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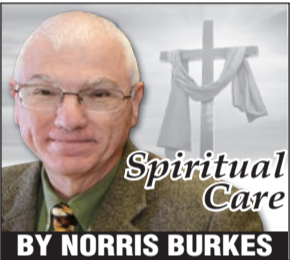
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### Family, Friends Honor Connor Lopez's Legacy



"Think before you turn" reads a sign posted at the entrance of the WinCo shopping center on Sheldon Road, with a picture of Connor Elliot Lopez, who died April 23 in a motorcycle and vehicle collision.

Story and photos by Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Lopez-Lyman family was met with loud support Sept. 11 as drivers honked while passing the memorial of their loved one, decorated with flowers and birthday balloons.

"Think before you turn," reads a sign posted at the entrance of the WinCo shopping center located off

Sheldon Road, with a picture of Connor Elliot Lopez. It serves as a reminder that one careless turn can take an innocent life.

According to the Elk Grove Police Department, Lopez was riding his motorcycle down Sheldon Road on April 23 when an SUV turning left from the oncoming lane into a shopping center struck him at around 3:50 p.m. Lopez was taken to a hospital where he died from his injuries.

Lopez was a young musician from Galt and a piano teacher at NewSongs School of Music in Elk Grove. A 2018 Liberty Ranch High School graduate, Lopez lived in Galt with his family, who have resided in the community for 11 years. Lopez was on his way home from the gym when the crash occurred.

On Sept. 11, family and friends gathered at Lopez's memorial to

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## Pitch Elk Grove Breaks Records, Awards \$20K



Pictured from left are the nine Pitch Elk Grove finalists: Himanshu Misra of EnlitenAI, Steve Barnett of Soar Optics, Bryan Verdusco of Stealth Talent Solutions, Rich Foreman of IGH Naturals, Deborah Simpson of SeeMedX, Heather Rankow of Rely, Sam Ruderman of Resolv Rebates, Scott Holman of Red Line Safety, Inc. and Evan Ledahl of Demotu. Photo courtesy of City of Elk Grove

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Since launching in 2022, the Pitch Elk Grove competition has showcased and awarded innovative startup companies from across the Sacramento region. Now in its fourth year, the event set new records with 70 applications submitted and the largest audience turnout to date on Sept. 4.

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen opened the evening by highlighting the competition's role in advancing Elk Grove's vision of becoming a place where businesses can develop and grow.

"Since 2022, the city's Office of Economic Development, Invest Elk Grove, has collaborated with StartupSac to help accelerate early-stage ventures and strengthen our

startup ecosystem," Singh-Allen said.

She also noted that support from Explore Elk Grove, the city's tourism marketing organization, has helped position the city as a hub where "innovation, entrepreneurship and community thrive."

"To our finalists, congratulations on making it this far. Your vision and drive embody the spirit we celebrate

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## City Selects Talking Walls as Mural Festival Coordinator

By John McCallum

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove's inaugural Mural Festival took a big step toward reality with the approval of an event production partner to collaborate with city staff to create and manage the event.

City Council members gave unanimous consent to staff at their Sept. 10 meeting to negotiate a contract with San Francisco-area based art festival contractor Talking Walls to work with the city in producing the event, which is slated to run June 1 to 6, 2026.

As part of its approximately \$85,000 fee, Talking Walls will be responsible for selecting artists from a local, national and international pool, artist hospitality and compensation, wall selection and building owner permissions, wall preparation, coordination of mural themes and two special events along with all art supplies and artists' needs.

Elk Grove economic development analyst Sara Rodrigues said the city, in partnership with Talking Walls, will handle event marketing and communications, advertising, sponsorships and other event needs at an estimated cost of \$40,000, bringing the total for the event to \$125,000.

"We don't anticipate needing this full amount," Rodrigues said, adding sponsorships could help reduce those costs.

Stemming from a vision for an arts and economy focus and making the city an "arts and culture destination, the council formed the Arts and Creative Economy Commission and the concept of a mural festival that would "provide a platform for artists to create, and residents to appreciate and celebrate public art."

In her presentation, Rodrigues listed eight reasons for the festival that included beautification and placemaking, community pride and identity, economic development, revitalizing key areas of the city and support for local artists.

"The goal is to unify the city and build on the tradition year after year," she added.

Founded and managed by husband-and-wife team Cameron and Crystal Moberg, Talking Walls proposed creating art on a minimum of five walls and maximum of eight on

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# Chamber Cuts Ribbon for New 7-Eleven

By MPG Staff

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12 for the new 7-Eleven at 8344 Power Inn Road.

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen, chamber ambassadors and store employees joined 7-Eleven owner Navleen Uppal for this celebration.

The chamber noted that Uppal is a second-generation 7-Eleven owner. ★



Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen, chamber ambassadors and store employees joined 7-Eleven owner Navleen Uppal, woman holding scissors, at the ribbon-cutting for the location at 8344 Power Inn Road. Photos courtesy of Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce

# ‘Weekend in Greece’ Returns to Elk Grove

By Idaly Valencia

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church is inviting the community to experience a “Weekend in Greece” at its annual Greek culture and food festival on Sept. 27 and Sept. 28.

The two-day celebration will feature authentic Greek dancing, music and food, along with cultural displays and guided tours of the Byzantine-style church at 9165 Peets St.

Inside, visitors can admire hand-carved furnishings from the island of Crete, Greek marble, colorful iconography and mural paintings, all depicting the historical aspect of the Orthodox Christian faith.

This year’s tours will also include a demonstration of Byzantine chanting, an ancient form of Christian music older than Gregorian chant.

Father Constantine “Dino” Pappademos recommends first-time visitors try the Pastitsio, a Greek casserole similar to lasagna but made with noodles and ground beef.

Other festival favorites include lamb and chicken kebabs, calamari, gyros and souvlaki.

“The neat thing about our festival is that all of the foods are handmade here in Elk Grove in our church,” said Pappademos.

Pastry lovers can enjoy traditional treats such as baklava, a flaky phyllo dessert layered with walnuts, cinnamon and honey syrup, and Karithopita, a spiced nut cake with honey.

Pappademos noted that he not only



“Weekend in Greece,” being held at Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church from Sept. 27 to 28, will include festival favorites such as lamb and chicken kebabs, calamari, gyros, and souvlaki.

hopes attendees can enjoy the food, music and art but also experience Greek hospitality.

“The Greek culture is focused and centered around hospitality more than anything else,” Pappademos said.

Proceeds from the festival benefit church programs and community initiatives, including the Elk Grove Food Bank, support for women escaping violence, the WYNN program for homeless youth, and other charities and orphanages.

“Weekend in Greece” typically draws from 2,500 to 3,000 attendees, making it one of the biggest events held by Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church.

Festival hours are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28. Admission is free. ★



Visitors can admire hand-carved furnishings from the island of Crete, Greek marble, colorful iconography and mural paintings, all depicting the historical aspect of the Orthodox Christian faith at the “Weekend in Greece” festival at Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 9165 Peets St. Photos courtesy of Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



The Sept. 27-28 celebration will feature authentic Greek dancing, music and food, along with cultural displays and guided tours of the Byzantine-style church at 9165 Peets St.

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### 2025

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The City of Elk Grove is seeking applications to fill one vacancy position on the Historic Preservation Committee.

**Qualifications.** Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, reside in the City of Elk Grove and be registered to vote in the City of Elk Grove. Members may not be an officer or employee of the City. The members of the Historic Preservation Committee shall include persons who have demonstrated special interests, competence, experience, or knowledge in historic preservation. Though not a requirement, prospective applicants with professional background in the disciplines of history, architecture, architectural history, planning, pre-historic and historic archeology, folklore, cultural anthropology, curation, conservation and landscape architecture or related disciplines such as urban planning, American studies, American civilization, or cultural geography are encouraged to apply. (Note: This is a non-paid, volunteer position.)

**Historic Preservation.** The City of Elk Grove has a rich heritage depicted in numerous California State Landmarks and properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Elk Grove’s Historic Preservation Ordinance provides for the identification, designation, protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of historic resources including buildings, structures, objects, sites, districts, and cultural landscapes within the city that reflect special elements of the city’s heritage and cultural diversity. The ordinance can be accessed online under Title 7 at: <http://www.codepublishing.com/CA/ElkGrove/>

The Historic Preservation Committee meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove.

**Appointment and Term.** Appointment will be made by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council; the initial term will go to February 10, 2027.

**APPLICATIONS:** A Fact Sheet and application are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California 95758 and are posted on the City’s website at <https://www.elkgrovecity.org/commissions-and-committees/vacancies-appointment-opportunities>. Applications may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Office of the City Clerk, or emailed to [cityclerk@elkgrove.gov](mailto:cityclerk@elkgrove.gov).

**The deadline to submit an application is October 15, 2025** or until such time as sufficient applications have been received.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk  
(916) 478-2286  
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# Louis Silveira Named Citizen of the Year

By MPG Staff

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce has named Louis Silveira the 2025 Elk Grove Citizen of the Year.

Among the nominations, Silveira was recognized as an immeasurable supporter of Elk Grove events and someone always willing to help others.

Originally from Woodland, Silveira's family officially moved to Elk Grove in 1955, where they lived on a ranch off Calvine Road. He attended Elk Grove Elementary and graduated from Elk Grove High School.

After serving four years in the Navy as a medic,



Louis Silveira, center, was named the 2025 Elk Grove Citizen of the Year by the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce, which annually honors a resident for outstanding volunteer service in the community. Courtesy photo

Silveira pursued a career in the medical field, working at UC Davis Medical Center and UC Davis School of Medicine from

1973 to 2013. In 2008, Silveira launched a newsletter sharing classmate updates and Elk Grove history, which

has since grown to more than 2,000 subscribers annually. Known as the Elk Grove High School Update, it has become a

valued source of community connection.

Silveira also plays an active role in preserving and sharing local history.

He serves as the Elk Grove Historical Society's webmaster, archivist, photographer and Stage Stop Gazette Newsletter editor.

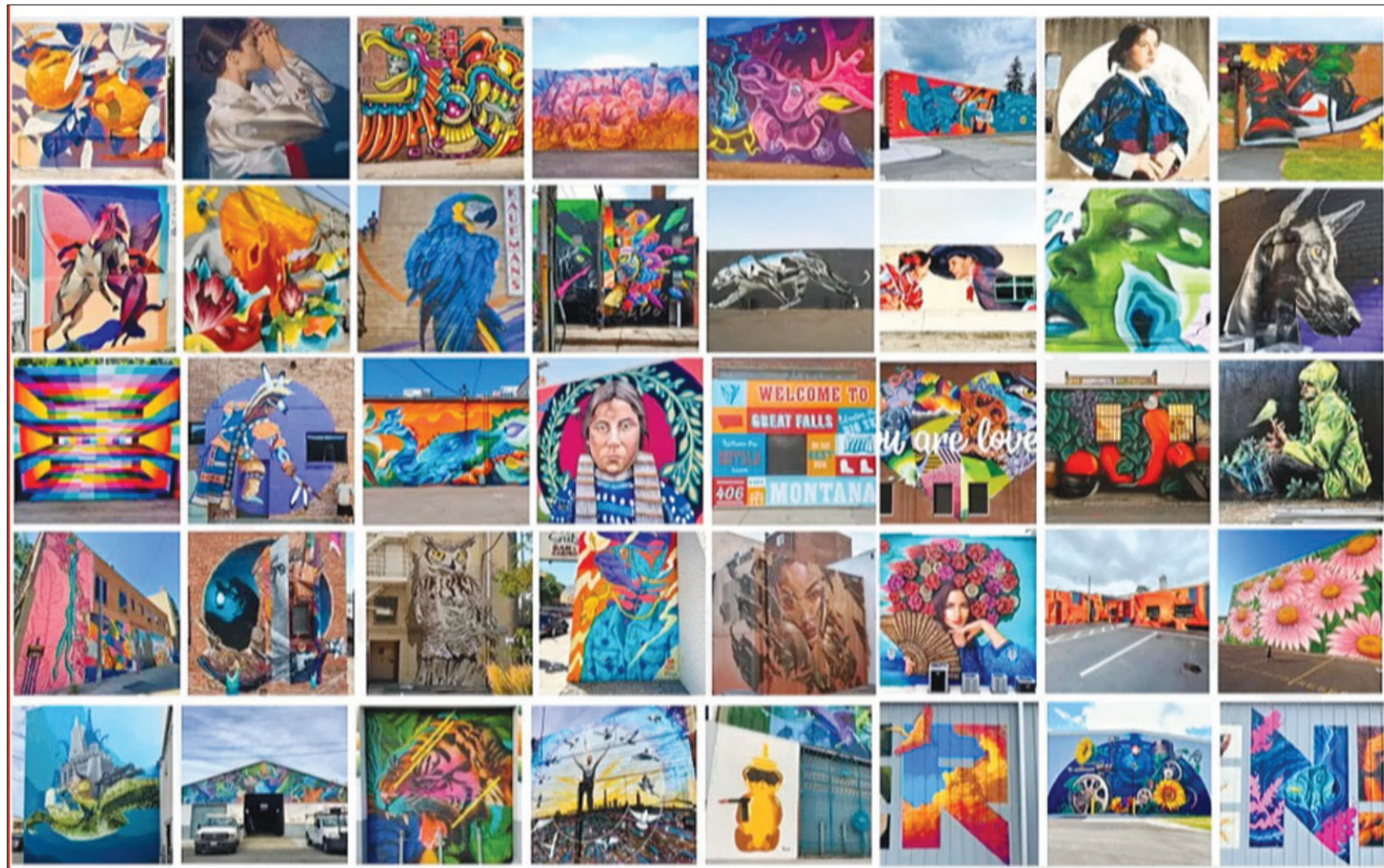
Silveira is the assistant director and scheduler for the Rhoads School, a member of the Elk Grove Native Sons of the Golden West Parlor number 41 and a member of the Elk Grove High School Multi-Class Reunion Committee.

The Citizen of the Year award honors an Elk Grove resident who has provided outstanding volunteer service to the community.

Silveira will be recognized at a banquet ceremony on Nov. 3 at the Elk Grove Park Pavilion.



# City Selects Talking Walls as Mural Festival Coordinator



Here are some of the murals created by Talking Walls artists at various mural festivals around the country. Photo courtesy of Talking Walls

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selected and cooperative businesses in the city's Main Street District along Elk Grove Boulevard between Elk Grove-Florin Road and Waterman Road.

Subsequent festivals will feature other areas of the city, and part of the contract with Talking Walls could have it produce festivals over the next two to three years.

The city received five proposals from organizations specializing in these types of art festivals: ARTners and Pinot's Palette in Elk Grove, Wide Open Walls in Sacramento, Talking Walls and National Mural Awards from Jacksonville, Florida. After presentations to the commission on June 26, two finalists were selected: Talking Walls and Wide Open Walls.

Both submitted additional proposals and, after what chair Brian Rickel described as a "robust conversation" at

the Aug. 6 meeting, the commission unanimously selected Talking Walls to help lead festival creation. According to their proposal, Talking Walls has 20-plus years painting wall murals and over nine years "curating festivals" for public agencies in California, Indiana and Montana.

"It's a very close conversation," Rickel told the council. "The work out of both organizations is fantastic."

Rickel explained the decision to select Talking Walls came down to several factors: ability to scale the project using available resources and needs, a track record of working with small towns such as Great Falls, Montana; Lafayette, Indiana, and Sand City, California, and dedication to selecting artists based on their ability to interact and represent the community they were working in.

"They (Talking Walls) didn't want to

just choose walls, they wanted to have the input from the community," said Rickel, who is also Arts, Media & Entertainment dean at Consumnes River College.

"As an artist, I think when you insert artists into communities, it's important that we feel welcomed and we don't just feel like we're here to work for you, but we're here to be a part of what we're creating," Rickel added, noting Talking Walls reflected this approach in its proposal.

Rickel also said Talking Walls would be protective of artists' rights and freedoms and ability to incorporate their own voices into their work to tell a story of Elk Grove. It was this storytelling that Councilmember Rod Brewer focused on with his questions, noting, as did Rickel, that the city was fast becoming a large, diverse municipality, but one grounded in small-town, agricultural roots.

"With our diverse cultures that we have in the Sacramento area and Elk Grove, people want to see how that ties into the story of the town they live in, but also has a heartstring that pulls it through as well," Brewer said in asking about the inclusion of local artists familiar with the region.

Rodrigues said the request for proposal specified at least one local artist, but the festival would also benefit from national and possibly international artists who can view the city from a different perspective. She noted there would be language in the contract with Talking Walls to ensure the murals didn't include anything profane or negative about the city while reflecting Elk Grove values and tone.

"I think they are likely to leave a very lasting positive impact on this city that we can build upon year after year after year," Rickel added.



## AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Lisa Bailey

Lisa Bailey's career has always been in servicing others such as being an Assistant Branch Manager for a bank 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.



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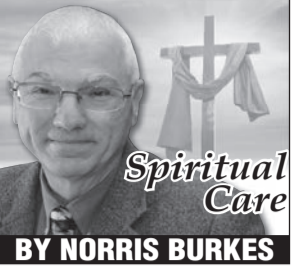
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# Chaplain Brings the Lucky Charm



BY NORRIS BURKES

charm chaplain.”  
 But my luck wasn't going to hold.  
 One evening, after I'd been there for about six months, I composed a fervent prayer for a 2 a.m. launch. At the last minute, the mission was scrubbed because of weather but rescheduled for the same time on the next morning.  
 “God speed,” I said, with a dismissive assumption that my job was done.

They looked at me as if I'd hung them with their lucky necktie. “You're coming back tomorrow night, aren't you Chaplain?”  
 “Uh, sure.”

The next morning, I reported for duty, bleary-eyed, hoping to pass off the same crumpled prayer from the previous evening.

Same result. No launch. As I offered condolences to the disappointed crew, Brigadier General Donald Pettit, the Wing Commander, barked at me. “Chaplain, your prayer didn't work! You need to write a new prayer.”

It's possible that what I said next might explain why I had to finish my military career in the reserves.

“You're kidding, sir.” He assured me in general-like terms that he wasn't kidding.

I still thought he was ribbing me, but I was too new to our spacy business to be sure. So, a few days later, I brought a new prayer. Unfortunately for all concerned, I was forced to repeat the rewrites for the next three weeks.

When our rocket finally soared on our sixth

attempt, I reached across the consoles to exchange handshakes with the ground crew. One engineer in his lucky sweater, slapped my back and said, “You finally did it, Chaplain.”

“Did what?” I wondered, as I drove home on that early morning.

I wasn't the lucky horseshoe in this arrangement. I simply offered a prayer — not as a magical incantation, but as a reminder that God comes where he is invited.

It's the same idea I share in premarital counseling.

“I'm not the lucky god charm,” I tell the couple. “I don't bring God's presence into your marriage. You must do that.”

The next morning, I was walking across the base courtyard, when Gen. Pettit motioned me over to him.

I offered him a salute weakened by fatigue.

“Your prayer didn't work!” he said.

“But, sir, I saw it launch.”

“We launched it, but it never reached the intended orbit,” he said.

“That'll be all,” he added, before returning my salute with a smirk that told me he really was ribbing me.

Nevertheless, that was the day their lucky chaplain lost his lucky charm.

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## MEMORIAL

### ZARANG SOMERBY • 03/08/1931 - 08/07/2025

As a new tiny heart beat, Zarang's life began in Russia from the time of the first Bahá'í temple. Many years later her accomplished life's journey ended after the recent building of the Chilean temple, in South America. Her heart beat endured for 94 years, having traveled through many continents. Her life began during the emergent unfolding of the first Bahá'í continental house of worship. It was known as a Mashriqu'l-Adhkar, was located in Ashgabat, then part of the Russian Empire, now the capital of Turkmenistan. Construction began in 1902, though not fully finished until 1919. Zarang experienced the temple only as a family story, as her family was soon forced to flee Russia.



regarding the sacredness of our human oneness. The first Bahá'í temple marked the beginning of Zarang's life's journey. In turn, her life time following of the construction of many new temples gave hope to the continuance of her faith's message. Finally, the building of the Chilean temple, marked the culmination of her journey, by supporting a continuing hope for the betterment of human kind. These temples bracketed her life, as did Samuel Clemmon's, being born when Haley's comet appeared. He later died after a meaningful life seeking human justice, marked by the return of Haley's comet.

I think of Zarang's history in the Bahá'í faith, as a parallel to the life efforts of Mark Twain. She too recognized, through her faith, the equality of all the Earth's citizens. Twain recognized this oneness in America's citizens, via, his being a Southerner. In this latter context, he experienced the extreme blasphemy of slave owners, thinking of their slaves, as other than human. Mark's novels cleverly reflected his views of human nature, in: The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (1876) and Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1884), which some call the “Great American Novel”, being known for their humor, vivid details, and memorable characters. His novels opened many eyes to the truth that African slaves were as deeply human as their owners. In turn, Twain was an adamant supporter of the abolition of slavery. He succinctly criticized different aspects of his society's: self-interested materialism, expectations of white and black men, as racial hypocrisy. His novels were given in order to denounce the many shortcomings of society; to change the warped mindset of western philosophy. The planet, its peoples, and its creatures have suffered greatly from this self centered materialistic mindset. That latter philosophy views individuals as purely economic, self-interested units, competing with others to accumulate an ever-increasing share of the world's material resources.

latter is based on the oneness of humankind. This profound concept first emerged among the Asian continuants. Its first appearance was among the ancient Vedit religious beliefs, about two and a half million years before the writings of Bahá'u'lláh. It is manifest in the Hindu Upanishad texts of the 7th and 8th century BCE

One of many examples is Zhang Zai (1020 - 1077). He was a pioneer of the Song dynasty's philosophical movement called - “Study of the Way”. The latter was an interest in a universal metaphysics: one body with all things, and universal caring. According to Zhang Zai, “All people are my brothers and sisters, all things are my companions”

Coequal with this acceptance of human oneness, the entirety of all what is sacred, is represented by a single, supreme divine reality. Such supreme oneness is interpreted as different faces, of one reality, be they East Asian: Confusionism, Taoism, Shinto; South Asian: Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Janism The Asian view remains a profound recognition of the oneness of all human kind, along with the primal oneness of unity behind all different sacred traditions. The latter was fundamental to the Asian community's betterment, being a deep seated world view. The spiritual oneness of many Asian groups is anchored in the same single divine reality. The latter gave constrain to the self interest of individuals. Instead, the west has only chosen to embrace, the as if fundamental separateness of every individual.

Zarang's purpose, in life was to affirm western societies desperate need to recognize the oneness of human kind. She focused on using the teaching of the Bahá'í faith under Bahá'u'lláh,

Zarang was seriously dedicated to the theme that all humans are members of the same family. We all are made of the same dust, that shares the same sacred foundation. Her prophet, Bahá'u'lláh, brought this oneness of humankind to the western world. It corresponds well to the finding of the theory of evolution. In succession, a number of temples were constructed during Zarang's life on different continents. In her 90's, in 2001, the Universal House of Justice announced that efforts should begin to construct the Mother Temple of South America. It was inaugurated in 2016 and serves as the continental temple for South America. The temple, was recently host to a gathering that marked a significant milestone in a conservation project aimed at safeguarding the diverse ecosystems in the Andes Mountains. The mayor of Peñalolén, expressed her appreciation for the role the temple has played in promoting environmental stewardship in the region since its inauguration. “These grounds have a special meaning because... the efforts [of the Bahá'í community] to restore these foothills has been very important,” she said. A representative of the GEF project, spoke about the steps taken to reforest and conserve the flora and fauna on the temple site, saying: “By using native plants, minimizing visual obstructions, and engaging in ecological restoration, the design and landscaping of the gardens create a tranquil space in which the city finds silence, and visitors can connect with nature. This connection inspires meaningful conversations and invites you to approach the temple in a state of meditation and reflection.”

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# Life of Kindness, Call for Change



The Lopez-Lyman family hold signs and pictures at Connor Elliot Lopez's memorial site on his birthday, Sept. 11.

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celebrate his birthday. He would have turned 24 years old.

## Remembering Connor Elliot Lopez

"Connor was just the kindest person that you'll ever meet. He lit up every room he walked into," said his mother, Allison Lyman.

Lopez was her oldest child and only son. The silence in their household, Lyman said, has been one of the hardest reminders of his absence.

"He brought music to our home every day. Every holiday, he played for us," Lyman said. "He was very gifted; it was like his soul was his music."

Ella Lopez, his sister, added that Lopez was a classically-trained pianist who could play everything from Chopin to Frank Ocean, a gift that his mother said he displayed from a young age.

Connor had been attending Sacramento City College and planned to pursue law school. His mother noted that Lopez "had his whole life ahead of him" and was excited for his future.

Ella Lopez described her brother as the center and core of the family, the sibling that younger relatives looked up to and every cousin's "favorite cousin." Despite his piercings, tattoos, riding a motorcycle, skateboarding and love for the alternative rock-band Deftones, Ella Lopez said, her brother was a gentle and soft man.

"He had effortless swag," Ella Lopez said, also recalling her brother's humor and expressive mannerisms that always made people laugh.

"He just put everyone at ease. Everyone

liked Connor," his sister said. "When he walked in a room, everyone would just gravitate toward him."

They also recalled his love for animals, especially his cat, Benny. Known for being difficult with others, Benny had a special bond with Lopez. He loved Benny so much that he had the cat tattooed on his hand, a tattoo Lopez's mother and sister now share in his memory.

Lopez was passionate about teaching music and making an impact in the community through his talents.

The family said their last holiday with him was Easter, just three days before the crash, a bittersweet memory as he was surrounded by loved ones for the last time.

## Seeking Accountability

Every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m., the Lopez-Lyman family gathers at Connor's memorial, the site where he lost his life. Locals often stop to talk, share condolences and ask about his story.

"So many people come up to us and want to hear about Connor and want to tell us their condolences and that no one should have died here," Allison Lyman said. "He was a spectacular person, just coming home and doing absolutely nothing wrong. Just trying to get in a quick workout. It's hard to make sense of how his life ended here."

Following the crash, the city of Elk Grove conducted a safety assessment of the turn. Officials told the family that they found responsible drivers could make the turn safely, with less than one accident per year at that spot and no prior fatalities.

The family maintains that they have videos and witness statements providing evidence that the driver was driving

recklessly and should face greater liability for their actions.

"Connor was clearly visible and not speeding, right here when the woman turned," Lyman said.

John Lyman, Lopez's stepfather, added that another driver behind the SUV also reported seeing Lopez.

"In the video, it's clear, irrefutable truth," John Lyman said.

The police report cited "failure to yield on a left turn" as the cause of the crash, according to John Lyman.

"A safe driver can make this turn," said his stepfather. "If they don't yield, you're putting all these other drivers at risk and that's what happened."

The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office filed vehicular manslaughter charges against the driver. However, the family was informed that under Assembly Bill 3234 Public Safety, passed in 2020, the driver could be eligible for diversion.

The law allows counties to establish pre-trial diversion programs for misdemeanor offenses, including certain traffic violations. Charges such as driving under the influence (DUI) and vehicular manslaughter might be dismissed if a defendant completes program requirements or meets certain conditions.

Allison Lyman emphasized the public safety risk of allowing individuals who commit these crimes to continue driving without any repercussions.

"Unfortunately, that can be your Uber driver. They're back on the roads like nothing happened; no record, no penalty," Allison Lyman said.

Typically, those convicted of vehicular manslaughter face up to one year in



Connor Elliot Lopez's mother and sister show matching tattoos of Benny, Lopez's cat, which he had tattooed on him.



Connor Elliot Lopez was riding his motorcycle down Sheldon Road on April 23 when an SUV turning left from the oncoming lane into a shopping center struck him.

jail, although many serve little or no time. Lyman said she fears the driver in Lopez's case might face no consequences at all.

"We're just asking for accountability and for the jury to see the evidence," she said. "We are terrified this person could get diversion and we know bringing attention to it will help."

Ella Lopez acknowledged that some fatal crashes are true accidents but "this was not one of those," she said.

"You can't sit back and say it wasn't preventable," said John Lyman.

Allison Lyman added, "For us, we've been handed a life sentence of agony without Connor."

Their mission now is twofold: to honor Lopez's legacy and to push for change. The family is urging lawmakers to amend the law to exclude vehicular manslaughter from diversion eligibility. But, immediately, the first hurdle as the case moves forward is getting that opportunity to present the evidence before the court.

"We want justice; we want accountability," Allison Lyman said.

## Connor's Legacy Continues

On Sunday, Sept. 14, family and friends gathered at Elk Grove Park Pavilion from noon to 4 p.m. for a celebration of life honoring Lopez. Guests enjoyed some of his favorite foods, including Taco Bell and Coronas, and shared stories and mementos. Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen attended.

During the celebration, the inaugural Connor Lopez Music Scholarship, offered through NewSongs School of Music, was awarded to a local music student. The scholarship, which will be awarded annually on Lopez's birthday, aims to provide the gift of music to a child who might not otherwise have the opportunity, his mother said.

The Lopez-Lyman family encourages the community to follow their journey and support them through this process. Updates and information are available on the Connor Lopez Facebook memorial page at [bit.ly/3IpSM7E](http://bit.ly/3IpSM7E) (case sensitive). ★

## 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 Oct. 7 with Val Starr/Blues. 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. For more information, call (916) 647-4538, visit [www.SMGCC.net](http://www.SMGCC.net), or download the MyParish app and enter the code, 55321. ★

## 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).

### Art Workshops for Adults

Enhance your visual arts skills or learn a new technique in an art class or workshop

at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center.

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

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

## 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 5:30 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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# Water Providers Warn Residents of Unauthorized Solicitations

## Citrus Heights Water District News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Citrus Heights Water District, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Orange Vale Water Company and California American Water are warning residents about unauthorized solicitations targeting local households.

Reports have surfaced of individuals posing as water officials, knocking on doors and claiming

your tap water might be unsafe. They offer unsolicited in-home water testing, which often leads to high-pressure sales tactics for costly and unnecessary water treatment equipment or services.

Incidents of this nature have been increasingly reported across Northern California, including in Elk Grove, Fairfield and Sacramento, where residents were pushed to purchase expensive water

treatment systems following unsolicited testing claims.

Be assured: your water is safe. Drinking water served by Citrus Heights Water District, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Orange Vale Water Company and California American Water meet some of the strictest water quality standards. Water is regularly tested and follows federal and state regulations to ensure community health and safety.

Citrus Heights Water District, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Orange Vale Water Company and California American Water do not conduct in-home water testing. All necessary testing is done either at the treatment facilities, wells or through officially scheduled programs, not through door-to-door visits.

Your water provider's employees are always clearly identifiable. They wear official uniforms

with agency logos, drive marked vehicles and carry agency-issued identification cards.

Unauthorized solicitors aim to sell you costly and unnecessary equipment or services. Do not allow anyone claiming to test your water into your home, unless you have scheduled the visit through your water provider. Request to see official agency-issued ID. If in doubt, do not let the person in.

Verify before you

engage. Call your water provider directly to confirm someone's identity. You can reach Citrus Heights Water District at 916-725-6873 or at chwd.org. Sacramento Suburban Water District can be reached at 916- 972-7171 or sswd.org. Orange Vale Water Company can be reached at 916-988-1693 or orangevalewater.com. California American Water can be reached at 1-888-237-1333 or amwater.com/caaw. ★

## POLICE LOGS

### Sept. 4

1:11 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested James Palmer, 46, on unlawful loitering, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant charges.

10:12 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested William Phillips, 60, on domestic violence charges.

4:31 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Quanterrius Dotson, 22, on resisting arrest charges.

5:03 p.m., 8400 block of Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Nhan Phan, 49, on criminal threats charges.

6:42 p.m., 9200 block of Big Horn Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jeremy Mendivil, 33, on possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

9:53 p.m., 9300 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Crystal McCauley, 45; Dayron McGrew, 18; and Ezetta Mathews, 46, on battery and resisting arrest charges.

### Sept. 5

5:24 p.m., 9100 block of Quail Cove Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Michael Strazzo, 72, on DUI/drug charges.

### Sept. 6

1:46 a.m., East Stockton Boulevard/Elk Grove Boulevard, Grove Police arrested Jesus Ramirez-Munoz, 32, on DUI/drug, driving while on DUI probation and warrant charges.

5:37 p.m., 8500 block of Bond Road,

Elk Grove Police arrested Alexander Kamara, 23, on warrant charges.

7:26 p.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Desmond Minor, 32, on shoplifting charges.

7:52 p.m., 8700 block of Heritage Hill Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Lisa Joseph, 57, on attempted crime and kidnapping charges.

7:54 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Dario Madrigal, 41, on domestic violence charges.

### Sept. 7

12:44 a.m., confidential location, Grove Police arrested Brandon Haste, 21, on battery, elder abuse, violation of restraining order and resisting arrest charges.

11:08 a.m., 8700 block of Morning Glory Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Adam Venegas, 44, on battery charges.

3:01 p.m., 8800 block of Calvine Road, Grove Police arrested Janiya Brunson, 22; and Joshua Elkridge, 34, on shoplifting, organized retail theft, criminal conspiracy and theft with priors charges.

7:22 p.m., Sheldon Road/East Stockton Boulevard, Grove Police arrested Jose Perez, 43, on possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of hard drugs with priors and resisting arrest charges.

10:01 p.m., 8900 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Reynaldo Garcia, 72, on DUI/drug charges.

10:58 p.m., confidential location, Elk

Grove Police arrested Mark Mathis, 61, on domestic violence charges.

11:40 p.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/Four Seasons Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Francisca Aguilar, 31, on DUI/drug charges.

### Sept. 8

3:16 a.m., 9800 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Steven Sparks, 38, on burglary, grand theft, grand theft with priors, trespassing and possession of burglary tools charges.

6:02 a.m., 8900 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Emperor King, 33, on DUI/drug charges.

### Sept. 9

3:58 a.m., 9100 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Benjamin Weaver, 34, on possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

2:45 p.m., 7600 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Christina Silvia, 36; and Siberia Treadwell, 45, on grand theft, grand theft with priors, criminal conspiracy, organized retail theft, possession of brass knuckles, unlawful use of tear gas and warrant charges.

9:38 p.m., 9600 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Rechele Larios, 33, on resisting arrest charges.

### Sept. 10

1:08 a.m., confidential location, Elk

Grove Police arrested Aiyreus Hall, 27, on domestic violence and assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury charges.

2:51 a.m., 6800 block of Peninsula Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Angel Deleon, 21, on burglary charges.

8:57 a.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Idalia Stark, 43, on DUI/drug, driving while on DUI probation and warrant charges.

8:15 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Martin Ceballos, 48, on domestic violence charges.

### Sept. 11

12:41 a.m., 9040 block of Fernway Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Manuel Verduzco, 25; and Ricardo Morales Serrano, 28, on taking a vehicle without consent, receiving stolen property, criminal conspiracy and possession of burglary tools charges.

2:13 a.m., Promenade Parkway/Lent Ranch Parkway, Grove Police arrested Billie Chao, 34; and Lorenzo Gallardo, 40, on possession of cocaine or heroin, possession of marijuana, unlawful sale or transportation of marijuana, possession of burglary tools and warrants charges.

5:15 p.m., 9400 block of Laguna Creek Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Anthony Domingos, 45, on warrant charges.

10:45 p.m., 10050 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 16, on battery charges. ★

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The Oklahoma City Thunder are the well-deserving champions of the NBA, and there is much to like about this team. Without question they play a high tempo, energetic defense, and that same energy resonates throughout the entire team.

Their starting five are a good group, but the Thunder would never have hoisted the Larry Obrien trophy had it not been for their amazing bench.

As we turn our attention to the hometown Kings, I'll stack up our starting five against anyone in the league, but the real question mark is the Sacramento Kings bench.

I'm still in shock that new G.M. Scott Perry did not value what he had in Jonas Valanciunas, who in my humble opinion represented the best backup center in the NBA. A more than capable starting center, Valanciunas publicly stated that he was content to do whatever the team asked of him, and that he would happily back up Domantas Sabonis and be proud to do so.

Great player with a team spirit, and yet the short-sighted Kings turned a blind eye and let him walk out the door. Mistake, oh yes it was a herculean mistake, so now the Kings will be rolling the dice with a combination of Drew Eubanks, Darion Saric, and rookie Maxime Raynaud. Only time will tell if Scott Perry made the right decision, but the question remains, who will comprise the primary players from the bench starting the season.

The Kings waived little used Terence Davis last week, making room for potentially Russell Westbrook, and if in fact that happens, I give it my hearty support.

Westbrook has been much traveled, but his on court presence could be a real difference maker for the Kings. Russell is in the twilight of his hall of fame career, but still has some gas in the tank. The NBA's all-time leader in triple doubles, Westbrook has an all-round game, and I believe is a player that would fit in with the Kings in a big way.

More importantly, Westbrook strengthens the Kings bench and can be counted on to play important minutes.

Unfortunately, like Jonas Valanciunas, Trey Lyles is no longer with the team, so the forward position for the Kings remains their weakest spot. A glaring week spot for the Kings since the days of Chris Webber,

Sacramento needs to consummate a trade and work with the youngsters that are already on the roster.

In my opinion that means it's time to pay some real attention to Issac Jones. This athletic big man needs to get his share of minutes every game and becomes a consistent player that can be counted on night in and night out.

Jones is a late bloomer, entering high school at 5'5" and graduating at 6'4". He played for Wenatchee Valley College for 3 years before transferring to Idaho, and eventually to division one Washington State, where he averaged 15 points and 8 rebounds per game.

Going undrafted in the 2024 draft, the Kings offered Jones a 2-way contract which has since been converted to a standard NBA contract.

Isaac is signed only through the upcoming season and will become a free agent in 2026 if the Kings don't offer him an extension.

Jones had an opportunity to strut his stuff in the NBA summer league and acquitted himself admirably. At 6'9 "and with an undeniable degree of athleticism Jones has a nice touch for a big man around the rim and is a capable shot blocker that looks to be a nice compliment to Domantas Sabonis.

Without question Jones can help Sabonis on the boards, and he loves to dunk the basketball. I can see a of offensive rebounds turning into two points for the Kings if Jones gets his hands on the ball.

The question of Isaac Jones and how good he can be, will be an ongoing debate until Doug Christie makes a commitment to playing him on a regular basis, and for Jones's sake and fans alike, I hope this season is when it happens!

Yes, Kings fans, let's sign Russell Westbrook because there is no downside, and Westbrook needs a home. Likewise, don't give up on the possibility that Jonathan Kuminga may join the Kings family as well. Blink, and the preseason will be here, so it's time to get excited Kings fans. Say your prayers and buy your tickets, because with just a little luck, this season could surprise you!

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

# Social Security Matters

## I'd Like to Retire Early, But Don't Want My Social Security Reduced



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I will be 65 this year and my husband is 72 (he retired in 2019 at age 66). I would like to retire and enjoy some time with him before he gets too much older. I do not want to have my benefits cut by retiring earlier, but I don't see a way to be able to do that. My benefit will be \$1343 on my full retirement age (FRA). If I took half his retirement when he retired, it would be less than mine. If I take early retirement and he passes away before me, would I get his full benefit as his survivor, or will it be cut? We are trying to figure it out. His current benefit (before Medicare Part B) is \$2978. It's very confusing. **Signed: Confused and Wondering**

**Dear Confused:** Whenever any Social Security benefit is claimed earlier than full retirement age (FRA), the monthly amount is permanently reduced. If you were to retire at age 65, your Social Security benefit would be

reduced by about 13% - in other words, if your FRA (age 67) amount is \$1343, at 65 you would get about \$1164. And at age 66 you would get about \$1253 per month.

Whether you would be entitled to a "spousal boost" from your husband depends on how your FRA amount compares to 50% of his FRA entitlement. If your FRA amount is less than 50% of his FRA amount, then you would get a "spousal boost," but the amount of that boost would also be reduced if you claim before your FRA. (Note: from the numbers you provided, you may be entitled to a spousal boost and, if so, it would be applied by Social Security when you claim).

Also, FYI, if you take SS before your FRA and are still working, Social Security has an annual earnings test which limits how much you can earn while collecting early benefits. If you earn more than \$23,400 in 2025, you will likely not get all of your monthly SS payments (SS will take away some monthly benefits if you exceed the earnings limit). Of course, if you retire from working, this will not be a problem, because earnings before you claim SS won't count toward the limit.

When you claim your SS retirement benefit now will not affect your

survivor benefit from your husband later. If your husband passes first, your benefit as a surviving spouse would be based on the amount your husband was receiving at his death. But if you were to claim your widow's benefit prior to your FRA, your survivor benefit would also be reduced (the amount of reduction depends on how much before your FRA you claim your survivor benefit). If you claim your widow's benefit at or after you FRA, you will get 100% of the amount your husband was receiving at his death (instead of your own smaller amount). It will only be reduced if you claim before your full retirement age.

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### The Ignorance of Senator Tim Kaine

Tim Kaine needs to report to a remedial civics class as soon as possible. The Virginia senator and former vice presidential candidate expressed outrage at a congressional hearing that a Trump nominee said that our rights come from God, not government.

Kaine suspected incipient theocracy, warning that the Iranian regime persecutes religious minorities on exactly this basis. "They do it," he explained, "because they believe that they understand what natural rights are from their creator."

In searching for an example more relevant to the American experience, Kaine might cast his mind back to a fellow Virginian -- a tall, sandy-haired, Charlottesville-area gentleman with an interest in architecture, a taste for fine wine and a knack for writing. Ring any bells?

Thomas Jefferson had three things inscribed on his tombstone: drafter of the Virginia statute for religious freedom, founder of the University of Virginia and author of the Declaration Independence. Kaine could lodge all the same complaints he made about the offending nominee, Riley Barnes, against the Declaration of Independence that shockingly maintains that all persons are "endowed by their Creator with certain unalien-

able Rights," and calls this proposition -- with arrogant certitude -- a "self-evident" truth.

Luckily for the Sage of Monticello, he didn't have to get confirmed as ambassador to France by a Senate foreign relations committee including Tim Kaine (as it happened, the U.S. Senate didn't exist yet). Kaine might consider that, in taking his oath of office, he actually pledged to defend a constitutional system that is founded on the idea that our rights exist prior to government.

As Jefferson noted later, the sentiments of the Declaration were commonplace in 18th century America. Jefferson's nemesis, Alexander Hamilton, stated that "the sacred rights of mankind" are "written, as with a sun beam, in the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of the divinity itself; and can never be erased or obscured by mortal power." John Adams, James Wilson and John Dickinson, among other Founding figures, said exactly the same thing.

Whereas Tim Kaine hears someone say our rights come from God and thinks of the writings and thought of, say, the Ayatollah Khomeini, the philosophical basis of the idea is found in the work of John Locke, one of the greatest Enlightenment thinkers. Locke grounded his liberalism in an understanding of mankind as possessing inherent God-given rights and dignity.

The power of this idea is that in a conflict between our rights and laws impinging on them, the laws must give way. Kaine's view that rights come from the gov-

ernment implies that the state gets to decide whether or not and to what extent we have rights. The American project, though, is based on the belief that it is the duty of government to respect preexisting rights, and if a government tramples on them, it has failed and is illegitimate.

The abolitionists used this view to great effect in the 19th century. Even though the government had decided that it was permissible for one class of people to enslave another, the abolitionists believed that this was an offense against God. Enslaved people had a natural right to liberty that couldn't be erased.

So, Kaine must have a beef with the likes of William Lloyd Garrison, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. He presumably would have gone ballistic over Garrison's conviction that the "right to enjoy liberty is inalienable. To invade it is to usurp the prerogative of Jehovah." Rather than a warrant for theocracy, the Garrison view supported the extension of rights. As he put it, "wherever there is a human being, I see God-given rights inherent in that being, whatever may be the sex or complexion."

Kaine's outburst shows how progressives have an allergy to God in any context other than a personal one, and how it isn't just schoolchildren who are ignorant about our history and system of government. Is it too much to ask that a U.S. senator know a little bit about our heritage?

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.  
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# Californians Don't Know Full Impact of \$20 Fast Food Wage



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

As the California Legislature churns toward the end of its 2025 session this week, processing the remnants of thousands of bills introduced during the year, several measures encompass the Capitol's most enduring conflict: Labor unions vs. employers over working conditions.

Unions seek higher wages and benefits, citing the welfare and financial needs of workers and their families. Employers counter that the cost of providing what unions want adversely affects their competitiveness in other states and nations and forces them to raise prices, reduce employment or even leave California to remain solvent.

In the main, unions fare better than employers in California's political arena — not surprising given that union-friendly Democrats from the governor down dominate the Capitol.

One of the most intense union-employer battles arose in 2022 over legislation that would have raised the minimum wage for fast food workers to \$22 an hour. It also declared that fast food franchises are merely subsidiaries of their parent chains, rather than independently owned businesses.

Fast food companies and franchisees saw it as a double whammy that not only

would increase their costs but it would undermine the franchise system itself. The industry also disliked the bill's creation of an appointed council with the power to regulate fast food working conditions, especially wages.

The measure passed both legislative houses with party-line votes, and Gov. Gavin Newsom signed it. The industry responded with a campaign to put the issue on the ballot, pledging that affected corporations would spend any amount of money to overturn the law due to its effects on the franchise system.

Which faction would win such a battle will never be known, however, because a year after the bill was signed and after lengthy negotiations, a compromise was worked out and quickly enacted. It raised the minimum wage to an initial \$20 an hour and left the oversight council intact, albeit with some changes. More importantly to the industry, it did not interfere with the franchise system.

The new wage went into effect in April 2024, and since then the industry and the unions have sparred over its impact not only on wages but on overall employment and fast food prices.

The factions are marking the second anniversary of the 2023 compromise by issuing reports that could not be more different.

Labor acted first with the September 5 release of an analysis by UC-Berkeley's Center on Wage and Employment Dynamics. It's a research organization whose reports uniformly support the union side of issues.

Researchers Michael Reich and Denis Sosinsky declared that the \$20 wage did not

reduce fast food employment, didn't change the number of hours worked and "only led to minimal menu price increases (about 8 cents on a \$4 burger)." They said their study included price data from more than 2,000 restaurants in California and other states.

Five days later the Virginia-based Employment Policies Institute — which was created by Berman and Company, a lobbyist for restaurant, hotel beverage, tobacco and fossil fuel interests — issued its study based on data from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

It concluded that California's fast-food industry has lost 19,102 jobs since Newsom signed the law in September 2023, including 15,988 since the law went into effect last year, more than double the rate of loss seen in fast food outlets nationally. It did not delve into fast food prices.

The two competing studies from less-than-objective sources leave us still wondering what the true impact might have been. It's a knowledge gap that should be filled by someone or something with impeccable credentials because other business sectors might be the next targets.

In fact, there's already a battle in Los Angeles over the \$30 wage for workers at hotels and other hospitality businesses imposed by the city council.

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. ★

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Jamie Yuan Lai, 4900 Elk Grove Boulevard #308, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JL Estate Law/Law Office of Jamie Lai" 8781 Spring Fern Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 10, 2025  
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Trang H Thai, 6929 McQuillan Circle, Sacramento, CA 95820 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "soamihome" 8781 Spring Fern Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 10/2025  
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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#25CV013193  
Frank Thomas Agosta has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Frank Thomas Agosta to Frankie Thomas Agosta.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 6, 2025 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: June 4, 2025  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: August 29, Sept 5, 12, 19, 2025  
AGOSTA 9-19-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#25CV019276  
Rippalpeer Kaur Pawar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Rippalpeer Kaur Pawar to Rippalpeer Kaur Parhar.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 31, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: August 14, 2025  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025  
PAWAR 10-3-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#25CV014064  
Nhu Y Thai has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nguyen Thai Hung to Ryan Nguyen.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: June 13, 2025  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
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TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 2024-00347 APN: 132-1270-023-0000 Property Address: 10322 Machico Way, Elk Grove, California 95757 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/20/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU,

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The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Andrew Visitacion Duly Appointed Trustee: Sokolof Remtulla Recorded 6/28/2022 as Instrument No. 202206280151 in book --, page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 9/30/2025 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: East Entrance County Courthouse, 720 9th St, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$52,531.50 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 10322 Machico Way Elk Grove, California 95757 A.P.N.: 132-1270-023-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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Please make cashier's checks payable to Sokolof Remtulla LLP Date: 8/26/2025 Sokolof Remtulla2301 Dupont Drive, Suite 505Irvine, CA 92612 Sale Line: 866-266-7512 Cassidy O'Neal, Foreclosure Specialist EPP 44967 Pub Dates 09/05, 09/12, 09/19/2025 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 9-19-25 Trustee Sale No. F25-00012 Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No. 6723126450 / 7241030639 Title Order No. 2580539CAD APN: 117-1410-014-0000 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust, Security Agreement, Assignment Of Leases, Rents, And Profits, And Fixture Filing Dated 12/28/2022 And More Fully Described Below (The "Deed Of Trust"). Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to Assured Lender Services, Inc.), will be held by a duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, legal fees and costs, charges and expenses of the undersigned trustee ("Trustee") for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor(s): Amrik Singh, An Unmarried Man Recorded: recorded on 12/29/2022 as Document No. 202212290951 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California; Date of Sale: 09/30/2025 at 01:30PM Place of Sale: The East main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$472,606.14 The purported property address is: 230 Cicero Circle , Elk Grove, CA 95758-7257 Legal Description Lot 33, As Shown On The "Plat Of Laguna Vista Subdivision No. P00-096 A Portion Of The West 1/2 Of Section 23, T. 7 N.R. 5 E. M.D.M.", Filed In The Office Of The Recorder Of Sacramento County, On April 7, 2003 In Book 314 Of Maps, Map No. 3, And As Amended By That Certain Certificate Of Correction, Recorded February 10, 2006, In Book 20060210, Page 1270, Official Records. Personal Property Description See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof Assessor's Parcel No. 117-1410-014-0000 The beneficiary under the Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Deed of Trust, Security Agreement, Assignment of Leases, Rents, and Profits, and Fixture Filing (the "Notice of Default and Election to Sell"). The undersigned caused the Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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Date: 8/27/2025 Assured Lender Services, Inc. /s/ Kathy Damico, Trustee Sale Officer Assured Lender Services, Inc. 111 Pacifica Suite 140 Irvine, CA 92618 Phone: (714) 508-7373 Sales Line: (877)440-4460 Sales Website: www.mkconsultantsinc.com Reinstatement Line: (714) 508-7373 To request reinstatement and/or payoff FAX request to: (714) 505-3831 This Office Is Attempting To Collect A Debt And Any Information Obtained Will Be Used For That Purpose. Exhibit "A" (Personal Property) All equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property now or hereafter owned by Trustor, and now or hereafter attached or affixed to the Real Property; together with all acccessions, parts, and additions to, all replacements of, and all substitutions for, any such property; and together with all proceeds (including without limitation all insurance proceeds and refunds of premiums) from any sale or disposition of the Property. Published 9/5/2025, 9/12/2025, 9/19/2025 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 9-19-25 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-25-1012411-SH Order No.: 250200988-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/13/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late

charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): LEAH GIAMBASTIANI, A SINGLE WOMAN Recorded: 8/24/2004 as Instrument No. xxx in Book 20040824 Page 1329 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 11/14/2025 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the East Main Entrance of the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$220,804.04 The purported property address is: 9558 DOMINION WOOD LANE, ELK GROVE, CA 95758 Assessor's Parcel No.: 116-0930-112-0000 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 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-25-1012411-SH. 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 may 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-25-1012411-SH 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

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 (877)440-4460 or visit this internet web-site www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case F25-00012. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet web-site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer" you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (877)440-4460 or visit this internet website site www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case F25-00012 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.\* NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: WE REQUIRE CERTIFIED FUNDS AT SALE BY CASHIER'S CHECK(S) PAYABLE DIRECTLY TO "ASSURED LENDER SERVICES, INC." TO AVOID DELAYS IN ISSUING THE FINAL DEED. THE PROPERTY COVERED IN THIS ACTION INCLUDES ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY AND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN WHICH THE BENEFICIARY HAS A SECURITY INTEREST DESCRIBED HEREIN AND IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO, IT BEING THE ELECTION OF THE CURRENT BENEFICIARY UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST TO CAUSE A UNIFIED SALE TO BE MADE OF SAID REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2924F(b)(2) OF THE CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE. Date: 8/27/2025 Assured Lender Services, Inc. /s/ Kathy Damico, Trustee Sale Officer Assured Lender Services, Inc. 111 Pacifica Suite 140 Irvine, CA 92618 Phone: (714) 508-7373 Sales Line: (877)440-4460 Sales Website: www.mkconsultantsinc.com Reinstatement Line: (714) 508-7373 To request reinstatement and/or payoff FAX request to: (714) 505-3831 This Office Is Attempting To Collect A Debt And Any Information Obtained Will Be Used For That Purpose. Exhibit "A" (Personal Property) All equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property now or hereafter owned by Trustor, and now or hereafter attached or affixed to the Real Property; together with all acccessions, parts, and additions to, all replacements of, and all substitutions for, any such property; and together with all proceeds (including without limitation all insurance proceeds and refunds of premiums) from any sale or disposition of the Property. Published 9/5/2025, 9/12/2025, 9/19/2025 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 9-19-25 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-25-1012411-SH Order No.: 250200988-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/13/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late

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# Affordable, Convenient Transit Options for Residents

## City of Elk Grove News Release

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Getting around has never been easier or more affordable thanks to two great transit options available to

Elk Grove residents.

**SacRT's RydeFreeRT Program**  
Students in grades TK-12 can ride fare-free on the entire SacRT

network, including buses and light rail, with a valid RydeFreeRT card.

This program is available all day, every day, all year long during regular SacRT service hours.

It is a convenient way

for students to get to school, after-school activities or just around town.

## Amtrak San Joaquins Route 3 Thruway Bus

Looking to travel

beyond Elk Grove? The Amtrak San Joaquins Route 3 Thruway Bus connects riders to Chico, the Sacramento Valley Station and beyond.

The Elk Grove stop is conveniently located at

9180 Harbour Point Drive. Riders can also connect with the blue Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) bus to head north to Red Bluff or Redding. Get details at [sacrt.com/rydefreert](http://sacrt.com/rydefreert) or [amtraksanjoaquins.com](http://amtraksanjoaquins.com). ★

## LEGAL ADVERTISING

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### TRUSTEE SALE

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-25-1012411-SH and call (866) 645-7711 or log-in 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: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)); (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Pay-off Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: CA-25-1012411-SH IDS**

Pub #0250176 9/12/2025 9/19/2025 9/26/2025  
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 9-26-25

T.S. No. 23-66563 APN: 125-0161-001-0000  
**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/11/2023. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.**A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to

pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: **RICHARD RIVAS AN UNMARRIED MAN** Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS Law, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 3/16/2023, as Instrument No. 202303160584, Judgment for Reformation of Instruments recorded 8/27/2025 as Instrument No. 202508270305, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: **10/14/2025** at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: East Main Entrance, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$565,243.17** Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: **9497 SARA ST ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA 95624** Described as follows: The land referred to herein below is situated in the City of Elk Grove, County of Sacramento, State of California and is described as follows :Lot 51, as shown on the "Plat of Rancho Grande", record-

ed in Book 40 of Maps, Map No. 11, records of said County.A.P.N #: **125-0161-001-0000** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice

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Pub Dates 09/19, 09/26, 10/03/2025  
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-03-25



## 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 **October 10, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. PST.**

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

#### BID# 807-25/26 TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, CHARTER BUS SERVICES

The Bid must be obtained, submitted, and received online through the EGUSD Online Bonfire Procurement Portal: <https://egusd.bonfirehub.com>.

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

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids received in whole or in part, 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 Kirsten Garcia at [kgarcia@egusd.net](mailto:kgarcia@egusd.net) or by phone at (916) 686-7773.

Kirsten Garcia  
Purchasing Supervisor  
Elk Grove Unified School District

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## CORRECTION MEETING START TIME

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE 2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE AND BUILDING CODES

Notice is hereby given of the intention of the Cosumnes Community Services District to adopt, as amended, the 2025 California Fire and Building Codes. The District shall hold a public meeting at 5:30 P.M. on October 15, 2025, at 8820 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, CA, 95624, regarding the adoption of the 2025 California Fire and Building Code pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13869. Copies of the code sections referred to, and any secondary code sections referred to, amended, or adopted by reference, are on file with the Secretary of the District and are open to public inspection. Adoption of the 2025 California Fire and Building Codes will enable District personnel to follow one set of rules and regulations throughout the District with regard to the health and safety of the public and the District's response thereto.

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## CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 19-2025

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 12.26, STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING SYSTEM, RELATIVE TO THE VETERAN AND PUBLIC SAFETY STREET NAMING PROGRAM.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Elk Grove Municipal Code Chapter 12.26, Street Naming and Numbering System, relative to the Veterans and Public Safety Street Naming Program. Introduced August 13, 2025; Adopted September 10, 2025; Effective October 10, 2025. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, September 19, 2025  
A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email [cityclerk@elkgrove.gov](mailto:cityclerk@elkgrove.gov)

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## CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 20-2025

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING THE CITY OF ELK GROVE ZONING MAP FOR THE MILESTONE II GPA, REZONE, AND MAP PROJECT (PLNG24-008) (ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 134-0110-177).** The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the City of Elk Grove Zoning Map for APN: 134-0110-177, the Milestone II GPA, Rezone, and Map Project (PLNG24-008), as described in Exhibit A (on file in the Office of the City Clerk). Introduced September 10, 2025; to be adopted September 24, 2025. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, September 19, 2025  
A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email [cityclerk@elkgrove.gov](mailto:cityclerk@elkgrove.gov)

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 6586.5 of the California Government Code, that on **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 and the Elk Grove Finance Authority will conduct a joint public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, to consider the following matter:

The City will consider the proposed issuance of bonds by the Elk Grove Finance Authority for the purpose of providing financing for a portion of the costs of infrastructure improvements for the City on behalf of its Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 (Laguna Ridge).

At the public hearing, the City will determine whether there are significant public benefits to citizens of the City from such proposed financing, including a more efficient delivery of City services to residential and commercial development and demonstrable savings in effective interest rate, bond preparation, bond underwriting and bond issuance costs (in accordance with Section 6586 of the California Government Code).

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.

Information or questions regarding this item should be referred to Cindy Tiffany, Finance & Budget Analyst I, at (916) 627-3397.

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, by email to [jlindgren@elkgrove.gov](mailto:jlindgren@elkgrove.gov), or by U.S. Mail to 8401 Laguna Palms Way, 1st Floor, Elk Grove, CA, 95758, at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

Dated / Published: September 19, 2025

JASON LINDGREN  
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

### ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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

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## LEGAL ADS FOR SACRAMENTO COUNTY?

**MPG 916-773-1111**



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# Pitch Elk Grove Breaks Records, Awards \$20K

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tonight," she said. "Let this evening be the start of new connections, fresh opportunities and bold ideas."

Economic Development Director Darrell Doan recognized the sponsors, community partners and local businesses that supported the event by providing food, drinks and technical services.

He also thanked the judges for sharing their expertise in evaluating the startups.

Nine finalists competed for a share of \$20,000 in prize money, with the top winner receiving \$10,000 and the opportunity to connect with mentors, investors and community partners. Each had five minutes to present their product or idea, which judges evaluated on market need, sales strategy, projected growth, customer progress and team experience and readiness.

For the first time this year, applicants who didn't advance to the finals were invited to deliver 30- to 60-second "elevator pitches" between presentations, giving them visibility and an opportunity to connect with potential investors or collaborators.

After the finalist pitches, judges deliberated before city officials and sponsors returned to the stage to announce the winners.

Councilmember Darren



Here is Mayor Bobbie Allen-Singh, left, with first-place winner Rich Foreman of IGH Naturals, middle, and Wilton Rancheria Tribal Council spokesperson Kevin Singh. Photos by Idaly Valencia

Suen and Republic Services' Annah Rulon presented the third-place award of \$2,500 to Sacramento-based Rely, a rental and leasing platform that streamlines applications for landlords and renters with built-in intelligence.

City Manager Jason Behrmann awarded the Best of Elk Grove Startup Award, also \$2,500, to Elk Grove-based Soar Optics, which develops cost- and time-efficient technology that addresses a critical environmental challenge of detecting microplastics.

Vice Mayor Sergio Robles and Kaiser Permanente Chief Operating Officer Rachel

Wyatt presented the \$5,000 second-place award to Tracy-based EnlitenAI, a clinical support tool that personalizes neurological care.

The founder was inspired to create it as a tribute to his son, who recently lost his battle with epilepsy.

Mayor Singh-Allen and Wilton Rancheria's Kevin Singh awarded the \$10,000 grand prize to Rocklin-based IGH Naturals for its product HuMOLYTE, a patented electrolyte mix designed to ease chemotherapy side effects. This marked the startup's second year competing, after reaching the semifinals last year.

Elk Grove residents and Sacramento-area business owners Raquel and John Valenzuela of VIP Global attended the event and told the Elk Grove Citizen that the Pitch Elk Grove event "highlights entrepreneurs and innovation throughout the region and provides opportunities for startups in any phase to connect with local investors and businesses."

"It's definitely putting Elk Grove on the map as a startup hub," added Raquel Valenzuela. "We've had the opportunity to foster new business relationships and meet like-minded entrepreneurs. We're really excited about the future of Elk Grove." ★



Scott Holman of Red Line Safety, Inc. is shown during his five-minute presentation for this startup that offers a product called IMSAFE for firefighters and other first responders to better manage emergency situations.



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Heather Rankow of Rely accepts the third-place award with a prize of \$2,500 presented by Councilmember Darren Suen and Republic Services' Annah Rulon.

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## Continuing through Saturday, Sept. 20

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## Friday, Sept. 19

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**Cultural Dance Lesson** – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at District56. Step into an immersive hula dance experience. Begin by watching a live performance by Makamae Melia O' Polynesia. Then, join them for a dance lesson. No experience necessary; just bring your aloha spirit. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

**Latin Dance Night** – 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Old Town Plaza. This free community event, brought to you by Dance on the Edge, invites everyone to enjoy

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**Uncorked and Uncapped** – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Valley Hi Country Club. Join an elevated tasting experience. This event, for ages 21+ will feature culinary bits paired with sips from Elk Grove's local wineries and breweries, live entertainment by "Under the Bus," outdoor games, craft cocktails and much more. Tickets and more information at [exploreelkgrove.com](http://exploreelkgrove.com). 9595 Franklin Blvd.

## Saturday, Sept. 20 and Sunday, Sept. 21

**SAC Open Studios** – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. Enjoy this special show and sale, along with our regular collection of work by gallery artists and our "Tile Glazing for the Tile Tower" fundraiser. Guests will also enjoy an art supply sale, with all proceeds supporting the Arts Center. 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101.

## Saturday, Sept. 20

**POW/MIA Day** – 10 a.m. to noon at Veterans Grove at District56. American Legion Post 55 and American Legion Post 233, along with members of the Marine Corps League and the VFW of Elk Grove, will honor our Prisoners of War and our Missing in Action members. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

## Saturday, Sept. 27

**Thriftathon: Urban Reclaim Market** – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join us for an unforgettable day of shopping, music and community fun. You'll find more than 30 unique vendors offering a variety of styles, prices, and one-of-a-kind treasures in sustainable fashion. 9615 Railroad St.

**Mad Hatter Tea Party** – 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Albani Recreation Center. Join the Kiwanis Club and Cosumnes CSD for this event. Enjoy games, art activities and brunch. Dress in your best tea party outfit, a fun hat or an Alice in Wonderland costume. Register early at 916-405-5600; seating is limited. Walk-up registration will not be accepted. There are two seatings: 10:30 a.m. to noon or 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. 8830 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove.

**Beef & Reef Bash** – 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at SES Hall. Join the Rotary Club of Elk Grove for an evening of food, fun and fundraising to benefit Elk Grove youth programs plus community and international projects. No-host bar and silent auction open at 5 p.m.; dinner and live auction starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets and more information at [elkgroverotary.org](http://elkgroverotary.org). 10428 E. Stockton Blvd.

**Teen Takeover: Party Edition** – 6:30 p.m. 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 a fun in a lively environment. Food and drink will be provided. 9014 Bruceville Road.

## Library Events

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

Friday, Sept. 19: Explore and Learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Discover engaging activities, enjoy light refreshments, and meet good company. (EG) Tween book group, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join us for a lively discussion of our book of the month, "Plain Jane and the Mermaid" by Vera Brosgol. Copies will be available at the front desk. (EG) Teen advisory board meeting, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (F)

Saturday, Sept. 20: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F)

Tuesday, Sept. 23: 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) Homework Zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 pm. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can get help with their homework. (F)

Wednesday, Sept. 24: Explore and learn, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH) Adult book group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (NW) Teen space, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Meet other teens and hang out in a space dedicated to you. (EG) Homework Zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 pm. Students

in kindergarten through eighth grade can get help with their homework. (F)

Thursday, Sept. 25: Outdoor family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Elk Grove Regional Park, 9950 Elk Grove Florin Rd. 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) Homework Zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 pm. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can get help with their homework. (F)

Friday, Sept. 26: Explore and learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Discover engaging activities, enjoy light refreshments and meet good company. (EG)

## Ongoing Events

**Caregiver Coffee** – 10:30 a.m. the third Saturday each month at Elk Grove United Methodist Church. This is open to all as a way to share experiences in caregiving as well as resources. For more information, contact Ruth at 916-509-1414. Next meeting Saturday, Sept. 20. 8986 Elk Grove Blvd.

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

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

**Widowed Persons Social Club** – Sept. 24, 1 p.m. – Book Club at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Merrylyn at 916-549-4264.

Sept. 25, noon – No-host lunch and Bunco at Patty's Pizza, 8591 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

Sept. 26, 10 a.m. – Hand and Foot card game at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

## Veterans Meetings

**American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units** – fourth Wednesdays. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Next meeting Sept. 24. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

**American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233** – general meetings fourth Thursdays, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner 6 p.m. Next meeting Sept. 25. Post 233 Family Breakfast, first Saturdays 9 a.m., Mimi's Café. For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

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

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

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

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# From This Tragedy, More Voices Must Rise

*Silencing one voice cannot end the conversation. It must awaken a chorus of many*

By Hector Barajas,  
California Globe

Charlie Kirk's death on September 10 was more than a personal tragedy; it struck at the very heart of free speech in America. For years, he had become a modern symbol of debate culture, a figure willing to put himself in front of hostile audiences and say, "Let's talk."

In a time when disagreement often leads to shouting, shaming, or silencing, Kirk chose dialogue — once so common it wasn't even considered special in America, but now it seems like a lost art.

Kirk built his career not by hiding from critics but by meeting them head-on. In person, not from the safety of an online echo chamber. On college campuses across the country, he welcomed tough questions from students who often opposed everything he represented. He listened, he argued, and he stood his ground with facts, critical thinking, and a depth of knowledge rare for any citizen, especially someone his age.

It was not about demanding agreement but about proving that open dialogue matters more than uniformity of thought. He even sat with California Governor Gavin Newsom; while the two disagreed on most issues, they still managed to show millions of viewers what respectful debate



Charlie Kirk and his wife, Erika, speak together at an event in Texas in 2025. Photo courtesy of CA Globe

could look like.

That choice to engage with opponents was no small act. In today's culture, it is easier to cancel, shame, or attack than to have a real conversation. Too many people treat disagreement as something to shut down and silence. Kirk refused to play that game. He believed the only way to sharpen your own argument was to test it against the strongest case from the other side. In that way, he upheld the older American tradition of free speech, where ideas meet head-on and the best argument stands.

His assassination is therefore not only the silencing of one

man, but also an assault on the heart and soul of America. When violence is used to end debate, free speech itself becomes the casualty. We cannot accept a future where the price of speaking out is fear for your life.

There is also a broader warning in this tragedy. Political violence doesn't stop with one person. Once it becomes acceptable to kill or threaten a voice because you disagree with it, the door opens to silence anyone.

Today it was Charlie Kirk. Tomorrow it could be an elected official, a professor, a journalist, a union organizer, or a student. Free speech is not a partisan value. It is the foundation of

democracy, and without it, every other right grows weaker.

Charlie Kirk forced people to think, respond, and defend their beliefs. He showed that disagreement doesn't have to lead to dehumanization. He showed that you can argue passionately and still see the humanity in the person you're debating.

Perhaps even more troubling than the cancer consuming the art of civil discourse is that Charlie Kirk's underlying message was essentially one of love and respect for our country, our fellow citizens, our values, our history, and our future generations.

There is a poignant video clip

circulating online of George Carlin, the sardonic comedian and social critic, who framed assassination this way:

"It's interesting to notice who it is we assassinate. You know who it is — it's always people who told us to live together in harmony and try to love one another. Jesus. Gandhi. Lincoln. John Kennedy. Bobby Kennedy. Martin Luther King. Medgar Evers. Malcolm X. John Lennon. They all said try to live together peacefully . . ."

Sadly, we've experienced too many of these tragic moments in American life. Kirk's assassination is yet another.

But like other moments in history, this tragedy can be a turning point. The best way to honor Kirk's legacy is to refuse silence. We must keep speaking, listening, and debating, even when it is uncomfortable. Fear cannot be allowed to dictate our voices. The future of free speech, and the restoration of respect and love for this nation and for our fellow countrymen, depends on it.

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## Please, Conversation Not Assassination

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Charlie Kirk was a man who had opinions and vocalized them. He believed in free speech. He also believed in the right of free speech for those who disagreed with him. In his Turning Point rallies, he gave untold numbers of people the opportunity to express their opinions and to debate him. He respectfully gave each person the time to state their case on whatever the subject. Charlie was adamant, profound and articulated strong convictions.

Sadly, a deranged 22-year-old man from Utah took Charlie's life. It has been reported that the gunman had previously stated at a family dinner that he thought Kirk was filled with hate. When Kirk spoke at a university rally in Utah, the gunman plotted and positioned himself to shoot a single long-range rifle shot that took Kirk's life. The man ran back to his home where he later had no choice but to confess to his father that he was indeed the man who had been videotaped at the rally who took Charlie Kirk's life. The lone assassin is an evil coward who silenced one of America's star voices. At least he thought he did. Charlie Kirk has become more known, and his sound clips have been heard more in the last few days than in his entire ministry/career. Kirk has been propelled by the assassin to a status in American culture that will never be forgotten. Instead of silencing Kirk he magnified Kirk's voice and message a hundred or more times. Kirk is now being remembered around the world.

Charlie Kirk used his voice. Every American is entitled to this freedom. His voice cost him his life.

Abraham Lincoln gave his life

reuniting our country and abolishing slavery. A cowardly assassin took Lincoln's life as he leisurely watched a play at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. John F. Kennedy used his voice to excite the American people and to bring about a positive attitude in the country but was gunned down by an assassin from a hidden window in downtown Dallas, Texas. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man with a great voice who stirred the hearts of millions of Americans and brought about liberating change for black Americans. An assassin who disagreed with King cowardly hid and took King's life with a bullet. Malcom X and Bobby Kennedy were orators for positive change in America but someone who disagreed with their views killed them.

The greatest voice of hope, love, change and forgiveness, who ever lived, was Jesus Christ. A cowardly crowd yelled for him to be executed.

These mentioned voices were not silenced by hideous crowds or hidden gunmen. Each of their voices have rung loudly and clearly. Their legacies have only grown bolder and stronger.

It is sad that Charlie Kirk's assassin did not go down to the rally, stand up like a man and challenge Kirk in a debate. He could have told Kirk what he thought about him and given Kirk a chance to respond. But no, he was a weak, spineless man filled with more hate than probably anyone in America at that given moment. It's one thing to have a hateful, negative thought, but it's another to allow hate to act itself out in such a way.

Violence is never the answer. Let's keep America free. Free to speak, free to debate, free to practice and express our religion. Let's have peaceful and strong conversation, not assassination. ★

never backed down from his beliefs, his faith, or his love of this country.

Charlie brought light into dark places. On campuses where free speech is under attack, he stood strong and gave others the courage to speak up. As the founder of Turning Point USA, he organized a movement that will shape generations.

He was bold in his faith, clear in his convictions, and fully embraced his conservative values.

Charlie is now with the Lord — but the work he started isn't finished." ★

## America's Sports Teams Pay Tribute to Charlie Kirk

The White House News Release

WASHINGTON, CHRISTIAN NEWSWIRE (MPG) - The White House releases the following:

From coast to coast, sports teams and organizations paused this week to commemorate the legacy of Charlie Kirk. The White House recognizes these profound tributes that celebrate Kirk's enduring legacy as a champion for faith and patriotism and honor the remarkable impact he had on millions of Americans.

NFL franchises, including the Green Bay Packers, New York Jets, Dallas Cowboys, Miami Dolphins, New Orleans Saints, Kansas City Chiefs, Pittsburgh Steelers, Tennessee Titans, and Arizona Cardinals

all held moments of silence or special recognitions.

In baseball, the Chicago Cubs and New York Yankees paid tribute. College football teams, such as the South Carolina Gamecocks, LSU Tigers, and the Wyoming Cowboys, joined in — as did the UFC and NASCAR, showcasing the broad reach of Kirk's influence.

These tributes reflect the widespread admiration for Kirk's dedication to inspiring the next generation of American Patriots. We commend these organizations for honoring a figure who championed the values that unite us all, and we join the nation in celebrating his legacy. ★

## Liberty Counsel: Message From Mat Staver Regarding Charlie Kirk

Liberty Counsel News Release

We are heartbroken to learn that Charlie Kirk has been shot while speaking at Utah Valley University.

Our prayers go out to Charlie, his wife and two young children, and all those affected by this tragic and senseless

act of violence.

We ask everyone to join us in praying for Charlie and his family, for peace, and for strength during this incredibly difficult time.

And we pray against this senseless hatred and disdain for human life that elevate violence over dialogue. ★

## Bera Condemns the Killing of Charlie Kirk

Office of U.S. Representative Ami Bera, M.D. News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Representative Ami Bera, M.D. (CA-06) released a statement after conservative activist Charlie Kirk was shot and killed at an event at Utah Valley University on Sept. 10:

"This is a dark day for America. The killing of Charlie Kirk is a horrific and deeply disturbing act of political violence. I condemn it in the strongest possible terms.

"Political violence is a cancer on our nation. We

don't have to agree with one another's beliefs — in fact, we may find some views deeply offensive or wrong — but we must reject violence as a means of resolving disputes. It corrodes the very foundation of our democracy and threatens the freedoms we all cherish. Democracy demands that we resolve our differences peacefully through debate, civic engagement, and at the ballot box.

"I urge law enforcement to use every available resource to bring the perpetrator of this act to justice. There must be

accountability. We cannot allow violence to take root as a tool of political expression in America.

"In moments like these, we must rise above partisanship and reaffirm a simple truth: violence against anyone — Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative — has no place in our society. No person or political party is immune to this disturbing and growing trend. Above all else, we are Americans.

"My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Kirk's family, loved ones, and all those impacted by this heinous act of violence." ★

## Republican Leaders Issue Joint Statement on Assassination of Charlie Kirk

Assembly Republicans News Release

SACRAMENTO (MPG) - Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (R-East Nicolaus) and Leader-Elect Heath Flora (R-Ripon) issued the following statement on the assassination of conservative leader and Turning Point USA founder, Charlie Kirk:

"In the 21st century, no one did more to lead the conservative youth movement than Charlie Kirk. He spoke the truth, welcomed respectful debate, and

# ARC has Strong Start at USF Invite

## American River College Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The American River College (ARC) men's cross-country team kicked off their season Aug. 29 in Golden Gate Park with determination at the University of San Francisco Invite, an event hosting top collegiate programs across California.

American River finished 10th out of a highly competitive field, posting an average time of 26:17 for the 8,000-meter course and a team score of 283.

American River College athletes delivered solid performances against a strong field.

Following is how the top five men fared. Cameron Mobley (freshman) led the team, placing 23rd, crossing the finish line in 25:15.7. Cyrus Justiniani (sophomore) had a strong showcase with a 25:44.9 and a 55th place. Owen Wiseley (freshman) clocked a 26:32.3, finishing 82nd. Tyler Farnworth



Cameron Mobley of American River College's men's cross-country team is pictured during the University of San Francisco's cross-country invitational on Aug. 29. Photo courtesy of American River College Athletics

(sophomore) came in at 26:55.5, earning 101st. Edwin Hooey (freshman) crossed the line in 26:59.6, placing 105th. Their combined efforts built a competitive pack. For the freshman, this was their first 8,000-meter race. With Mobley, Wiseley, Hooey,

Pringle, Guernsey, Laverty, Martinez and Pesce all freshmen, the team looks to have strong upcoming depth. Justiniani, a sophomore, anchored the team with a sub-26-minute effort, offering strong leadership heading into the season.

While the team placed mid-pack amid powerhouse programs, the results offer a solid benchmark. With improving fitness and race experience, American River College has clear potential to tighten up team scoring in future meets.

American River College's 10th-place finish at the University of San Francisco Invite marks a solid season opener, underpinned by consistent performances from both returning runners and newcomers.

As the season unfolds, attention now turns to improving team cohesion, pushing key runners deeper into the pack and building on the promise shown at Golden Gate Park. ★

## Ella Kraft Named Big Sky Women's Golfer of the Week



Ella Kraft of the Sacramento Hornets was named Big Sky Women's Golfer of the Week on Sept. 10. Photo courtesy of California State University, Sacramento

### Sacramento State News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** -California State University, Sacramento senior Ella Kraft was named the Big Sky Women's Golfer of the Week, it was announced on Sept. 10.

The honor is the second of Kraft's career.

Competing at the Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invitational in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Kraft claimed her first collegiate victory with rounds of 70-69-72-211. That total was tied for the second lowest of her career and made her the second Hornet to win an individual

title during the first tournament of the season.

Kraft also moved into a tie with Jennifer Koga (2021-24) for the most career rounds in the 60s with 13.

The Uppsala, Sweden native also helped the Hornets win the team championship. Sacramento State University finished four strokes ahead of the Cal State Fullerton team, which is coming off a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships appearance.

Sacramento State University will next compete at the Golfweek Red Sky Classic in Wolcott, Colorado on Sept. 22 to Sept. 24. ★

## UC Davis Basketball Season Tickets on Sale

### UC Davis News Release

**DAVIS, CA (MPG)** - With just under two months from opening tip, University of California, Davis basketball season tickets are now on sale, allowing Aggie fans to catch the action in the University Credit Union Center all winter long.

Men's basketball tickets start at \$175 and women's basketball tickets start at \$75. Admission for those between the ages of 3 and 13 are men's basketball tickets at \$125 and women's basketball games at \$50.

Aggie fans looking for men's tickets in sections 109 to 111, 209, 211, 221 and 225 will be required to make contributions of up to \$500 per seat to the Champion Aggies Club.

Under the tutelage of Jim Les, the men enter 2025-26 with a new look, adding

nine new players through recruitment and the transfer portal. The returners include players such as Carl Daughtery Jr., Connor Sevilla and Nils Cooper.

Coming off a 21-win season and Big West Finals appearance a year ago, women's basketball is set to go for year 15 under head coach Jennifer Gross. The squad is backed by a number of familiar faces, such as All-Big West players Megan Norris, Nya Epps and Ryann Bennett.

Both teams open their season with a doubleheader at the University Credit Union Center on Monday, Nov. 3. The men's team will take on Menlo at 5 p.m. before the women face off against William Jessup at 7:30 p.m.

For more information regarding tickets, call the Aggie Ticket Office at 530-752-2471, go online to ucdavisaggies.com or email aggietickets@ucdavis.edu. ★

## Rodrigo Lopez Nominated for Player of the Month



This is Republic FC midfielder Rodrigo (RoRo) Lopez's first Player of the Month nomination since he claimed the award in August 2022. Lopez is the third Republic FC player to be nominated this season, joining teammates Russell Cicerone and Danny Vitiello, who was voted July's top player. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

### Compiled from Sacramento Republic FC and USL News Releases

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - USL (United Soccer League) Championship announced that Republic FC midfielder Rodrigo (RoRo) Lopez was nominated for USL Championship Player of the Month for August. Voting closed online at USLChampionship.com on Sept. 9. A fan vote comprises 51% of the poll and the remainder was conducted by the USL Technical Committee and National Media Panel.

Lopez finished August tied for the league lead with five goal contributions (two goals, three assists), adding his name to the score-sheet in each of his four appearances in August. On Aug. 2, he helped Sacramento claim its first road win over San Antonio FC with an assist on Cristian Parano's stoppage time goal. The following week, Lopez netted his 40th-career regular season goal with the game-winner over Monterey Bay FC.

Lopez hit another career milestone against NorCal rival Oakland Roots on Aug. 16 with a goal and an assist, making him just the fourth player in league history to record at least 40 goals and 50 assists in the regular season. Lopez closed out the month with his fifth assist of the season on Aug. 30 as he set up Khorri Bennett's first goal in the team's 2-0 win over New Mexico United.

This is Lopez's first Player of the Month nomination since he claimed the award in August 2022. He is the third Republic FC player to be up for it this season, joining teammates Russell Cicerone and Danny Vitiello, who was voted July's top player.

There were three other August Player of the Month nominees, including the Louisville City FC's Jansen Wilson. Wilson recorded four goals and one assist across five contests as Louisville City went undefeated in the month, averaging a goal every 107.8 minutes while posting a shot conversion rate of 30.8% and a shooting accuracy rate of 66.7%.

Also nominated was Hartford Athletic's Kyle Edwards, who recorded three goals and one assist across five appearances, including a goal and assist in Hartford Athletic's first victory against Rhode Island FC, and averaged a goal every 63.3 minutes while posting a shooting accuracy rate of 71.4%.

The other nominee was El Paso Locomotive FC's Gabriel Torres, who recorded two goals and two assists in five appearances as El Paso Locomotive compiled an undefeated month, ranking third in the league with 14 chances created while posting a 57.1 shooting accuracy rate on nine shots overall.

On Sept. 11, the USL Championship announced that Louisville City FC midfielder Wilson was voted the USL Championship Player of the Month. ★

## Junior/Senior Team City Championship Winners Named

### Sacramento Golf Council News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The 2025 Walter and Olga Strand Junior/Senior City Championship was held Sept. 7 at Bartley Cavanaugh Golf Course.

Cinnamon Danielson and Parker Barrett of Chico captured the championship in the Handicap Division with a net score of 63.5.

In the Callaway Division, for teams without official handicaps, Harrison Elliott (age 12) of Orangevale and Will Harvey of Oregon House took the title with a score of 66.

The champion team is determined by the lowest net score in the Handicap Division. Teams without handicaps are placed in the Callaway Division.

The Junior/Senior Championship pairs golfers 18 years or younger with a senior partner at least 15 years older. The 18-hole team event was played in the Chapman Scotch format: both players hit a tee shot, switch balls for the second shot, then select one ball and alternate shots until holed.



Pictured are the winners of the Callaway Division, Harrison Elliott and Will Harvey, left, at the 2025 Walter and Olga Strand Junior/Senior City Championship on Sept. 7 at Bartley Cavanaugh Golf Course. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Golf Council

Sacramento Golf Council volunteer Greg Scott served as tournament director.

The nonprofit volunteer-run Sacramento Golf Council conducts quality golf tournaments at Sacramento city and county golf courses in the Sacramento Metropolitan area for men and women of all ages and abilities, and juniors. ★

# Elk Grove Soccer FC Boys Play Home Opener



The 12U age group makes a move on offense.



The 14U age group gets a shot at the goal.



The 14U age group passes up the field.

**Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - At the home opener Sunday, Sept. 16, the Elk Grove Soccer FC boys' teams took on the Atletico Santa Rosa Soccer Club, playing games at both Hal Bartholomew Sports Complex and Franklin High School.

Six games were played on Sunday: two games at 10 a.m., two at noon and two at 2 p.m. The ages of the boys who played over the weekend were 12 through 17.

The club was coming off an impressive season opener in a new league, MLS Next, having four wins and two ties throughout the age groups. They were looking to have the same success in their home opener.

The Elk Grove Soccer FC is a youth soccer club in the MLS Next league that provides recreation soccer to the youth ages 8 through 19. The league teaches and develops soccer skills while enhancing players' leadership skills.

Along with recreational soccer, Elk Grove Soccer FC holds a "Competitive" program for the youth as well as a "Future Stars" program for children ages 4 through 8.

The difference between recreational and competitive is that the competitive program caters more to advanced players. These players train harder and more often than the recreational players. They also compete against tougher competition in more competitive tournaments.

Competitive and recreational soccer games take place during summer and fall, which is the off-season of high school soccer that is played during the winter.

Elk Grove Soccer FC was once a part of the Elite Clubs National League before moving to the MLS Next league. Elite Clubs is still a prominent youth soccer organization; however, it is second to MLS Next.

Being in a higher and more competitive league brings better coaching and more overall opportunities.

Players are able to fully develop their skills while having the platform to show them off. Players competing against the highest competition in their age groups will bring out the best in them.

The coaches can help develop them as players and to be successful in life after the game. They give the players outlets to be able to go to college and continue playing, not just in college but even professionally. ★

# Emerald Lakes Hosts Wilson Golf Challenge

**Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Emerald Lakes Golf Course hosted a long drive contest and a closest to the pin contest on Friday, Sept. 12, sponsored by Wilson Sporting Goods.

It was a way for Wilson to kick off the NFL season, as it was encouraging participants to come have a fun competition and to represent their favorite NFL team. Not only that, people were able to try Wilson's latest golf equipment and to talk to Wilson Golf experts.

Golfers were able to try Wilson's new golf clubs, a variety of drivers, woods, irons and wedges.

"It's a fun opportunity for people to come out, try new things and maybe go home with some new things as well," said Louis Euer, territory manager for Wilson Sporting Goods.

The people competing in the long drive contest and the closest to the flag



The people competing in the long-drive contest and the closest-to-the-flag contest had the chance to win Wilson brand golf prizes.

contest had the chance to win Wilson brand golf prizes. A raffle gave participants a chance to win something without needing to win the two challenges.

Each participant had five shots to see how far they could hit the long drive or how close they could get

the ball to the pin. They were able to determine the distance with Trackman Range technology.

Emerald Lakes Golf Course received this new technology for the driving range earlier this year, allowing golfers to fully enhance their experience.

"Emerald Lakes has this very cool Trackman technology so we're able to go on the range and track the longest drive and closest to the pin," Euer stated.

The Trackman technology is a golf ball-tracking simulator where users can practice, play games and



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simulate courses to play. This technology also gives data and feedback to users so they know where they need the most work. Users can see the data of their shot, including total yards, ball speed, height and distance from the pin. It helps to give a better experience

for the golfers when they go to the nine-hole Emerald Lakes, whether it be to play a round of golf or just to practice.

The new Trackman not only brings a better experience, but it brings a completely new experience to Emerald Lakes. ★