gets him minutes every game.

Doug Christie has his work cut out for him with a crowded guard rotation, including second year man Devin Carter, who acquitted himself admirably and played dominantly. Devin needs to continue working on his shot, but the upside for Carter is huge. No need for the Kings to question their decision to draft a player that could only contribute half a season due to injury. Carter is winning fans with every game he plays. I look for Devin to be more than just a contributor in the upcoming season.

Yes, Kings fans, you got what you were hoping for, and without a doubt this summer league squad has got the city of Sacramento excited.

Scott Perry isn't done just yet, so stay tuned Kings fans!

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgarris@riskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Social Security Matters

What is the Formula for Deciding When to Claim?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am curious about the "formula" to decide when to take Social Security while still working. I am past the Full Retirement Age. How do you best address such? Should we schedule a call?

Signed: Wondering When

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Since you have not yet claimed SS, you are already earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) which increase your monthly SS amount by .667% for each month you continue to delay. That's 8% for each full year you delay past your full retirement age (FRA). You should not, however, wait longer than age 70 to claim because that is when you will get your maximum SS benefit amount. For you, that means that your age 70 amount will be 28% more than the amount you would have received at your FRA of 66 years and 6 months (in Oct. 2023), and about 15% more than if you were to claim now.

Note too, that if your more recent income is among the highest of your lifetime, Social Security will automatically increase your monthly SS retirement amount to account for that event. They will check your work earnings each year to see if you are entitled to a larger SS amount because of your recent earnings.

Since (according to your AMAC member record) you are married, you may also wish to consider whether your wife will get a spousal benefit from you when you claim. If your wife's personal SS retirement amount at her FRA is less than the amount you were entitled to at your FRA, then she will get a spousal boost when you claim. With her spousal boost (if claimed at her FRA), her total SS benefit should be about 50% of your FRA benefit amount (not half of the higher amount you will get because you waited longer to claim).

But your wife cannot get a spousal boost until you are collecting your SS.

And here is something else to think about: received SS benefits will become part of your overall income taxed by the IRS when you submit your income tax return. If you file your income tax as "married/jointly" and your combined income from all sources is more than \$32,000 then some of your SS benefits will become taxable income. If your combined income is between \$32,001 and \$44,000, then half of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. Or, if your combined income from all sources exceeds \$44,000, then about 85% of your received SS benefits will become part of your income taxed by the IRS. Just something to keep in mind, especially since you are still working.

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It's Time to Cut Off Public Broadcasting

In the past, whenever Republicans have tried to cut federal funding for public broadcasting, the 8-foot-2-inch-tall yellow bird has been trotted out as an exemplar of all that is good and necessary about public broadcasting, and the federal dollars have been preserved.

Perhaps our Jim Henson-created feathered friend will continue his undefeated streak, but a Trump-backed recessions bill represents the best chance to defund public broadcasting in decades, if not ever.

The bill, clawing back previously appropriated funding, has already passed the House and is now being considered in the Senate, where the filibuster doesn't apply. The measure targets \$9.4 billion in federal spending, including funds for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The CPB gets about \$500 million a year from the federal government, and parcels it out to NPR, PBS and local public radio and TV stations.

NPR maintains that it only gets about 2% of its funding from the federal government, with more coming indirectly via member stations. PBS gets about 15% of its funding from the feds.

If NPR and PBS programming is as compelling and vital as its defenders say, it shouldn't be a heavy

lift to get foundations, philanthropists and devoted listeners and viewers to fill any funding gap. The organization's already given out a lot of tote bags during fundraising drives. Surely, they can give out some more.

Decades ago, with the rise of cable TV and a proliferation of sources of news and entertainment, it seemed absurd for the government to have to prop up a few select media sources. How much more ridiculous it is now, in the age of YouTube, social media, satellite radio, Substack, streaming services and podcast platforms.

Lyndon Baines Johnson signed the Public Broadcasting Act, creating the CPB in 1967, and like many other Great Society programs, public broadcasting is an anachronism that won't go away. Big Bird himself is approaching the age when he'll soon begin to be eligible for senior-citizen discounts.

Supporters of public broadcasting extol the virtues of "All Things Considered," the "PBS NewsHour" and "Frontline," and yes (political bias aside), journalists do some good work for these programs. They also (again, political bias aside) do some good work at The New York Times and CBS News, yet neither of these outlets depend on federal tax dollars.

Oh, defenders also ask, How can we possibly do without the wonder of educational programming like "Sesame Street" and "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood"? "Sesame Street" is, indeed, an American institution. Even if PBS collapsed tomorrow, the show would certainly go on. For about a decade now, new epi-

sodes have been featured on HBO or Netflix, demonstrating how a venerable 50-year-old project can adapt to the times.

It's simply not true, by the way, that we depend on PBS for good shows for kids. There's been educational programming developed by Nickelodeon ("Blue's Clues & You!"), Scholastic Entertainment ("The Magic School Bus") and Netflix ("Ask the StoryBots" and "Ada Twist, Scientist"). And somehow, such iconic children's programming as "Dora the Explorer," "Peppa Pig" and "Bluey" were created without the involvement of PBS.

Then there's the argument that a cut-off of federal funding will be devastating to local public radio stations in rural communities. It's true that small stations could go out of business, but as anyone who has been paying attention has noticed, we live in an era of great media churn. Private media entities are going out of business -- and being created -- all the time. The government shouldn't extend its favor to a few select outlets. Especially when these outlets are so blatantly and pervasively biased. NPR and PBS provide left-of-center content for left-of-center audiences under the guise of objectivity. As many legacy media organizations have long demonstrated, there is a business model there, but it's not one that deserves or needs taxpayer support.

Big Bird should, finally, make his own way in the world.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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New California Budget Ignores Day of Reckoning



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders were drafting a more-or-less final 2025-26 state budget last month, they were closing what they described as a \$12 billion deficit, a number that the state's media repeatedly cited.

It was the wrong number; it minimizes the state's chronic gap between income and outgo, as the state's official budget summary released this week confirms.

The budget projects that the state will receive \$208.6 billion in general fund revenues during the fiscal year that began on July 1, but it will spend \$228.4 billion, a gap just shy of \$20 billion.

The \$12 billion figure stems from counting a \$7.1 billion diversion from one of the state's reserve accounts as revenue — an assumption that violates common sense as well as any legitimate accounting scenario.

The more accurate figure of \$20 billion is important because it squares with projections by Newsom's Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst's Office that California has what's called a "structural deficit" in the range of

\$10 billion to \$20 billion a year.

In other words financing all of the programs and services now in state law will indefinitely cost that much more each year than the state is likely to receive in revenues.

The budget closes about a third of the \$20 billion gap with an aforementioned \$7.1 billion shift from the emergency reserve — money that's supposed to be used to cushion the impact of an economic downturn or calamities such as the wildfires that devastated Los Angeles, earthquakes or destructive storms.

The deficit isn't a genuine emergency because it resulted from irresponsible political decisions, particularly Newsom's declaration in 2022 that the state had a \$97.5 billion budget surplus and thus could afford a sharp increase in spending.

The surplus was a mirage, based on assumptions of a \$40 billion annual increase in revenues that never happened. Last year, the Department of Finance acknowledged that revenues over four years would fall short of expectations by \$165 billion.

However, much of the phantom money was already spent, thereby creating the structural deficit that Newsom and the Legislature basically ignored in putting together the current budget.

The \$12 billion gap left after the reserve fund shift was mostly papered over with on- and off-budget loans from special funds, shifting some spending into future years and using

accounting gimmicks, such as shifting some current year spending, the June 2026 state payroll for instance, into the next fiscal year.

One could liken the state budget to a family that takes out loans on its credit cards to finance a lavish lifestyle, or a city that provides pension benefits it cannot afford.

Sooner or later, the debts pile so high that they can no longer be ignored and the day of reckoning arrives. That's one reason why more than 30,000 Californians file for bankruptcy each year and why several California cities have gone bankrupt in recent years.

States cannot file for bankruptcy, no matter how distorted their finances. If they could, California would not qualify because of its almost unlimited ability to borrow money from special funds.

However, there will be a day of judgment if California's spending continues to outpace its revenues, particularly if the state's economy continues its sluggish performance.

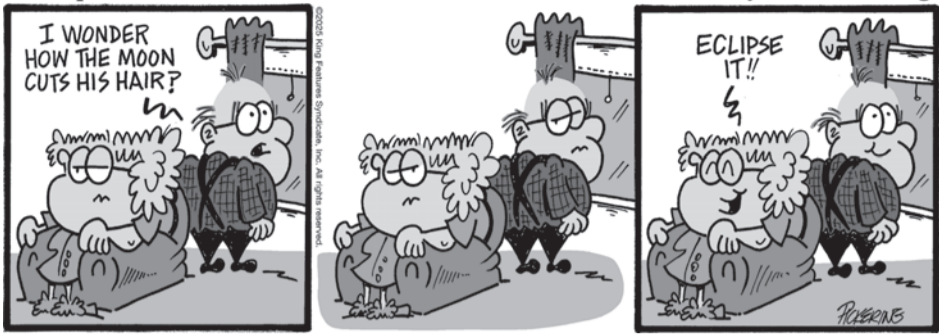
Newsom and legislators implicitly assume that at some point revenues will increase enough to cover their spending and pay off their debts — just as a debt-ridden family buys lottery tickets in hopes of avoiding bankruptcy.

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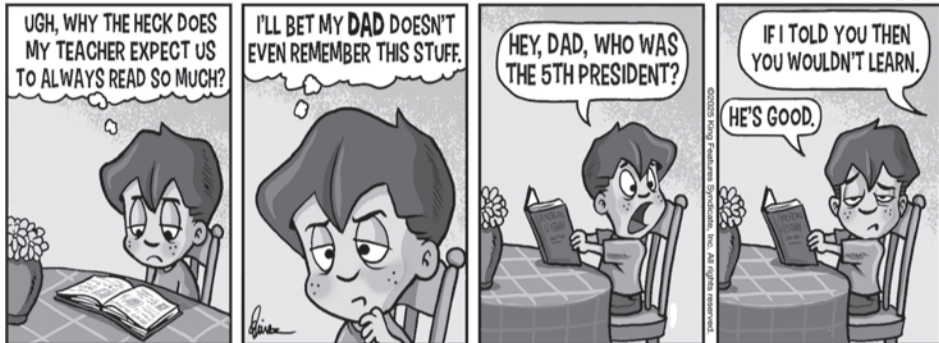
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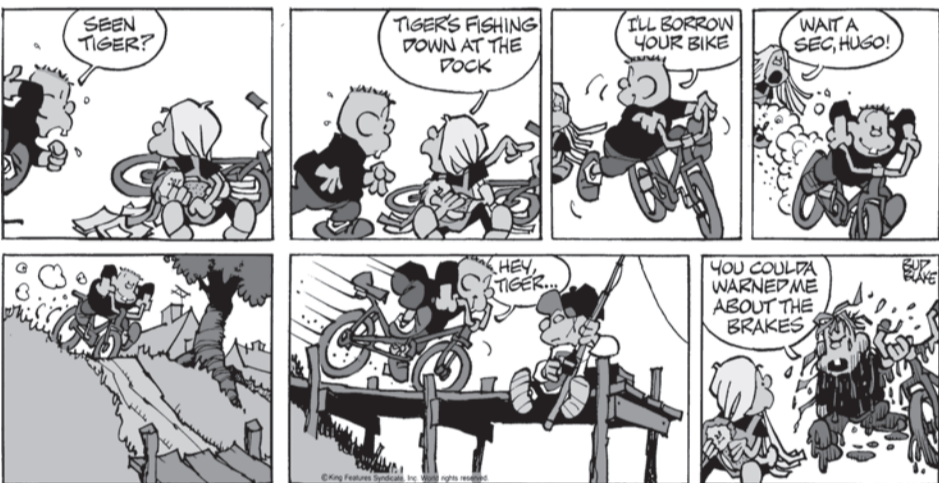


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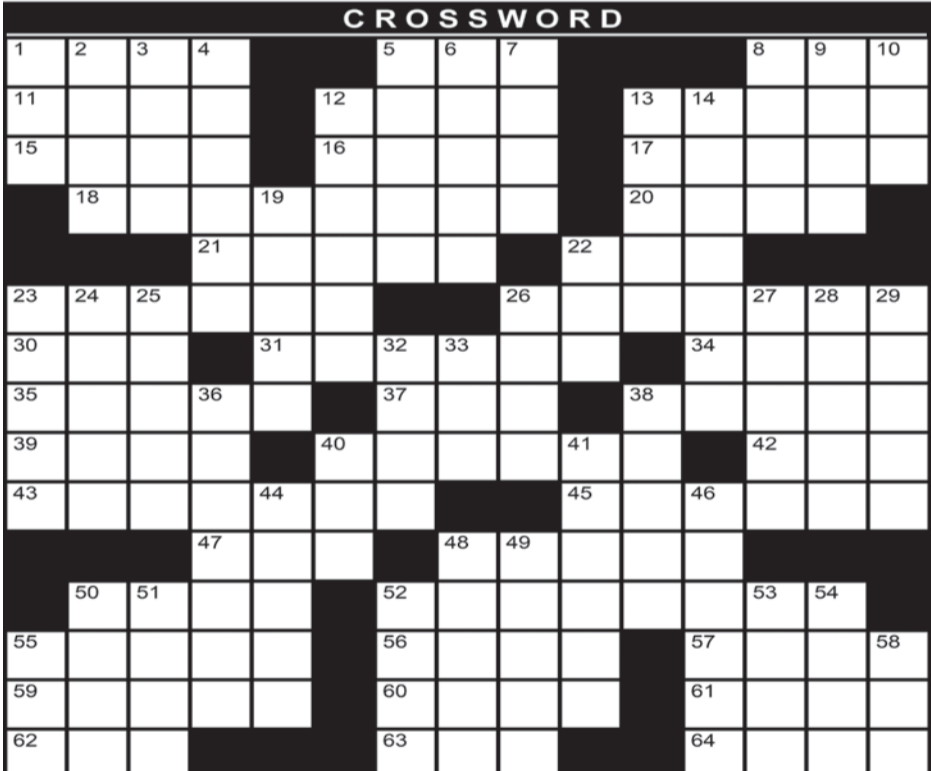
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 - Op-ed piece
 - Blondie's hit "_____ Me"
 - Certain something
 - *Granny Smith
 - *Broth-making container
 - Big name in map-making
 - Inexperienced
 - *Group of dishes or pots
 - Deprived of ovaries
 - Medusae
 - Got an Oscar, e.g.
 - Kind of license
 - Crescent
 - Description for twins
 - "_____ the season!"
 - Orthodox Judaism adherent
 - Class roster item
 - Between lights and action
 - Source of pork
 - *Shredding devices
 - Bear-like
 - Florida key
 - French farewell
 - Physicist Niels _____
 - *Kitchen hand protector (2 words)
 - Holey confection
 - Track event
 - _____ of the trade, sing.
 - 1st letter of Hebrew alphabet
 - Charlie Parker's nickname
 - Shrek or Fiona, e.g.
 - Word of compliance
 - Actor Stallone
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- Beginning of the alphabet
 - *Often go with carrots
 - *NaCl
 - Speech at a funeral
 - *Flute alternative
 - *Cook's garb
 - *Veal or venison, e.g.
 - Sport spectator's TV acronym
 - Like white-headed eagle
 - "Farewell" to Birdie
 - Manage (2 words)
 - Like cornstalks
 - *Flat-edged utensil
 - *Flapjack alternative
 - Blink of an eye, abbr.
 - Swing, _____, swung
 - Like Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station location
 - Carl Jung's inner self
 - *_____ on place
 - *Seaweed-wrapped dish
 - Opposite of cation
 - Swamp plant
 - Estimated arrival times, acr.
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Elk Grove Native Canepa Places 4th in Waterski Pro-Am

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The 23rd Annual California Waterski Pro-Am, a three-day tournament at Shortline Lake in Elk Grove, awarded cash prizes to top performers in slalom and jumping.

The champions of each event are able to qualify for the Masters Water Ski Tournament, which is the most prestigious tournament in the world. Shortline Lake has held this event for the last five years, after seasons in Brentwood and Rio Linda. Although Shortline is a private lake, it has hosted local tournaments, collegiate tournaments, pro events and even world championships.

"This is one of the best lakes in the country," said amateur skier Kevin Bishop.

The California Pro-Am is one of the largest professional water ski events in the country, featuring both

the men's and women's professional and amateur divisions. The amateur division competed on Friday, July 18. Then they were to help run the open division event the next two days leading into the finals on Sunday, July 20.

During the weekend, Elk Grove native Ryan Canepa was able to place fourth in the men's open slalom event. Not only was he in his hometown, he actually lives on Shortline Lake. Still, there is not as much homefield advantage when it comes to these events.

"People expect you to go out there and do well because it's your home site. But really there's tournament conditions, different boats, different drivers, different everything ... it really doesn't feel like a normal day skiing," Canepa said.

Canepa has been skiing in this tournament for nine years, and this year was the first time he had made the finals.

There are multiple



Ryan Canepa poses after competing in slalom.

uncontrollable factors that every skier faces no matter where the event is held. Facing these factors is always going to be difficult. And just like every sport there are going to be difficult challenges that an athlete must face to stay on track, especially with a sport like water skiing.

"The biggest thing is probably just a commitment of time," Canepa said. "Keeping yourself in a position where you can practice and stay on the water several times a



Ryan Canepa makes a turn while skiing a slalom.



Kevin Bishop says Shortline Lake is one of the best skiing lakes in the country.

week."

Whether someone is a beginner or experienced skiers like Canepa and Bishop, the commitment of being in the water is going to be the most important



Blaze Grubbs performs in a jump event.

part. And it is never too late to start.

"We had skiers this weekend that were 80

years old. I don't think it's ever too late. This is a sport you can do well in life," Bishop said. ★

Hawaii Manoa Advances to Cal Ripken World Series



Hawaii Manoa poses with its championship banner.

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - With a week of great baseball, the 10-U Pacific Southwest Regional Tournament came to a close with Hawaii Manoa beating Laguna 13-4 to advance to the Cal Ripken World Series.

The championship game took place on Saturday, July 19 at noon after each of the 10 participating teams had competed in four games of pool play. Laguna had ended up being 4-0 after the week, securing the No. 1 seed headed into Saturday, while Hawaii Manoa went 3-1, securing the No. 2 seed. Manoa's only loss came from Laguna on the third day of the tournament, July 16.

Manoa had an edge going into the championship game, wanting to avenge its only loss to the team that beat them just days before. Playing solid defense plus consistent offense allowed Manoa to quickly gain an 11-4 lead headed into the fourth inning.

Although Laguna was down, they did not quit, fighting until the last out of the game.

"There's nothing to be sad about. We fought as hard as we could," stated Dawnielle Meier, the president of Laguna Youth Baseball. Although the outcome was not what Laguna had wanted, they showed a level of professionalism throughout the tournament as an organization. They offered well-maintained fields and shade for families as well as a full concession stand for food and drinks.

"We had a fantastic time running the regional tournament, and this is kind of



The Hawaii Manoa players each receive a 10-U Championship Ring.

what it's all about, bringing everybody together," stated Meier.

Teams not just from California but from surrounding states were able to compete and give it their all. Being able to reach this tournament is an accomplishment in itself to represent their states and communities.

Plus, putting in countless hours of practice and traveling to new places to face new teams is difficult.

"I'm proud that they fought this far, and I think no matter what happens we should be proud of these boys," Meier said after the tournament.

Hawaii Manoa advances to the 10-U Cal Ripken World Series. They will travel to Vincennes, Indiana, to play Aug. 7-16. There they will compete against regional champions from across the nation, as well



Hawaii Manoa rushes the mound after the last out of the game.



Dawnielle Meier, the president of Laguna Youth Baseball, stands with the Laguna All-Stars.

teams from out of the country.

Teams that had played against Hawaii Manoa throughout each tournament are now going to watch and support the team

as it continues to play. Manoa is now not just representing the state of Hawaii; it is representing the entire Pacific Southwest region. ★