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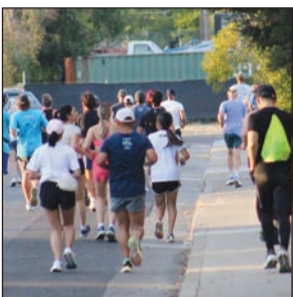
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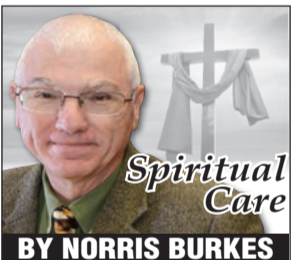
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## Saving Pets in Crisis

**Nonprofit Seeks Help to Continue Mission**

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Pets complete the picture for many families in the area. So, when a medical emergency happens, the heartbreak and financial strain can feel just as heavy as if it were any other member of the household.

One local nonprofit organization, Paws for a Purpose, understands the hardships that come with unexpected veterinary visits and bills. Its mission is to help owners cover the cost of life-saving treatments and surgeries when their pets face medical emergencies.

Funds go only toward emergencies, not routine care, to keep families from having to give up their pets when treatment is unaffordable. The nonprofit organization also provides medical and dental care for shelter animals to help them find forever homes and prioritizes assisting homeless and veteran residents with urgent pet medical needs.

The inspiration behind Paws for a Purpose?

A tiny Shih Tzu mix named Precious. Founders June and Arnie LaVine created the nonprofit organization after adopting Precious in 2018. She was an 8- to 10-year-old rescue, found by city animal services, that had a large mass on her mouth.

Treatment for what turned out to be an aggressive cancer cost thousands of dollars, leaving the LaVines heartbroken and convinced they would lose her within months. After a persistent search for help, they found a veterinarian who recommended a more



Long-time residents June and Arnie LaVine started Paws for a Purpose after adopting Precious, a tiny Shih Tzu mix, who captured their hearts in 2018. Courtesy photo

affordable treatment and were "fortunate enough to be able to carry the cost."

Precious beat cancer after four treatments and lived comfortably until her passing in September 2022.

"During that process, we said to each other, 'You know what? We're not the only ones going through this,'" June LaVine said. "Emergency pet care is

highly expensive."

The couple are long-time residents, having lived in Elk Grove since 1981. June LaVine has been active in local animal welfare since 2008, volunteering at the Sacramento SPCA back when Elk Grove had no shelter of its own and contracted with the SPCA shelter for animal services.

By 2012, she recognized

the urgent need for a local facility. June LaVine told The Elk Grove Citizen that once the SPCA filled up, animals were sent to the overcrowded Bradshaw Animal Shelter, where she later learned some were being euthanized to make space despite the city's contract prohibiting it.

For years, June LaVine

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**Final County  
Recommended  
Budget Hearings  
to Begin**



**Sacramento County  
News Release**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will begin Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Revised Recommended Budget hearings at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 3 in the Sacramento County Administration Building's Board Chambers, located at 700 H St., Sacramento.

If necessary, hearings will continue on Sept. 4 and Sept. 5 at the same time and location.

The hearing schedule, subject to change, includes In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority budget deliberation and approval; and potential federal and state funding impacts on future county budgets.

It also includes the Fiscal Year 2025-26 revised recommended budget presentation, public comment, and board deliberation and approval of revisions to the approved recommended budget and adopted budget resolutions.

The Board of Supervisors approved the FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget on June 4. The \$8.9-billion spending plan recognized new or enhanced areas of growth in the General Fund totaling \$43 million (\$9 million funded with Net County Cost), with the addition of 52 full-time equivalent positions. The FY 2025-26 General Fund recommended reductions totaled \$18 million, which would have resulted in the deletion of 73 full-time equivalent positions.

However, the Board of Supervisors made additional revisions to the recommended budget, totaling \$11 million in restored reductions and additional growth.

The numbers in the budget change between June and September when Sacramento County receives new information, including the state budget's impact and updated fund balance and revenue totals.

The hearings will be telecast live on Metro Cable 14 at metro14live.saccounty.gov and on the web at sccob.saccounty.gov/Pages/BOSPublicMeetings.aspx.

## Medical Care Accessibility Expands with Clinic

By Idaly Valencia



The Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce had a ribbon-cutting ceremony Aug. 20 for Dignity Health Mercy Medical Group's newest healthcare facility that offers express primary care for all ages, located at 8259 Laguna Blvd. Photo courtesy of Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Dignity Health Mercy Medical Group had a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce on Aug. 20 for its new express primary care clinic off Laguna Boulevard.

This location is the second in the Sacramento region to offer this specific healthcare model, with the other clinic being in Roseville in Placer County.

Although not an express care clinic, the Dignity Health Urgent Care in Midtown Sacramento also offers same-day care.

Express primary care offers comprehensive services for the whole family, from diagnosing to treating a range of health conditions. The clinics provide same-day, low-severity urgent care for common issues such as allergies, coughs, rashes and even minor injuries.

Heather Peters, Dignity Health service line director who oversees urgent care, express care and occupational

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# Department of Child Support Services Supports Youth with Backpack Drive



This year, Sacramento County Department of Child Support Services employees donated 372 backpacks filled with essential school supplies. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

## County of Sacramento News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) has once again demonstrated its commitment to the community by organizing a successful backpack drive for the 2025 school year.

This year, DCSS employees donated 372 backpacks filled with essential school supplies, including binders, pencil boxes, notebooks, folders, crayons, markers, highlighters, glue sticks and scissors.

The event was a collaborative effort with several community partners, including the Center for Fathers and Families, Chicks in Crisis, Next Move Homeless Services and the Sacramento City Unified School District's American Indian Education Program (AIEP).

Both the Center for Fathers and Families and Chicks in Crisis hosted events where registered attendees could pick up their new backpacks. Additionally, 50 backpacks were delivered to Next Move Homeless Services, and another 60 backpacks were delivered

to the American Indian Education Program for distribution.

Child Support Services Assistant Director Janelle Bright expressed her pride in the department's ongoing efforts to support local youth every August in honor of Child Support Awareness Month. "For many years, our department has donated backpacks and supplies to countless youth within Sacramento County. We're not just providing brand new backpacks and school supplies for their first day of school, children get to experience a new backpack and supplies just like their peers. And, most importantly, we're providing parents with one less thing to worry about as they prepare for the new school year."

Marya Cooley, director of Operations & Development at Chicks in Crisis, shared her thoughts on the collaboration:

"The backpack giveaway made a tremendous impact on the families we serve, providing essential supplies that help students start the school year prepared and confident. In addition to supporting our existing families, the event allowed us to connect with 114 new individuals

who may not have known about Chicks in Crisis, expanding our reach and introducing more families to the resources and support we offer."

Chicks in Crisis is a community-based non-profit dedicated to empowering young parents and families by providing essential resources, education and support to help children thrive and reduce the risk of infants entering foster care.

This annual event ensures that school-age children in Sacramento County have the necessary supplies to start the school year on the right foot. Child Support Services' dedication to the community is evident through its continuous efforts to support and uplift local families in celebration of Child Support Awareness Month.

The success of this year's backpack drive is a testament to the generosity and commitment of Child Support Services employees and their community partners.

If you or someone you know could benefit from child support services, visit [childsupport.saccounty.gov](http://childsupport.saccounty.gov) or call (866) 901-3212 to get started. We're here to help. ★

# 'Up from Jackman' Author Has Signing and Book Reading



Harold D. Baldwin reads books to children at A Seat at the Table Books on Aug. 23.

## Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

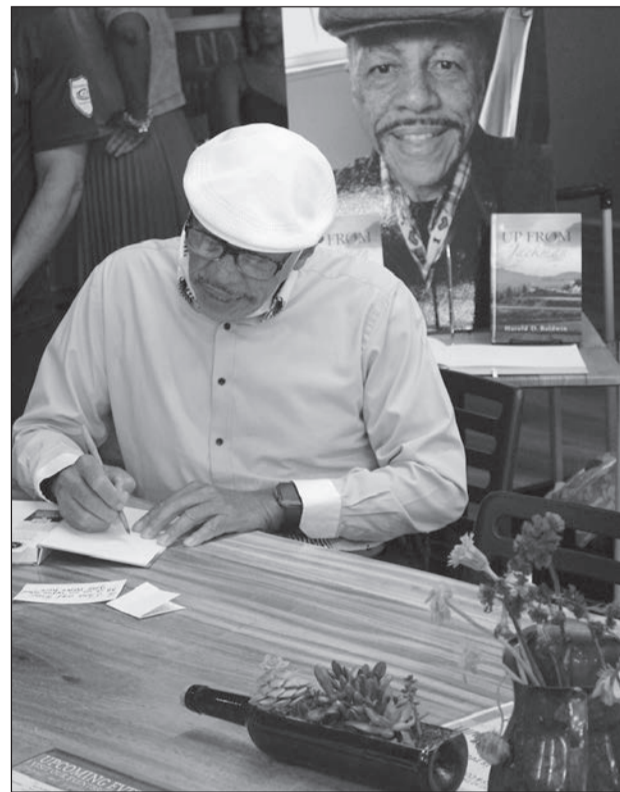
**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Harold D. Baldwin, author of "Up from Jackman," had a book reading and signing Saturday, Aug. 23 at A Seat at the Table Books in Elk Grove.

At 11:30 a.m., Baldwin read to kids for an hour before talking to the adults about the life that led him to writing his book.

The book is an autobiographical piece that provides a valuable resource to students, parents and teachers.

Baldwin shared that having faith, education and a strong spirit can help anyone rise above any challenge they face in their personal life.

Baldwin spoke about giving thanks and praise to the people who had meant something to him when he was teaching at Jackman Middle School. He also said lessons that he had learned growing up, where he needed to overcome situations, helped



Harold D. Baldwin signs copies of his book, "Up from Jackman."

him become the person he is today.

"We all have something, we all have intrinsic value," Baldwin said when speaking about what he learned from an early age.

Baldwin said he will continue to do his part to have a positive impact on the community that he surrounds himself with to guide them to the path of success. ★

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# Shape the Future of Local Transit

## City of Elk Grove News Release

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Elk Grove is on the move and the city wants resident to help guide the way.

The City of Elk Grove, in partnership with Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT), is exploring options to expand high-frequency transit service through the Blue Line/Bus

Rapid Transit Implementation Plan.

This project could improve connections between Elk Grove and the Sacramento region with potential new services along Bruceville Road and Big Horn Boulevard, linking Cosumnes River College to Kammerer Road and State Route 99 (SR-99).

Four alternatives for extending

light rail or introducing new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service are being considered.

Share thoughts through an online survey or by attending an in-person community workshop scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. at District56 (8230 Civic Center Drive).

Learn more at [elkgrove.gov/transitplan](http://elkgrove.gov/transitplan). ★

# Saving Pets in Crisis

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pushed city and district leaders to approve a shelter by gathering signatures and contacting officials. By 2016, the Elk Grove City Council approved construction of a shelter, which opened in 2019.

The LaVines founded Friends of the Elk Grove Animal Shelter in 2016 to support the new facility. After the shelter was established and funded by the city, they launched Paws for a Purpose in 2018 to focus on emergency veterinary assistance.

To date, June LaVine estimates the nonprofit organization has helped about 400 animals, including rabbits, dogs, cats, a horse and a turtle.

The nonprofit initially gained momentum with fundraising events, but LaVine said the COVID-19 pandemic stalled further growth. She said donations have since declined, leaving them with limited funds to help pet owners.

While the nonprofit receives some grants, the funding is restricted to Elk Grove residents, according to June LaVine. That leaves out nearby areas such as South Sacramento,

where she said many low-income families also need help.

“You couldn’t even pass Calvin Road because that’s not considered the city,” she said.

Requests for assistance can be submitted online but there have been a few individuals who took advantage of the nonprofit’s generosity.

“All we think about is the animal. We have to be very careful that people are taking advantage of us. And they have but we sit there and it’s like but if we don’t, that dog will die,” said June LaVine.

Rising veterinary costs also pose a challenge to the nonprofit organization. When she first started the nonprofit, June LaVine said, she reached out to local veterinarians for support but only two responded: Stonelake Animal Hospital and Petlove Veterinary Hospital.

She is grateful for their cooperation but hoped more would join.

Dr. Shivinder Singh Saini of Petlove Veterinary Hospital partners closely with Paws for a Purpose. He often helps the



Here is Precious, the rescue dog that inspired locals June and Arnie LaVine to start a nonprofit to help owners cover the cost of life-saving treatments and surgeries when their pets face medical emergencies. Courtesy photos

nonprofit by treating its emergency cases the same day and offers them discounts.

“Since I was in veterinary school, I have had the tendency to help every sick dog or cat,” he said. “So whenever June calls us, I can’t say no to her.”

When asked why other vets or animal hospitals in the area might be hesitant to partner with Paws for a Purpose, Saini said it depends on their views and whether they want to make money from those cases. For Saini, helping the cause comes as second nature, and he helps sick

animals, regardless of the money involved.

“Money can come and go; that’s not a problem,” Saini said.

Over the years, Paws for a Purpose has aided animals whose stories made headlines. Croozar, a blind rescue dog, was featured on “Good Day Sacramento” and inspired a children’s book. Libby, an Italian greyhound missing her front legs, was featured on CBS-13 last year after the nonprofit had a fundraiser for a canine wheelchair. She was later adopted by the reporter, Marlee Ginter, who



Pictured is Arnie LaVine with rescue dog Precious.

covered the story.

Despite such successes and being featured on local news outlets, June LaVine said that donations have continued to drop and mentioned that their most recent fundraiser in April was canceled due to low ticket sales.

“It’s not like we plan that a dog is going to need us a month from now,” she said. “When you’re talking several thousand dollars, you can’t just go into your pocket and pull out \$5,000

or \$8,000. You need help with it.”

Still, she and Arnie LaVine remain committed to their mission.

“They heal your heart, that’s what I always say,” June LaVine said. “Just when we think we’re going to give up, we don’t.”

Readers can read success stories from Paws for a Purpose, Friends of the Elk Grove Animal Shelter and learn how to help by visiting [pawsforapurpose.net](http://pawsforapurpose.net). ★

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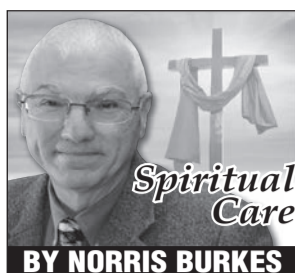
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**Lisa Bailey**

Lisa Bailey’s career has always been in servicing others such as being an Assistant Branch Manager for over 16 years, Business Office Manager, and Executive Administrator for several businesses. She loves being able to make a difference in someone’s life or in the community. She has been a resident of Elk Grove since 2000 and has raised my 3 children and now 4 grandchildren here. She has been an Elk Grove Chamber Ambassador since 2018 as well as a graduate of the 2018-2019 Elk Grove Leadership Class. Lisa enjoys making connections in the community and servicing in any way possible, and trying to set an example for her grandchildren that servicing and volunteering is a necessity and is rewarding. Lisa is a Rotarian of the Laguna Sunrise Rotary Club since 2014 and their Past President for the 2022-2023 year.

## Chaplain has 3-Alarm Guilt Fire



*Spiritual Care*

BY NORRIS BURKES

"I'm going to have to get some bike shoes to ride my new electric bike," I told my wife Becky.

Knowing my propensity to buy shoes for all occasions, Becky asked me to consider using a pair of my running shoes.

"Since we moved to the foothills, I know those shoes haven't seen much mileage."

I recognized her M.O. She was trying to make me feel guilty for spending good money on shoes I probably didn't need.

It wasn't going to work this time I thought as I headed downtown to the biking store.

Gladly, I was pleasantly greeted by a very nice clerk who quickly straddled one of those funny shoe stools with a little loading ramp.

With my foot placed firmly onto the ramp, she began to fit me with a half dozen pairs of shoes. I felt like the princess looking for her CinderFella to fit a glass Nike.

The problem was that her attention was focused over my shoulder where her colleagues were busy collecting lunch orders to the local sandwich shop.

From her perch on the wooden shoe horse, she misspoke her first diagnostic question.

"What do you usually eat?" she asked.

I heard the unintentional

question directed toward me and it set off my guilt alarms.

I wondered if her shoe ramp contained some kind of gizmo capable of measuring the fat in the soles of my feet.

At any moment, I expected a latex-gloved co-worker to pinch the donut sack from my bag and declare, "We got him now. This is all we'll need. Book him on charges of 'stuff and run.'"

Without knowing anything about my eating habits, the clerk didn't mean to imply judgment, but it was too late.

Flaming guilt had already engulfed my face, and by the looks of things, it was going to be a three-alarm response.

But this kind of guilt — the kind of guilt that only fears exposure — is almost as unhealthy as are my eating habits.

Unhealthy guilt will invest an incredible amount of energy into concealing things. As we make the effort to hide our guilt, shirk it, or ignore it, serious mental health concerns can result.

The energy we expend to blanket a problem often shapes a silhouette plain enough for all to see. The impression left from hiding guilt is often as plain as the angel pattern left by children playing in snow.

As I worked to suck in my gut, my unhealthy guilt had me assuming that this hapless shoe clerk was my accuser.

The situation reminded me of the conversation Jesus had with a woman whose murder he

interrupted.

Jesus faced her accusers as they readied stones to execute her for adultery.

He sent the executors packing with a single qualification: "He who is without sin may cast the first stone."

With the sudden disappearance of her accusers, Jesus assured her, "No man condemns you and neither do I."

People like that part of the story but often forget Jesus then turned the tables a bit by introducing her to healthy guilt. With a dismissive mandate, Jesus added, "Go and sin no more!"

In life, healthy guilt can inspire us to strive for healthier lives. It can push us to mend relationships, work hard, and commit to charity. But good results only come as we commit to taking our life forward and "sinning no more."

When the clerk rang up the sale, the damage was almost \$150, and I had only one thought: "I shouldn't be spending this kind of money on shoes. I'm going to have to bike 100 miles a week to justify this purchase."

The guilt was back. *Not to make you feel guilty, but if you're looking for an easy way to help Chispa Project, shop our Amazon Wishlist for the back-to-school season at [www.go.chispaproject.org/supplies](http://www.go.chispaproject.org/supplies).*

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## RELIGION NEWS

### Chabad of Elk Grove Offers Torah Classes

Local community members are invited to attend free weekly Torah Classes that will be offered by Chabad of Elk Grove.

Each class will be held from 6:45-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at a private location.

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

For location, call (917) 724-4443.

### Field of Hope United Church of Christ's Services

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

Sunday School and nursery services are available. For more information, visit [www.FieldOfHopeUCC.org](http://www.FieldOfHopeUCC.org).

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

### St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church's Mass Schedule

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

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

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

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Does anyone remember the First playoff game in Sacramento after a 16-year drought, just three years ago? I certainly do, and it's something I'll never forget.

Tickets were almost impossible to come by, and the electricity both in and out of the arena that night was something that Kings fans will long remember.

There was something special about that team, and one of the things that made that team so memorable was the incredible scoring power they displayed all season long.

The starting lineup of Harrison Barnes, DeAaron Fox, Keegan Murray, Kevin Huerter, and Domantas Sabonis, led the NBA in scoring for the entire season, an achievement never accomplished before in Sacramento Kings history.

I thought it might be interesting to examine what the starting five averaged that season and compare it with the potential scoring we can expect from the starting five today.

The combined total of the starting five for the Sacramento Kings for the 2022/2023 season was 83.8 points per game. The Kings led the league in scoring that season with a total of 120.7 points per game, meaning the bench contributed 36.9 points on average every game.

So, how does that stack up against the likely starting five we have going into the 2025/2026 season?

The Starting five of Keegan Murray, Dennis Schroder, Domantas Sabonis, Zach Lavine, and Demar DeRozan, scored a combined total of 86.9 points per game individually during the 2024/2025 campaign, and the team averaged 115.7 point per game.

That means the Sacramento Kings bench contributed 28.8 points every night last season.

Everyone is talking about the meteoric rise of the now world champion Oklahoma City Thunder, but what did their starting five average every game last season. Surprisingly, it was 77.6 which was just over 9 points per game less than the Sacramento Kings. What made the Thunder the hurricane that they were was torrid bench production that contributed 42.9 points per game!

GM's all over the league are trying to emulate the Thunders success, and is it any wonder?

The question for the Sacramento Kings

may not rest in the scoring of their starting lineup, but rather from the scoring punch they can expect from their bench.

After Malik Monk and Keon Ellis, where the scoring will be coming from is somewhat of a conundrum.

There are question marks up and down the lineup, but without question, Kings fans should be looking at the glass half full as it relates to the bench.

Youngsters like Isaac Jones, first round draft choice Nique Clifford, and Devin Carter are likely to increase last year's bench production from 28.7 and try to replicate the 36.9 production of 3 seasons ago.

Largely ignored has been 3-point specialist Doug McDerott who was signed again for the upcoming season, but has been abysmally used in the past, and I believe has much to offer off the bench.

Players only perform when they're on the floor, and it takes expert coaching to place the right players on the floor at the right time. More than that is developing a regimen that each player can expect as it relates to playing time, and if these players are going to mature and be vital components, they need to know they will be called upon every game, and not just at the whim of the coach at garbage time.

Yes, the stats for the starting five match up favorably for the Kings, but it's well known that the Oklahoma City Thunder made their reputation playing frenetic defense, and without a doubt this is an area that the Kings will need to improve.

I look for Keon Ellis to continue his rise to prominence with defense as his mantra, and I was impressed with the growth in Keegan Murray last season as well.

Playing great defense is contagious, and if coach Christie can infuse an embryonic passion for playing defense night in and night out, I believe the wins will come.

Still, this lineup is not cast in stone, as we continue to hear rumblings of possible transactions, so for Kings fans it has to be patience once again while new GM Scott Perry continues to turn over every rock, hoping to find that last piece of the puzzle.

I'm optimistic and I hope you are too!

Stay tuned for more to come.

All the best!

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

# Social Security Matters

## How Do I Apply for Social Security and Receive my Payments?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I'm ready to apply for my Social Security benefits, and I'm aware of how my benefits are calculated. What I would like to know about is how the application process actually works and how my benefits are received. **Signed: Ready to Collect**

**Dear Ready to Collect:** Essentially, you have two main options for applying for Social Security benefits, and also two separate options for receiving your payments:

To apply for benefits, you can either contact Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to make a telephone appointment to complete your application while speaking to an SSA representative on the phone, or you can submit your application for SS benefits online.

When using the telephone option, you will be guided by an SSA agent while completing your application and can discuss your benefit options directly with that agent (just be sure to be available to receive SSA's call at the scheduled time). You can also make an appointment by calling your local SS field office directly (get the number for your

local SS office at this link: [www.ssa.gov/locator](http://www.ssa.gov/locator)). It is not usually necessary to visit your local SSA office in person to apply.

If you are reasonably proficient with computers, you can, instead, apply online, but you will first need to create your personal SSA account online at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). Once you have your personal account set up, you will be able to see your estimated benefit amount at different claim ages, which should help you decide when it is best to apply. Here is a short video which explains the process for applying for benefits online: [https://www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim\\_r01.htm](https://www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim_r01.htm).

If applying online, you can start your online application at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) apply and re-access it multiple times as needed until you are ready to submit it; just be sure to write down the "reentry code" which is provided when you begin your online application.

When you are ready to submit the application, just select "Submit" and your application will be sent to SSA's application processing unit for review. They will contact you if there are any questions about your application, or if any additional documentation is needed. Note that it typically takes a couple of months for your payments to start and note that payment is made in the month following the month earned. For example, if you begin your benefits in August your first payment will be received in September (on either the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Wednesday

of each month thereafter, depending on your birthday).

For receiving your monthly SS payments: you will (on you application) be able to specify how you wish your monthly payments to be made. The preferred option used by most beneficiaries is to have your monthly Social Security payment deposited into a financial (e.g., bank) account, details for which you will specify when applying. However, you can also choose to receive your monthly payments in the form of a debit card (called "Direct Express") which will be replenished monthly. If you choose to have your payment deposited in your bank account, be sure to have your bank account information ready when you apply. Note that Social Security no longer issues payments via printed checks (except in rare circumstances).

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### Trump is Wrong About Mail-in Voting

President Trump is threatening to wage war on mail-in ballots, and the GOP has to hope he thinks again before the 2026 midterms.

In a Truth Social post, Trump said he is "going to lead a movement to get rid of MAIL-IN BALLOTS," and he'll start off with "an EXECUTIVE ORDER to help bring HONESTY to the 2026 midterm elections."

Trump likes the idea of in-person, same-day voting, which has much to recommend it, but mail-in and early voting are so ingrained and widespread that they aren't going anywhere.

Most Republicans have concluded that there's no alternative to making use of these modes of voting, and, crucially, they managed -- most of the time -- to get Trump on board in 2024. This aided the Republican get-out-the-vote operation in a close election.

Clearly, though, Trump believes that mail-in voting is a Democratic plot, and he also hates contemporary voting machines.

Old-school paper ballots don't guarantee honesty, however. In an infamous instance of voter fraud, allies of Lyndon Johnson stuffed Box 13 with enough ballots to put him over the top in the very narrow 1948 Democratic Senate primary in Texas.

Today's voting machines, moreover, were a reaction to the Florida fiasco in 2000, when punch-card ballots had to be painstakingly examined by hand with a presidential election at stake.

The fact is that vote-by-mail has been steadily growing since the 1980s, and it needn't favor one side or the other.

In Florida, Republicans long made it a priority to maximize mail voting.

A study by the academic Andrew Hall of pre-COVID-19 voting patterns in California, Utah and Washington found a negligible partisan effect as those states rolled out vote-by-mail systems. Overall, turnout went up only very slightly, and "the Democratic share of turnout did not increase appreciably."

Mail-in voting didn't change who was voting but how they did it -- encouraging, as you might expect, voting by mail rather than in-person. Vote by mail did have a strong partisan tilt in the COVID-19 election of 2020, in part because Trump inveighed against it.

Last year, Republicans made a concerted effort to make up ground and succeeded. They went from 24% of the mail-in vote in the must-win swing state of Pennsylvania in 2020 to 33% in 2024, and they outpaced Democrats in mail-in balloting in Arizona.

The advantage to a party of getting people to vote early -- whether in person or by mail -- is that it takes high-propensity voters off the table. Then, a turnout operation can focus on getting lower-propensity voters to the polls. If no one votes until Election Day,

party operatives waste time and money right up to the cusp of the election, contacting people who are going to vote no matter what.

TITLE: None of this is to say that all mail-in voting is equal. So-called universal mail-in voting, or automatically sending a ballot to every registered voter and scattering live ballots around a state, is a bad practice.

The rules should be more stringent. Georgia gets this right. You have to ask for an absentee ballot and provide your driver's license number or a copy of another form of valid ID. Ballots have to be requested at least 11 days before the election and must be returned by Election Day. The outer "oath" envelope has to be properly completed or the ballot is subject to being rejected, although the county elections office will provide the voter a chance to "cure" the envelope.

It's also important to count early and mail-in ballots quickly, something that too many states fail to do, with California -- as usual -- the worst offender.

States should be expected to abide by whatever rules have been set prior to an election, rather than changing them on the fly, and they should ensure that voter rolls are regularly cleaned up.

Regardless, the real question about vote-by-mail isn't whether it is staying or going, but whether Republicans, too, will take advantage of it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# California's Perfect Financial Storm

## It Could Lead to Another Tax Hike



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

A perfect storm of economic, fiscal and political trends is battering California's already deficit-ridden state budget, leading public employee unions and other interest groups dependent on money from Sacramento to explore hefty tax increases.

The budget has what fiscal authorities call a "structural deficit," meaning that its revenue system, dominated by personal income taxes, cannot generate enough income to fully finance all services and programs in current law.

Estimates of the chronic shortfall range from \$10 billion a year to as much as \$30 billion. Last fall, the Legislative Analyst's Office calculated that state spending was increasing by about 6% a year while revenue was rising by only 4%.

The current budget, enacted in June, had a \$20 billion deficit that was closed by tapping into the state's emergency reserves, borrowing from special funds, postponing some payments and adopting some bookkeeping gimmicks. For instance, the budget eliminates payments to reduce the state's ever-growing unfunded obligations for retiree health care which reached \$91.5 billion, up \$6.3 billion from

a year earlier, Controller Malia Cohen recently revealed.

The permanence of the deficit is one factor that's fueling preliminary cogitating over a tax increase of some kind, which probably would have to be ratified by voters.

Another is the reduction of federal aid to states by President Donald Trump and Congress. Federal funds are more than a quarter of California's \$321 billion state budget and the cuts mostly hit health and welfare programs, such as Medi-Cal. Many are looking to Sacramento for money to offset federal reductions.

Finally, a surtax on incomes of California's wealthiest families, approved by voters in 2012 to deal with an earlier budget deficit, was supposed to last only a few years, but a 2016 ballot measure extended it to 2030. Its backers -- public employee unions particularly -- are planning to seek either another extension or permanent status.

The Franchise Tax Board says revenue from the surtax spiked to more than \$16 billion in 2021 -- thanks to the odd economics of the COVID-19 pandemic -- but returned to a more normal \$9-10 billion a year since.

Californians already bear one of the nation's highest tax burdens. Wallet Hub has calculated that California's major state and local taxes are the fourth-highest of any state with an 11% total tax burden.

So what kind of tax increase might be proposed? There aren't a lot of options.

Another income tax hike would be unlikely since maintaining the surtax on high-income taxpayers is already virtually certain to be on the ballot, probably in 2028. Increasing the sales tax, already hovering around 10%, would hit low-income families the hardest.

That leaves corporate income taxes as the most likely target -- a source that the California Budget & Policy Center, a left-leaning research nonprofit, has been touting for years. Citing federal aid reductions and cuts in federal taxes on corporations and wealthy taxpayers, the organization is trumpeting the closure of what it views as loopholes in the corporate tax system.

"Given the immense harms that will be done as a result of the recently enacted federal budget bill, state leaders must develop plans to significantly raise state revenues ... in order to balance the state budget and protect California residents that are vulnerable to serious harms from the federal cuts to health care, food assistance, and other federal policies," the organization declares in a compilation of federal reductions.

Clearly something has to give. California cannot continue to run up budget deficits as the reduction of federal aid compounds the state's already precarious finances.

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



# Police Investigate Fatal Motorcycle Collision

## Elk Grove Police Department News Release



**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Elk Grove Police Department responded to a vehicle vs. motorcycle collision on Elk Grove Florin Road, just north of Campbell Road, around 6:15 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22. Upon arrival, officers discovered that the pickup pulling a trailer had been making a U-turn from northbound Elk Grove Florin Road to southbound

Elk Grove Florin when the 21-year-old motorcyclist, also traveling north on Elk Grove Florin Road, broad-sided the truck. The motorcyclist was thrown from the

motorcycle as a result of the collision and suffered fatal injuries. Medical personnel arrived and determined that the motorcyclist was deceased. Identification of the motorcyclist will be made by the Sacramento County Coroner's Office. The collision is under investigation at this time. Anyone with information regarding this fatal traffic collision is asked to call the Elk Grove Police Department Traffic Bureau at 916-478-8143. ★

## POLICE LOGS

**Aug. 15**  
10:37 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Michael Kanan, 33, on violation of a restraining order and vandalism charges.  
2:44 p.m., Bruceville Road/Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Anthony Vargas, 44, on warrant charges.  
8:42 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Yefrey Chavez Romero, 19, on domestic violence charges.  
7:15 p.m., 9100 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Grove Police arrested Ressa Bravo, 45; and Robert Shires, 41, on petty theft and petty theft with priors charges.

99, Elk Grove Police arrested Jimmy Ching, 32, on possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, parole violation and resisting arrest charges.  
3:54 a.m., 6400 block of Silver Hawk Way, Grove Police arrested Esmeralda Templos-Santos, 26, on burglary, brandishing a weapon or firearm, criminal threats, stalking and domestic violence charges.  
7:56 a.m., 9700 Sorreno Way, Elk Grove Police arrested a female juvenile, 16, on probation violation charges.  
8:13 a.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Franklin Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Sayednoman Sadat, 28, on warrant charges.  
8:35 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested David Ray, 35, on domestic violence and child endangerment charges.  
10:41 p.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/East Sheehan Street, Elk Grove Police arrested Michael Garcia, 52, on DUI/drug charges.

Police arrested Sokcheath Hin, 43, on possession of burglary tools and identity theft charges.  
11:26 a.m., 8300 block of Power Inn Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Gilbert Byrd, 48, on warrant charges.  
11:49 a.m., Stathos Drive/Matina Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Kendell Green, 29, on warrant charges.  
1:10 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Gary Carpenter, 29, on parole violation charges.  
1:21 a.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Hung Toan, 56, on felony hit and run with injuries and resisting arrest charges.

**Aug. 16**  
12:24 a.m., Kammerer Road/Promenade Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Jose Carrasco Gonzalez, 50, on DUI/drug charges.  
12:33 a.m., Sheldon Road/State Highway 99, Elk Grove Police arrested Mauricio Flores, 39, on DUI/drug charges.  
11:12 p.m., Foulks Ranch Drive/Laguna Park Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Darryl Henderson, 58, on DUI causing bodily injury charges.  
11:31 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Big Horn Boulevard, Grove Police arrested Johnathan Vega, 22, DUI, reckless evasion and driving without a license charges.  
3:12 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Laguna Springs Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Shavon Barkins, 48, on resisting arrest charges.  
3:43 p.m., State Highway 99/Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Craig Lewis, 24, on possession of cocaine or heroin and possession for sale of a controlled substance charges.  
5:16 p.m., 9100 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Edward Ramirez, 39, on public intoxication and petty theft with priors charges.  
7:11 p.m., Calvine Road/Barrymore Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Marco Meza Dominguez, 57, on warrant charges.

**Aug. 18**  
1:32 a.m., 9300 block of Sierra River Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 16; and Jack Maddox, 18, on contributing to the delinquency of a minor charges.  
4:38 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Steve Gonzales, 37, on violation of a court order charges.  
5:20 p.m., 7200 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Dierdrick Burnett, 49, on parole violation and petty theft with priors charges.  
5:37 p.m., 9200 block of Survey Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Kamrul Arias, 42, on possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.  
8:47 p.m., 8900 block of Brown Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Kyle Smelosky, 39, on public intoxication, resisting arrest and warrant charges.  
9:33 p.m., 10400 block of Grant Line Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Marin Cruz Perez, 51, on DUI/drug charges.

**Aug. 21**  
10:59 a.m., 8500 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Kamrul Arias, 42, on warrant charges.  
3:25 p.m., East Stockton Boulevard/Power Inn Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Zariah Carter, 28, on receiving a stolen vehicle and taking or driving a vehicle without owner's consent charges.  
4:59 p.m., State Highway 99/Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Vattana Thansamai, 39, on felony hit and run with injuries charges.  
5:33 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Palvinder Hayer, 51, on domestic violence charges.  
5:48 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Ana Diaz-Lopez, 31, on domestic violence, brandishing a weapon or firearm and child endangerment charges.  
8:37 p.m., Auto City Drive/Lotz Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Lady Rodriguez, 40, on providing false identification and identity theft charges.  
11:01 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Arthur Smith, 35, on domestic violence charges.  
12:11 p.m., 8800 block of Calvine Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Traci Wright, 51, on possession of cocaine or heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of hard drugs with priors charges. ★

**Aug. 17**  
12:36 a.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/State Highway

**Aug. 20**  
7 a.m., 1900 block of Colt Drive, Elk Grove

## ARTS CALENDAR

**View Artwork from Elk Grove**  
At [webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove](http://webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove).  
The Elk Grove Arts Commission has created a virtual Citywide Art Guide to art pieces and art events in Elk Grove.  
If you know of a piece or event that should be included, contact the city of Elk Grove's community event center manager, Lana Yoshimura at [lyoshimura@elkgrovecity.org](mailto:lyoshimura@elkgrovecity.org).

at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. We periodically offer workshops for younger people, dependent upon the instructor and type of class. If you're looking for basic to advanced instruction in Batiking, Ceramics, Clay, Encaustics, Fabric Art, Mixed-Media, Mosaics, Plein Air, or Watercolor (and more!), you will find it here. To learn more, visit [elkgrovesfineartscenter.org/workshop](http://elkgrovesfineartscenter.org/workshop).  
The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is at 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. ★

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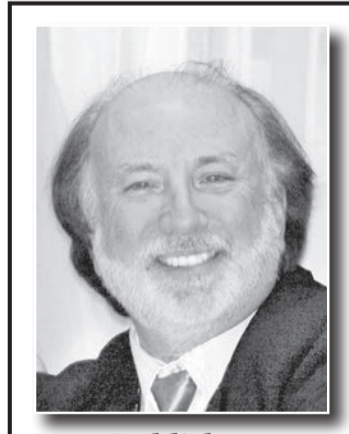
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sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements 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 <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-22-898190-NJ**. 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 **619-645-7711**, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-22-898190-NJ** 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. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS:** For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-22-898190-NJ and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com>. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged

through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318** QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: **CA-22-898190-NJ** IDS Pub #0249958 8/29/2025 9/5/2025 9/12/2025 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 9-12-25

**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 **714-730-2727** or visit this internet website [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales), using the file number assigned to this case **25-00607-LC-CA**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet 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 a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" you may be able to 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 **888-264-4010**, or visit this internet website [www.ndscorp.com](http://www.ndscorp.com), using the file number assigned to this case **25-00607-LC-CA** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: **08/08/2025** National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: **888-264-4010** Sales Line **714-730-2727**; Sales Website: [www.ndscorp.com](http://www.ndscorp.com) Deandre Garland, Trustee Sales Representative A-4850210 08/29/2025, 09/05/2025, 09/12/2025 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 9-12-25

## City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### CONCERNING STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE ZONE 2 ASSESSMENTS ANNEXATION NO. 74 INTO STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE ZONE 2 FOR THE CORAL BLOSSOM APARTMENTS PROJECT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Wednesday, **October 8, 2025**, at **6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove shall hold a public hearing prepared and filed in connection with proposed Storm Water Drainage Fee Zone 2 assessments on properties identified in the resolution of intent adopted on August 13, 2025. The City has mailed a notice to each affected property owner specifying the amount of the proposed assessment on the owner's property. At the public hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all protests.

Dated / Published: August 22, 2025 and August 29, 2025

JASON LINDGREN  
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

#### ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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

Elk Grove Citizen 8-22, 8-29-2025

## 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 **Thursday, September 25, 2025** for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

### ON-CALL CONCRETE SERVICES – INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS, AND RELATED ITEMS (OM2605)

Bids submitted after the time specified will not be accepted.

#### Description of Work:

The proposed work shall be performed in accordance with the plans, specifications and other contract documents and shall consist of the following: removal and replacement of concrete sidewalks, curbs, gutters, driveways, ADA access ramps, including adjacent hot mix asphalt (HMA) pavement, root removals, installation of detectable warning surface (DWS), and other related items as directed by the Engineer (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$346,800.

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 and/or Class C-8 Concrete Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

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

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

#### For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:

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

Elk Grove Citizen 8-29, 9-5-2025

Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount lien being auctioned off may be **TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The

## City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Wednesday, **September 10, 2025** at the hour of **6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove City Council will conduct a public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, to consider the following matter:

### MILESTONE II GPA, REZONE, AND MAP (PLNG24-008) – MILESTONE II GPA, REZONE, AND MAP (PLNG24-008) – GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT/COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT (MAP), REZONE, TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP, SUBDIVISION DESIGN REVIEW, AND DETERMINATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY:

The Project consists of a General Plan Amendment/Community Plan Amendment (map) to change the land use designation from Public Services (PS) to Low Density Residential (LDR); a Rezone from RD-5 to RD-6; and a Tentative Subdivision Map and Subdivision Design Review to subdivide the site into 56 single family lots and one lot for stormwater treatment. The Project also includes a Determination of Consistency with the General Plan for the Abandonment of existing right-of-way that is not necessary for present or foreseeable future use. The Project shall comply with the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) for new single-family development, as described in detail in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The Planning Commission reviewed this matter at its meeting on August 21, 2025, and voted 4-0-1 (Single absent) to recommend the City Council approve the Project.

<b>PROPERTY OWNER:</b>		<b>PROJECT APPLICANT:</b>	
Raymond/Gloria Melavic Surviving Spouses Trust/Johan/Anne Otto Trust PO Box 78 Elk Grove, CA 95759		Taylor Morrison of California, LLC Ryan Hatheway (Representative) 81 Blue Ravine Road, Suite 220 Folsom, CA 95630	
<b>LOCATION/APN:</b>	Northwest corner of Wayne Heintz Street and Wyland Drive; APN: 134-0110-177		
<b>ZONING:</b>	RD-5		
<b>GENERAL PLAN:</b>	Public Services (PS)		
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL:</b>	An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared for the Project (SCH# 2025060655) and is available for review in person at the Community Development Department Public Counter (8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758) or online at <a href="http://elkgrove.gov/environmental">elkgrove.gov/environmental</a> .		
<b>PROJECT PLANNER:</b>	Sarah Kirchgessner, Senior Planner 916.478.2245 or <a href="mailto:skirchgessner@elkgrove.gov">skirchgessner@elkgrove.gov</a>		

Information regarding this item may be obtained by contacting Sarah Kirchgessner by email at [skirchgessner@elkgrove.gov](mailto:skirchgessner@elkgrove.gov), or by phone at 916-478-2245.

All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the close of the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, 1st Floor, Elk Grove, CA, 95758, at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

**This meeting notice is provided pursuant to Section 23.14.040 and Section 4.54.520 of the Elk Grove Municipal Code.**

Dated/Published: August 29, 2025

JASON LINDGREN  
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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## City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SUPPLEMENT NO. 57 CONCERNING STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS IN DISTRICT 1, ZONE 3-AT (EASTERN AREA) FOR THE CORAL BLOSSOM APARTMENTS PROJECT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Wednesday, **October 8, 2025**, at **6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove shall hold a public hearing on the Engineer's Report and a supplement thereto (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) prepared and filed in connection with proposed street maintenance assessments on property identified in the report as supplemented. The City has mailed a notice to each affected property owner specifying the amount of the proposed assessment on the owner's property. At the public hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all protests.

Dated / Published: August 22, 2025 and August 29, 2025

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# New Home Sales Rebound in July

**North State Building Industry Association News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - July new home sales in the greater Sacramento region rebounded from June's low point, with 480 sales reported by North State Building Industry Association members, the association reported Aug. 12.

Sales in the seven-county area rose 53% from June and were 11% above July 2024's totals. Building Industry Association President and CEO Tim Murphy attributed the increase to substantial builder incentives, a gradual decrease in mortgage interest rates and buyers' continued interest in moving to a new home.

"Rates have trickled down to their lowest point this year, a current average of just over 6.5%," Murphy said. "And more buyers are discovering that

homebuilders can offer rate reductions and incentives that existing homeowners can't offer."

A recent survey by Lending Tree found that California is one of just three states where it's currently significantly less expensive to buy a new home than an existing home, according to Murphy. The study found that statewide, existing homes are 24.7% more expensive than new homes.

"That's just another reminder that prospective buyers should consider the options available because a new home may be more affordable than they think," Murphy added.

Murphy also noted that recent studies "have indicated that many people will likely jump off the fence" if interest rates fall to 6%. And if local governments throughout the region streamlined the development process and lowered the fees that on average add more than \$100,000 to

a home's price, according to Murphy, more homes could be built at lower price points.

"The BIA will continue to pursue pragmatic reforms that keep the dream of homeownership alive in our region," Murphy said.

Roseville at 90 and Rancho Cordova at 84 again recorded the most sales, followed by Elk Grove at 64, Sacramento at 50 and Natomas at 34. Lincoln sales were the sixth highest at 29, followed by Plumas Lake at 25, Rocklin at 22 and Folsom at 18. Galt re-entered the Top 10 with 14 sales reported.

Building Industry Association statistics covered 193 new home communities reported by members in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

For more information, visit [www.northstatebia.org](http://www.northstatebia.org). ★

## MEETING MINDERS

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

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

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

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

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

It governs the Cosumnes Fire

Department as well as Elk Grove's parks and recreation system.

The CSD board meetings can be watched live at [www.CosumnesCSD.gov](http://www.CosumnesCSD.gov) and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

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

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

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

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### City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the hour of 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove City Council will conduct a public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, to consider the following matter:

#### ADDITION OF TERRITORY TO FUTURE ANNEXATION AREA COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2006-1 (MAINTENANCE SERVICES)

The City Council of the City of Elk Grove on August 13, 2025, adopted its Resolution No. 2025-162 "A Resolution of Intention to Add Territory to Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 (Maintenance Services) as a Future Annexation Area" (the "Resolution of Intention") pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, Sections 53311 et seq., of the California Government Code (the "Act"). The Future Annexation Area is described in the Resolution of Intention (on file with the City Clerk) for further particulars.

In the Resolution of Intention, the City Council stated its intention to add certain territory as a Future Annexation Area of the City's Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 (Maintenance Services) (the "CFD") and to levy special taxes in such territory upon the unanimous approval of the owner or owners of each parcel or parcels at the time that parcel or those parcels are annexed from the future annexation area to the CFD, without any requirement for further public hearings or additional proceedings, all as provided in the Act.

At the hearing, the City Council will hear the testimony of all interested persons for and against the addition of the territory to the future annexation area of the CFD or the levying of special taxes within such territory upon the unanimous approval of the owner or owners of each parcel or parcels to be annexed in the future to the CFD.

Information regarding this item may be obtained by contacting Cindy Tiffany at (916) 627-3397. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk ([cityclerk@elkgrove.gov](mailto:cityclerk@elkgrove.gov)) at any time prior to the close of the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

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

Published/Dated: August 29, 2025

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CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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#### ADDITION OF TERRITORY TO FUTURE ANNEXATION AREA COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2003-2 (POLICE SERVICES)

The City Council of the City of Elk Grove on August 13, 2025, adopted its Resolution No. 2025-161 "A Resolution of Intention to Add Territory to Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Police Services) as a Future Annexation Area" (the "Resolution of Intention") pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, Sections 53311 et seq., of the California Government Code (the "Act"). The Future Annexation Area is described in the Resolution of Intention (on file with the City Clerk) for further particulars.

In the Resolution of Intention, the City Council stated its intention to add certain territory as a Future Annexation Area of the City's Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Police Services) (the "CFD") and to levy special taxes in such territory upon the unanimous approval of the owner or owners of each parcel or parcels at the time that parcel or those parcels are annexed from the future annexation area to the CFD, without any requirement for further public hearings or additional proceedings, all as provided in the Act.

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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 **SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. P.ST.** for:

#### BID# 808-25/26 STAGE CURTAINS 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](mailto:bminami@egusd.net) or by phone at (916) 686-7773.

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

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# ABOUT TOWN

**Friday, Aug. 29**  
**Summer Concert:**  
**On Air** – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Warm nights and great tunes are back this summer, with a twist: Cosumnes CSD is searching for amateur performers in Elk Grove. If you've got talent, come show it off. See [cosumnescsd.gov](http://cosumnescsd.gov) for application information, then bring your family and friends out to enjoy these free outdoor concerts. This week, our local performers will be opening for "On Air," classic rock and power horns. 3020 Renwick Ave.

**Saturday, Aug. 30**  
**Teen Takeover: Party Edition** – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wackford Community & Aquatic Complex. Enjoy a glow-in-the-dark session of open recreation games in the teen center or open gym time. It's a great opportunity to hang out with friends and have fun in a lively environment. Food and drink will be provided. Register at [cosumnescsd.gov](http://cosumnescsd.gov). 9014 Bruceville Road.

**Tuesday, Sept. 2**  
**Gardeners of the Grove** – 6 p.m., Elk Grove Library (entrance on Elk Grove Boulevard side). "Garden Chatter" will be the theme for the first meeting of the 2025-26 term.

Have you found unusual plants over the summer break that you can share with the group? Bring your ideas and enthusiasm (even for the ones that didn't work out) to our September kick-off meeting.

Social time starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome! For more

information, contact Anne Padilla [apadilla0511@gmail.com](mailto:apadilla0511@gmail.com). 8900 Elk Grove Blvd.

**Thursday, Sept. 4**  
**Twilight on the Bufferlands** – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Don't miss this unique opportunity to explore some of the great Central Valley habitats at dusk on the SacSewer Bufferlands. You may have a chance to see beavers, river otters, raccoons, owls and more. Please wear appropriate clothing for walking on trails, and bring water and binoculars if you have them. Registration is required, and space is limited. Email [conardc@sacsewer.com](mailto:conardc@sacsewer.com) to reserve and your email confirmation will include the meeting location.

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**Camden Neighborhood Association Free Summer Concert** – 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at lower Camden Lake. Everyone is invited to enjoy classic dance tunes, rock and pop with a bit of funk in the mix. Featured band "Color Me Badd" will help everyone dance the night away. Invite friends and family for an evening of festivities including a bounce slide and face painting. Enjoy great mobile food trucks from SactoMofo. Get tickets for prizes or join the 50/50 raffle. More information at [info@snaelkgrove.com](mailto:info@snaelkgrove.com). Allister Way near Bridgewater Court.

**Sunday, Sept. 7**  
**Metalachi Madness Concert** – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the District56 Community Center Lawn. Think about your favorite rock songs, done with mariachi musicians and get ready for an entertaining evening that will have you on your feet dancing all night. Free admission, with food and drink available for purchase. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

**Library Events**  
 Sacramento County Libraries have the following upcoming events: (EG) Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd.; (F) Franklin, 10055 Franklin High Rd.; (NW) Nonie Wetzel Library, 170

Primasing Ave., Courtland; (VH) Valley Hi/North Laguna, 7400 Imagination Parkway, Sacramento:

Friday, Aug. 29: Outdoor family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Morse Community Park, 5540 Bellaterra Drive. (F)

Saturday, Aug. 30: Explore and learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) STEAM for Kids with the Sacramento Children's Museum – Playing with Color, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (VH)

Tuesday, Sept. 2: Elk Grove Navigator office hours, 10 a.m. to noon. Participants can connect with trained navigators who provide guidance, answer questions, and connect clients to resources such as shelters, food assistance and housing. (EG)

Wednesday, Sept. 3: Explore and learn, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH) Teen space, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Meet other teens and hang out in a space dedicated to you. (EG)

Thursday, Sept. 4: 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) Adult space, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Discover engaging activities, enjoy light refreshments and meet good company. (VH)

Friday, Sept. 5: Explore and Learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F)

Saturday, Sept. 6: Adult space – senior yoga with Coach Sarah, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (NW) Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) STEAM for kids, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EG)

Call 916-264-2920 or 800-561-4636 for more information on any of these events.

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Rotary Club of Elk Grove meets every Wednesday for lunch at noon, at The Park at Laguna Springs, 9670 Laguna Springs Drive. More information at [elkgroverotary.org](http://elkgroverotary.org).

**Widowed Persons Social Club**  
 Sept. 1, 10:30 a.m. – WPSC Board Meeting at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Open to all members.

Sept. 1, Noon – Lunch at Shabu Gen Hotpot & Sushi Buffet, 9135 W. Stockton Blvd., Suite 100, Elk Grove. Contact is Barbara at 916-516-6009.

Sept. 4, Noon – No-host Lunch & Bunco at Patty's Pizza, 8591 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

Sept. 5, 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.

Sept. 6, 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Gathering at Peets Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at

916-685-9669.  
**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 Sept. 24. 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, Sept. 25. Post 233 Family Breakfast, first Saturday each month at 9 a.m., with location TBD. Currently, we will meet at Mimi's Café, corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99). For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

**Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233** – first Monday each month at 5:45 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Oct. 11, Post 233 will host its annual fundraiser at District56. Please email [egpost233@gmail.com](mailto:egpost233@gmail.com) for more information.

**Marine Corps League Detachment #1238** – first Thursday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

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# Medical Care Accessibility Expands with Clinic

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medicine, said the clinics blend the best of all those services.

“It’s a great model because it’s like low acuity urgent care mixed with primary care,” she said.

Peters noted that the clinic uses point-of-care testing, which provides immediate results at the patient’s side. It also offers same-day appointments, interpreter tablets, vaccines for all ages, telehealth options and pediatric care.

“Nowadays, people don’t want to make an appointment and wait,” Peters said. “If their plans change for the day and they have time available, they want to do it at their convenience.”

Robert Marchuk, Dignity Health Physician Market president, said in a speech before the ribbon-cutting ceremony that the new clinic reflects Dignity Health’s commitment to meeting community needs.

“We saw the demand for same-day appointments and the desire for extended hours and that’s what we wanted to provide,” Marchuk said. “We understand that in today’s



Pictured above and to the right is one of the patient rooms available at Dignity Health Express Primary Care Elk Grove. Photos courtesy of Dignity Health Mercy Medical Group

busy world, it’s not always easy to find time to see your doctor. This clinic was envisioned to be in your community, where you shop, where you work, where you live.”

Methodist Hospital of Sacramento President Phyllis Baltz said the expansion builds on the hospital’s long presence in the area as one of the main healthcare facilities.

“For over 50 years,

Methodist has served this community,” said Baltz. “This express primary care clinic is just one more way we’re bringing compassionate, quality and accessible care to the community.”

Dr. Bianca Roberts, family physician and department chair of family medicine, explained that the model is designed to bridge the gap between urgent and primary care.

“If you think of urgent care on one side and traditional primary care on the other, express primary care is right in the middle,” she said.

Roberts noted that the clinic can treat respiratory illness, urinary symptoms and sports injuries the same day, as well as help manage high blood pressure, diabetes and hypertension. Services also include well-child checks,



immunizations, well-woman exams, referrals to specialists and annual checkups.

“We are excited to bring this innovative model of care to Elk Grove,” Roberts said, thanking physicians, staff and operational leaders.

Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen credited Roberts and Dignity Health for their commitment to the community by consistently engaging and learning its needs.

“Access to healthcare is one of the most important needs in our growing city,” said Singh-Allen. “This new location will make it easier for families and individuals to receive same-day care, whether virtually or in person, with extended hours and a wide range of services.”

Singh-Allen added that the clinic represents another step toward opening the city’s first hospital, which will be a Dignity Health facility. ★

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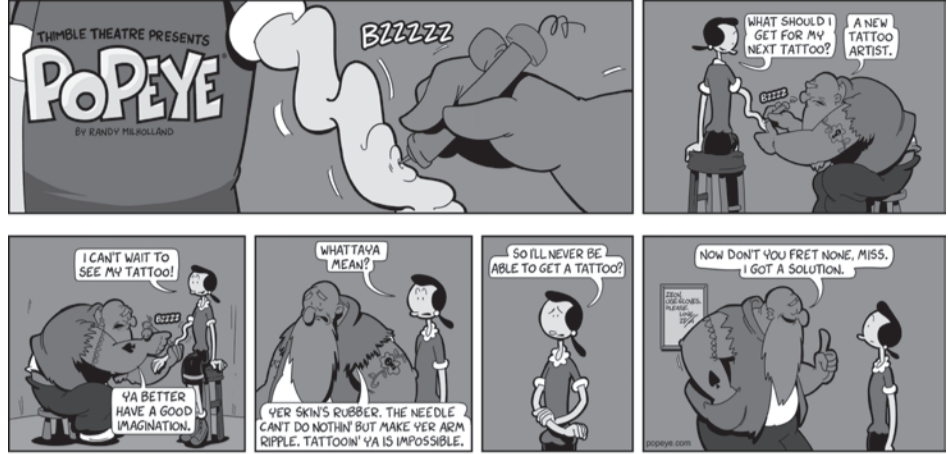
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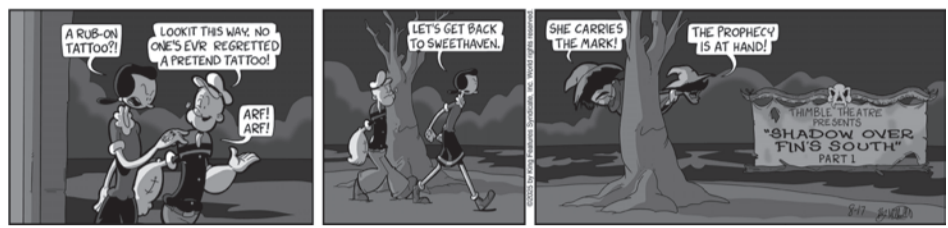
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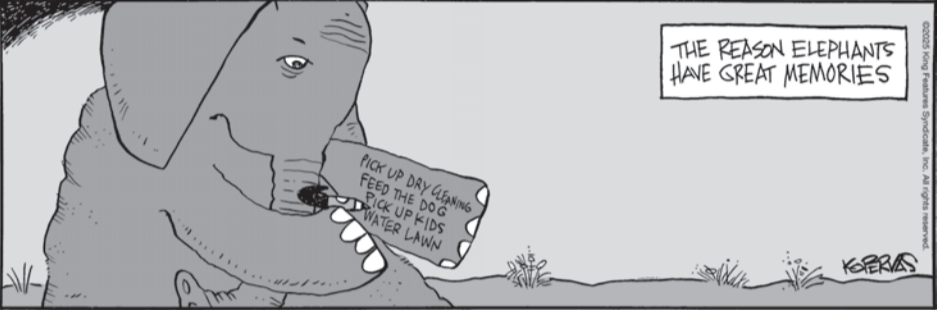
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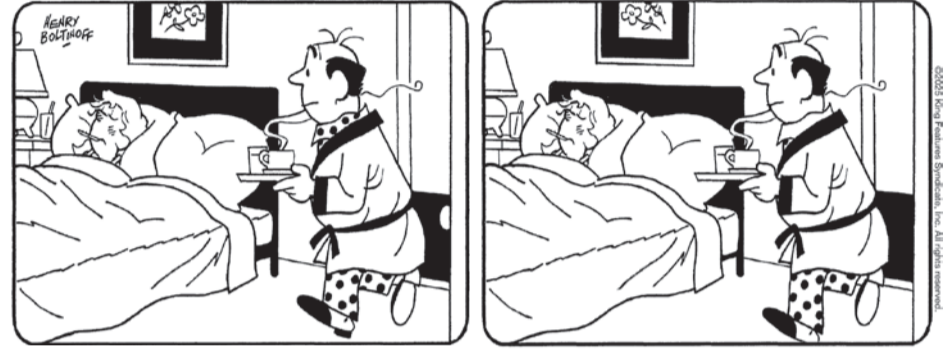


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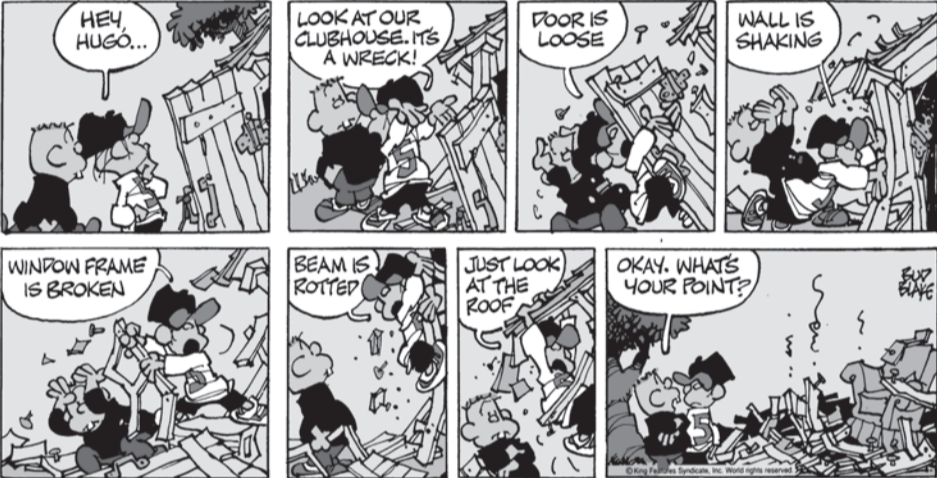
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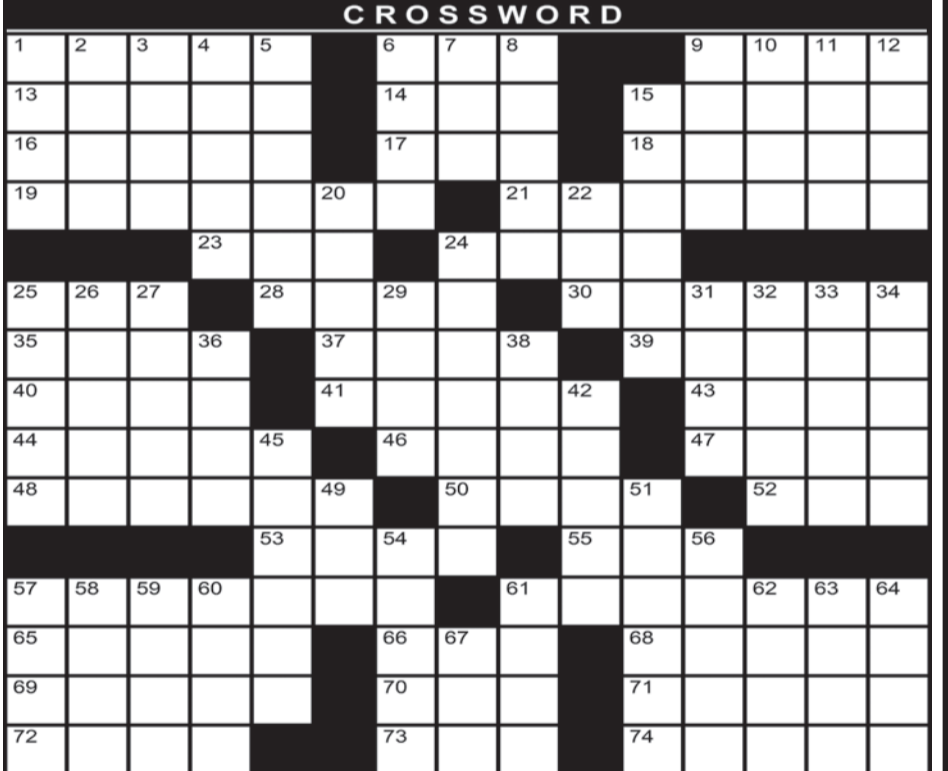
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# Republic FC Stadium Groundbreaking Ceremony

## Sacramento Republic FC News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Wilton Rancheria and Sacramento Republic FC marked the beginning of construction on Republic FC Stadium at the Railyards with a groundbreaking ceremony on Aug. 18.

The ceremony celebrated the tribe's return to its ancestral lands along the banks of the Sacramento and American rivers, 67 years after its federal recognition was stripped from the nation by the California Rancheria Act. Now that Wilton Rancheria and Republic FC have acquired the land in The Railyards, site preparation will begin in the coming days and fans can take the first step in locking in their place for the club's inaugural season in its new home.

"The Rancheria Act tried to erase us but, on its anniversary, we are breaking ground on a future that ensures our sovereignty, our name, and our story will endure," said Wilton Rancheria Chairman Jesus Tarango. "This is not our groundbreaking; this is our homecoming."

Said Managing Partner Kevin Nagle, "Our path has not been easy. But just like our city, just like our tribal partners, we've kept moving forward. And now, together, we are breaking ground on the future. In 2027, when the first ball is kicked here in The Railyards, it will be more than the start of a match. It will be the next chapter in an ongoing story of resilience."



From left are Republic FC President and General Manager Todd Dunivant, Republic FC Managing Partner Kevin Nagle, Wilton Rancheria Chairman Jesus Tarango, City of Sacramento Mayor Kevin McCarty and Wilton Rancheria Chief Operating Officer Chris Franklin. They are at the Aug. 18 groundbreaking event for the club's new stadium in the Railyards. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

For a first look at the stadium design developments and to learn more about placing a deposit for the 2027 season, fans can visit RepublicStadium.com. A flythrough video will show off the stadium's unique elements, including a Supporters' Plaza, the rooftop club with views back to the city's skyline, the park-like eastern concourse, open-air public-market and beer-garden inspired culinary options, entry plazas and a close look at the West tower that will feature a variety of new premium seating options.

Starting at just \$9.16, four deposit levels are available to give fans priority access to season tickets for the inaugural season at the new stadium. From a safe-standing supporters section (\$9.16), general seating in the East and Southern neighborhoods (\$25) to all new premium seats (\$50) and private luxury suites (\$500) with ultimate comfort and unmatched views, there are options for every budget and every type of fan. Only one deposit is required to secure your seat selection priority for the new stadium.

Each deposit will include

a donation to help the club construct more free-to-play mini-soccer courts around the region. Since 2019, the club has built 12 new safe spaces throughout the community and donations will support the next court opening later this year and the many more to follow.

The groundbreaking comes after years of collaboration and commitment between Wilton Rancheria, Republic FC and the broader Sacramento community. Pre-construction work is already underway, including grading and utility preparation. In



Wilton Rancheria Chief Operating Officer Chris Franklin speaks at the Sacramento Republic FC groundbreaking on Aug. 18 at the Railyards. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

addition, bidding has begun on key project elements, with Turner Construction serving as the general contractor. Local contractors, trades, and suppliers interested in participating in the project are encouraged to visit Turner Construction's website for more information.

Republic Stadium is expected to open in 2027 and will serve as the permanent home for Republic FC, as well as be a premier venue for concerts, cultural festivals and community events. ★

# Kings Tickets Available Shuler Retires After 25 Years

## Sacramento Kings News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento Kings begin the 2025-26 season on the road against the Phoenix Suns at 7 p.m. Oct. 22. The Kings return home for opening night at Golden 1 Center presented by Kaiser Permanente to take on the Utah Jazz at 7 p.m. Oct. 24, followed by a matchup against the Los Angeles Lakers in Sacramento at 6 p.m. Oct. 26.

Sacramento heads back on the road to play their first back-to-back of the season, facing off against the Oklahoma City Thunder (Oct. 28) and Chicago Bulls (Oct. 29).

The Kings conclude the season's first extended road trip with games in Milwaukee (Nov. 1) and Denver (Nov. 3). The team returns to Sacramento for a five-game homestand that includes their first meeting with the Golden State Warriors (Nov. 5) and their first Emirates NBA Cup 2025 game versus the defending NBA champion Oklahoma City Thunder (Nov. 7).

The Kings finish the homestand with contests against Minnesota (Nov. 9), Denver (Nov. 11) and Atlanta (Nov. 12) with the game against the Nuggets as their first nationally-televised game of the season, airing on NBC.

The Kings embark on a five-game road trip that tips off with their second Emirates NBA Cup game, taking on the Timberwolves at 5 p.m. Nov. 14. Sacramento heads to San Antonio (Nov. 16), Oklahoma City (Nov. 19), Memphis (Nov. 20) and Denver (Nov. 22).

The Kings in Sacramento have two 7 p.m. games against the Minnesota Timberwolves on Nov. 24 and the Phoenix Suns on Nov. 26 for their third Emirates NBA Cup contest. Sacramento ends November with an Emirates NBA Cup game in Utah, playing the Jazz at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 28 and finishing the month with a 6 p.m. home outing versus Memphis.

The Kings take a three-game road trip, playing the Rockets in Houston at 5 p.m. Dec. 3, the Heat in Miami at 5 p.m. Dec. 6 and a nationally televised game against the Indiana Pacers on Dec. 8 (Peacock).

The Kings have a two-game set against the Trail Blazers, squaring off in Portland at 7 p.m. Dec. 18 and in Sacramento at 7 p.m. Dec. 20. Sacramento finishes a four-game homestand with games versus Houston (Dec. 21), Detroit (Dec. 23) and Dallas (Dec. 27).

Road games in Los Angeles are with the Lakers at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 28 and the Clippers at 8 p.m. Dec. 30 in a

nationally-televised game on NBC.

The Kings have 10 games in Sacramento in January, beginning with a New Year's Day clash against the Boston Celtics at 7 p.m. Sacramento travels to Phoenix (Jan. 2) for the second night of a back-to-back with the Milwaukee Bucks (Jan. 4) and the Dallas Mavericks (Jan. 6, NBC). The Kings make their first appearance at Chase Center on Jan. 9, playing the Warriors at 7 p.m.

Sacramento has a seven-game homestand with games against Houston (Jan. 11), the Lakers (Jan. 12, Peacock), New York (Jan. 14), Washington (Jan. 16), Portland (Jan. 18), Miami (Jan. 20) and Toronto (Jan. 21). The Kings then play six games away in nine days, beginning with games against Cleveland (Jan. 23) and Detroit (Jan. 25). Sacramento travels to New York (Jan. 27) before a back-to-back against Philadelphia (Jan. 29) and Boston (Jan. 30) and finishing in Washington on Feb. 1.

The Kings follow with three home games: the Memphis Grizzlies (Feb. 4), their first game on Prime Video against the Clippers at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 and a home matchup against Cleveland (Feb. 7). They play in New Orleans (Feb. 9) and Utah (Feb. 11). The Kings have a home outing against Orlando at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 and then an away game with San Antonio at 5 p.m. Feb. 21 in Austin for the start of a five-game trip. The Kings travel to Memphis (Feb. 23), Houston (Feb. 25) and Dallas (Feb. 26) and ends the trip in Los Angeles against the Lakers (March 1).

Sacramento has nine home games in March: a five-game homestand that starts against the Phoenix Suns at 8 p.m. March 3, airing on NBC; New Orleans (March 5), Chicago (March 8), Indiana (March 10) and Charlotte (March 11). Sacramento travels to L.A. to play the Clippers at 7:30 p.m. March 14, airing on ESPN. The Kings at home squares off against the Utah Jazz (March 15), San Antonio Spurs (March 17), Philadelphia 76ers (March 19) and Brooklyn Nets (March 22).

The Kings head east, taking on Charlotte (March 24), Orlando (March 26), Atlanta (March 28) and Brooklyn (March 29). The five-game road trip ends in Toronto on April 1. The Kings at home play New Orleans (April 3) and the Clippers (April 5). The Kings play the Golden State Warriors twice, first in San Francisco on April 7 and then at 7 p.m. April 10 at Golden 1 Center. Sacramento finishes the regular season on the road on April 12 in Portland.

Single-game tickets for Golden 1 Center games are on sale at Kings.com/Tickets. ★

## Cosumnes River College Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Cosumnes River College (CRC) announced the retirement of assistant baseball coach and instructional assistant Jno Shuler, who has been part of Cosumnes River College Athletics for 25 years.

"Today's announcement is bittersweet for our department," said Collin Pregliasco, dean of Kinesiology, Health and Athletics and the athletic director on Aug. 11. "Jno has been an integral part of CRC Athletics and our baseball program since 2000. His dedication to our student-athletes on the field and through his work in our Athlete Learning Center has shaped the culture of our department in so many ways. His presence will be deeply missed but no doubt we will continue to build on what he has started."

During his time at Cosumnes River College as an assistant coach under Tony Bloomfield and Don Mico, Shuler helped guide the Hawks baseball program to 20 playoff appearances, four Big 8 Conference Championships and a 3C2A State Championship in 2012. Shuler's coaching excellence was recognized nationally in 2022 when he was named the ABCA (American Baseball Coaches Association) National Assistant Coach of the Year.

"Jno's leadership, dedication and unwavering commitment to the game and to CRC baseball, have left



In addition to his baseball program contributions, Jno Shuler was instrumental in the development of the Athletic Learning Center at Cosumnes River College. What began as a converted equipment room storage closet became a thriving academic support space for student-athletes. Image courtesy of Cosumnes River College Athletics

an indelible mark on every player fortunate enough to be coached by him," said head baseball coach Mico. "I consider myself incredibly lucky to have coached alongside him for the past 14 years... years filled with highs like the 2012 State Championship and countless playoff appearances, learning moments, as he helped teach me how to be a head coach, and plenty of laughter on long bus rides and conversations about baseball legends of the '70s, '80s and '90s."

In addition to his contributions with the baseball program, Shuler was instrumental in the development of the Athletic Learning Center at Cosumnes River College. What began as a converted equipment room storage closet became a thriving academic support space for student-athletes.

Shuler's work, alongside Steve Krisiak, Cosumnes River College's coaching staff and fellow academic coaches Brandon Ellis and Shirley Murillo, helped create a transformational resource that continues to lead the way

across the state for supporting student-athlete academic success.

"As he steps away from the field," Mico said, "Jno leaves behind a legacy built not just on victories but on character, mentorship and integrity. I was blessed to have him as a mentor, and most of all, a friend. I wish him a fulfilling and well-deserved retirement."

Shuler's assistant coaching accolades included 20 3C2A Playoff Appearances in 2001 through 2012, 2014 through 2017, 2019 and 2022 through 2024; four conference championships in 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2012; 2012 3C2A State Championship; and 2022 ABCA (American Baseball Coaches Association) National Assistant Coach of the Year.

"Jno is truly one of a kind," Pregliasco said. "His passion and support for our student-athletes made him more than a coach to those that worked with him or played for him. There is no doubt his athletes, coaches and staff are all better for knowing him." ★

# Baucom Captures Golf Championship at State Fair

## Sacramento Golf Council News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Donnie Baucom of Fair Oaks claimed the 2025 California State Fair Mid-Amateur Golf Championship played Aug. 16 and 17 at Bing Maloney Golf Course.

Baucom posted back-to-back rounds of 68 for a 136 total, finishing two strokes ahead of runner-up Scott

Stevens of Garden Valley.

Stevens highlighted the championship with a hole-in-one on the 13th hole during the first round.

The championship was open to male amateur golfers age 30 and older with a World Handicap System Index of 6.8 or lower.

The event was conducted by the Sacramento Golf Council, with Sean Wong serving as tournament chairman. ★

# Competitors Beat Obstacles at NorCal Spartan Event

Story and photos by  
Nathan Felix Valencia

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Aug. 22-24 Norcal Spartan Event Weekend featured five races at Mahon Ranch: Sprint, Super, Kids Race, 12-Hour Hurricane Heat and a Four-Hour Hurricane Heat.

These races varied in lengths and number of obstacles, whether that be wall climbs, burpees or through mud and water.

Although there are multiple races with multiple obstacles, this was a medium-difficulty event. It does not matter if someone is a beginner or has been training for years, this event was made for everyone and not just professionals.

Marc Montano, Spartan racer and DJ, stated, "that's what is so great about it. Spartan is all levels of athletes, not just the pros, but also just the everyday person as well."

A participant could compete by themselves to see how they compared to others, or they could bring a group of friends. There was a great atmosphere around the event, not just in the competition but people looking to have fun and to build camaraderie.

Brennan Golden and Olivia Nelson had gone to

race in a group of friends to not only compete, but to have a fun time.

"I was invited by a group of friends to come out. I'm looking to have a good time for an athletic challenge," said Golden.

Going with a group of friends gives a different type of internal motivation: wanting to not fail or to give up.

"We are hoping to push each other through these obstacles so we can all finish together," Nelson said.

With this event concluded, the Spartan Races now enter their championship season, where the races will be longer and more difficult. "Beast" is a half-marathon race filled with difficult obstacles that all participants need to accomplish. "Ultra," one of the last races, is over 30 miles long.

Different types of races throughout the year help train experienced athletes for the bigger races, and to help teach the Spartan beginners. People can find races where there isn't mud or water and on flat ground.

"Don't say 'I'll do this tomorrow; I'll do it the next day.' Well, the next day is today, and there is no better time to start than today," said Montano. ★



Spartan racers head out on the course at Mahon Ranch in Elk Grove.



Runner Olivia Nelson, left, with Brennan Golden, said, "We are hoping to push each other through these obstacles so we can all finish together."



Athletes emerge from a water obstacle on the Spartan course.

## Elk Grove Run Club Hosts Weekly 3-Miler

Story and photos by  
Nathan Felix Valencia

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Elk Grove Run Club hosted its weekly three-mile run each Thursday behind Waterman Brewing Company. The members start at 7 p.m. with a group stretch before heading out on their run.

They leave out of the back of the brewery and then head into the neighborhood in the surrounding area. They are able to map out how far the group needs to run so they can achieve three miles. They run a mile and a half, then

turn around and head back.

Not only does the run club host a weekly run, but they will plan and go to different races and stage longer runs on the weekend. And depending on the weekend, they will run seven or eight miles.

Spreading the word on social media and by word of mouth, they are able to get the information to everyone in the club. The community of the club is strong; most of the participants have grown up together or have gone to school together.

The Run Club takes an exercise that is

time-consuming and relatively boring and turns it into an opportunity to have fun.

"I think it's way more fun to run with people than it is to run by yourself," said Run Club member Noah Seto. The run club gives an opportunity for people to exercise while building a connection with the other runners to make new friends. The club will also make sure that everyone knows the destination they are running to not allow anyone to run blindly.

No one is too young or too old to join the run club.



Elk Grove Run Club members warm up before heading out on their three-mile Thursday route.

It has groups of all ages come together to push one another for the betterment of each others' health.

"So if you are thinking about wanting to get into running or just wanting to exercise more and to get outside more, this is the perfect thing," Seto said.

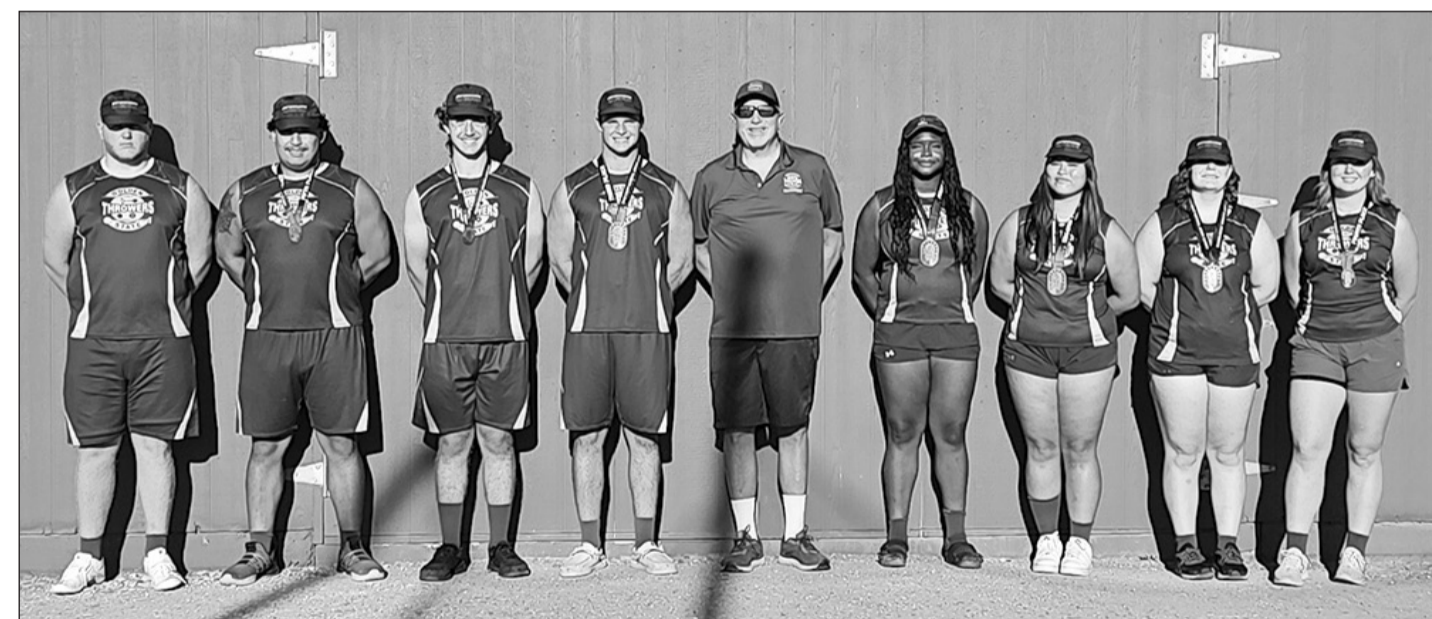
Members will welcome anyone with open arms, knowing what it takes to be in the run club and that all were beginners at one point.

The run club is a family that is always growing and looking for new members. It does not matter what

background someone has or what they do for a living; if someone is wanting to start running and to meet new people while doing it, the run club would be a perfect choice.

Waterman Brewing Company is at 9824 Dino Drive #150, Elk Grove. ★

## Golden State Throwers Capture 8 Medals, All-Americans



Pictured are Avery Mitchell, left, Joseph Garcia, Alex Edwards, Zane Commins, Coach Mike Curry, Elizabeth Ojukwu, Amanda Javellana, Madeline Hess and Thea Jeffress. Courtesy photos

By MPG Staff

**HERALD, CA (MPG)** - During the last week of July, Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia, hosted the USATF Hershey National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships. Golden State Throwers (GST), a local throwing team coached by Mike Curry and centered just south of Elk Grove in Herald, dominated as a team taking home eight medals and All-American awards.

In the 17/18 womens' division for the Hammer Throw, Golden State Throwers athletes placed second and fourth. Amanda Javellana of Rancho Cordova (Pleasant Grove High School) finished second with a personal best of 177 ft. 5 in. This is Javellana's fifth All-American award in the hammer throw. Javellana

will be throwing on scholarship for California State University, Long Beach next year. Thea Jeffress of Brentwood (Clayton Valley Charter High School) finished fourth with a throw of 151 ft. 4 in. Jeffress will be throwing on scholarship for California State University, Fresno next year.

In the 17/18 men division for the Hammer Throw, Zane Commins of Elk Grove (Pleasant Grove High School) finished third with a throw of 206 ft. 1 in. Commins will be throwing on scholarship at Weber State (Utah). Junio, Avery Mitchell of Elk Grove (Elk Grove High School), finished eighth with a throw of 185 ft. 5 in.

In the 15/16 girls division in the Hammer Throw, Elizabeth Ojukwu of Rancho Cordova (Pleasant Grove High

School) was crowned national champion, throwing a first-place toss of 159 ft. even. Madeline Hess of Folsom (Vista Del Lago High School) finished third with a throw of 147 ft. 2 in. Both athletes won their second consecutive All-American awards in the event.

In the 15/16 boys division for the Hammer Throw, Alex Edwards of Tracy (Merrill West High School) finished eighth with a throw of 148 ft. 10 in.

Finally, in the 17/18 mens' division for Shot Put, Joseph Garcia of Elk Grove (Cosumnes Oaks High School) finished fifth with a throw of 56 ft. 11.5 in. This marks Garcia's second All-American award. Garcia will be throwing on scholarship at Boise State (Idaho) next year.

Earlier this summer, three of the Golden State Throwers athletes made the medal



Pictured are Golden State Throwers Pleasant Grove athletes Zane Commins, Nike National Champion; Elizabeth Ojukwu, USATF National Champion; and Amanda Javellana, five-time time All-American.

stand in the Hammer Throw at the Nike Outdoor Nationals (Championship classification) in June in Eugene, Oregon. Zane Commins took home the championship, on the last throw, with a gold medal toss of 197 ft. even. Amanda Javellana earned a third-place medal with a throw of 174 ft. 7 in. Logan Remington of Clayton (Clayton Valley Charter High School) finished seventh with a throw of 181 ft. 4 in. All three of these athletes earned All-American awards from the Nike outing.

With two national champions and 11 All-American awards, Golden State Throwers finished its successful season. There is great pride in this team that worked hard all year long to reach such an accomplishment. Check out Golden State Throwers at goldenstatethrowers.org or on Instagram at @golden\_state\_throwers. ★