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Local Stars in 'Got Milk?' Campaign

By Idaly Valencia

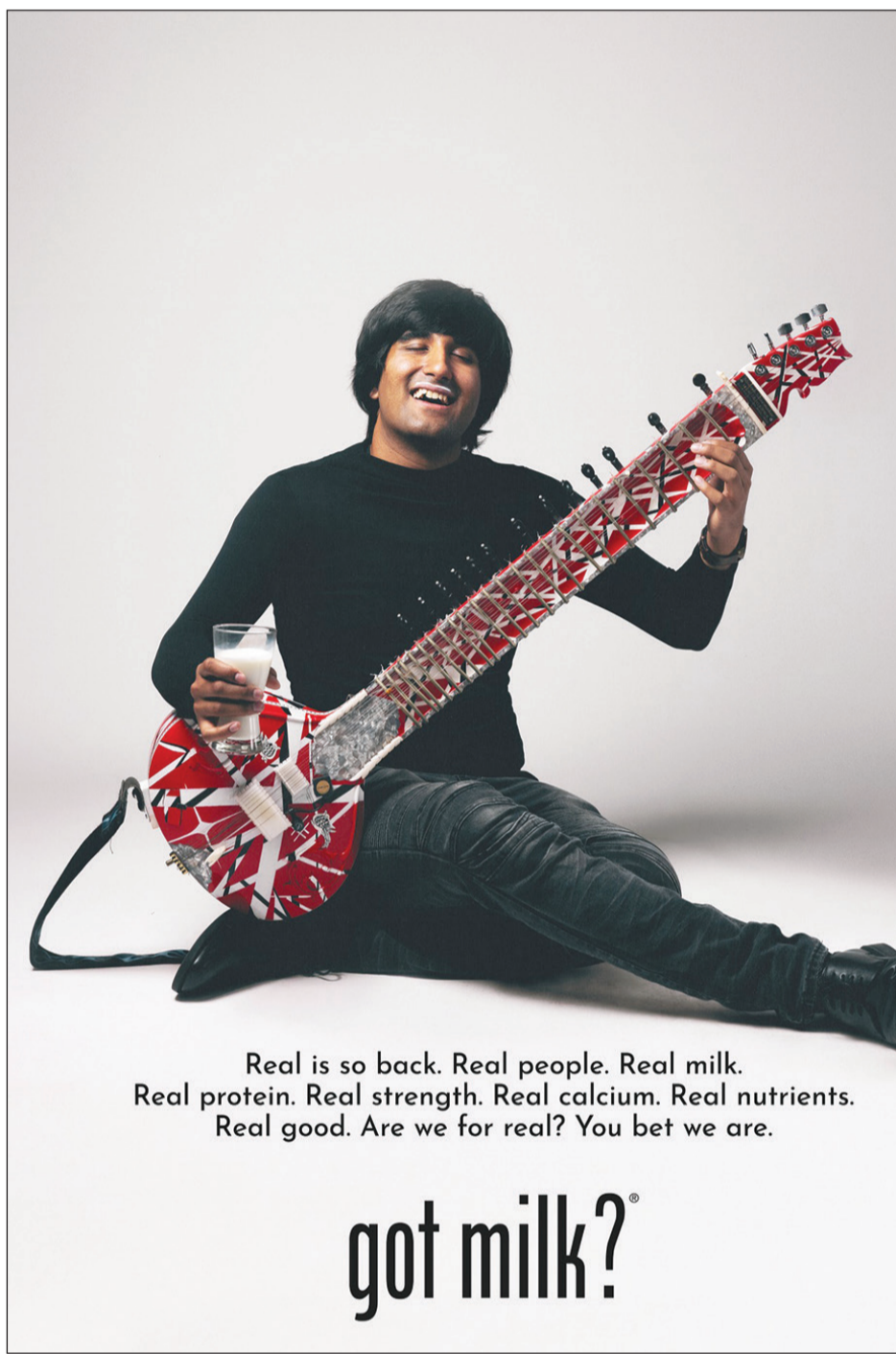
ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Earlier this year, the Elk Grove Citizen interviewed Neil Nayyar, a born-and-raised Elk Grovian who continues to prove himself as a musical prodigy and rising talent from his hometown. At just 19 years old, he has mastered 130 instruments and continues to reach new milestones in his career.

In October 2024, Nayyar released his debut album "Breaking Barriers," which earned local and national media attention, including appearances on "Good Morning America" and "The Jennifer Hudson Show."

This fall, he added another accomplishment by appearing on billboards across California as part of the 30th anniversary of the iconic "Got Milk?" campaign. Nayyar represents the Sacramento region as one of nine Californians featured in the statewide celebration.

Launched in 1994 by the California Milk Processor Board, the "Got Milk?" campaign aimed to make milk "cool" again, symbolizing strength and style. The iconic milk mustache became a cultural fixture, worn by athletes and celebrities. For its 30th anniversary, the campaign shifted to everyday

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Real is so back. Real people. Real milk.
Real protein. Real strength. Real calcium. Real nutrients.
Real good. Are we for real? You bet we are.

got milk?

At just 19, Elk Grove's own Neil Nayyar is making waves from Grammy consideration to starring in the iconic "Got Milk?" campaign, proving himself as a true musical prodigy on the rise. Courtesy photos

Council Questions Results of Business Survey



By John McCallum

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove City Council received results of a new business survey that the city recently conducted. The council questioned the survey's accuracy at its Oct. 9 meeting.

The biggest concern for the council and for the city's Economic Development Department staff was the number of survey responses.

Out of 5,000 surveys sent out, only 146 were returned, equating to a 3% overall response rate. Survey developers Polco and the National Research Center said that response rate was a typical response rate for a city of Elk Grove's size.

But Elk Grove Economic Development analyst Tish Mann said about the response rate, "That makes it difficult to draw meaningful conclusions about the broader business community."

This was the first year that the city conducted the National Business Survey, although it has used a National Community Survey for residents biennially since 2009. The city promoted completing the survey through a variety of communications to businesses, including mailing postcard and letter reminders.

Since the business survey is relatively new nationally, Mann said, the comparison data with other cities is uncertain since only a small number of cities has taken the survey. Because of this and the small response rate in Elk Grove, National Research Center was recommending a "range of uncertainty" in each category of "plus or minus" 10 percentage points.

"One way to think about this is the results are indicative of the 146 survey respondents, not indicative of the entire business community," Mann said. "So I will be saying 'respondents' rather than business owners as I go through this (results)."

The survey is designed

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Fall Fun Around Elk Grove

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Residents are starting to "fall" into the season's festivities as October brings a lineup of family-friendly events celebrating autumn and Halloween.

Here's a look at what's happening around town now through the end of the month.

Kiwanis Halloween Home Tour

The Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove will host its sixth annual Halloween Home Tour, featuring Halloween-themed decorated homes across Elk Grove (zip codes 95624, 95757, 95758).

Participants can purchase a digital map or a map and swag bag that includes treats and voting access for "Favorite" and "Scariest" homes. The tour runs Oct. 18 to 31, although some homes might only be open on weekends.

Swag bags are limited and must be reserved by Saturday, Oct. 18 for pickup between 3 and 5 p.m. Maps and voting links will be emailed by Oct.

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The City of Elk Grove has plenty of family-friendly fall activities to enjoy throughout the rest of the month including festivals, movie nights and trick-or-treating events. Photo courtesy of Explore Elk Grove

Local Hits \$400K Jackpot

Chamber Hosts Ribbon Cutting for Intercare Therapy

Sky River Casino News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - A little puff of luck turned into a massive payday, as a Sacramento resident won a life-changing \$424,365.91 jackpot at Sky River Casino on Sept. 24.

"This is the kind of electrifying moment we love to see at Sky River," said President of Sky River Casino Michael J. Facenda. "Our 'Huff N' Even More Puff' machine has been a hit with our

guests, and we're excited to see it deliver a jackpot of this size. We're all about creating winners and celebrating these incredible moments."

Third time was the charm for this week's big winner who played two machines earlier in the day before taking a break. In the guest's third try at the slots, the progressive delivered in a big way after 30 minutes of play.

The lucky guest joined the Sky River Rewards program on July 1.

September was also a lucky month for guests who play Sky River table games.

Two lucky winners won more than \$100k each playing Pai Gow.

Another landed the Triple Diamond Progressive and took home \$192k in Double Up Blackjack.

Sky River Casino was built by Wilton Rancheria in partnership with Boyd Gaming Corporation, which is managing the property for the tribe. ★



ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Intercare Therapy celebrated its ribbon-cutting as a new local business dedicated to providing personalized, evidence-based therapy for children with autism. The clinic specializes in Applied Behavior Analysis and offers tailored programs designed to empower both children and their families. The Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce hosted the ceremony on Friday, Oct. 3 at Intercare Therapy's Elk Grove clinic, located at 2218 Kausen Drive, Suite 104. Photo courtesy of Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce

Council Questions Results of Business Survey

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to measure business owner opinions in a variety of community categories such as quality of life, livability, community amenities, business climate, workforce, city governance and opportunities for growth. Elk Grove conducted the survey between Feb. 12 and March 19.

In the "quality of life" category, 85% of respondents rated Elk Grove as excellent to good while 88% said they were somewhat likely to recommend the city to someone who asked about it, percentages similar to other similarly-sized cities.

Just 49% considered the city an excellent or good place for young adults,

a rating lower than the national benchmark.

In "livability," 77% of respondents rated the overall economic health as excellent or good, similar to other cities, while 49% rated overall opportunities, education and arts in the Elk Grove the same, a rating below the national benchmark.

Under community amenities, 76% of respondents rated the overall image of Elk Grove as excellent or good, with 50% rating downtown/commercial area vibrancy and 46% rating frequented public places the same, marks below the national benchmark.

Regarding the business climate, 70% of

respondents rated Elk Grove excellent to good, with 91% reporting they are "very or somewhat likely" to stay in Elk Grove over the next five years and 77% reporting "very or somewhat likely" to recommend the city to other businesses, all similar to the national benchmark.

Just 45% of respondents rated the Elk Grove government's efforts to inform businesses of community issues and values as excellent to good, which is below the national benchmark.

Respondents also reported Elk Grove as a good or excellent place to work (84%), with 24% rating the cost of living as excellent or good,

all similar to the national benchmark. One area that the city exceeded the national rating was in the variety of transportation options, with 46% rating this as excellent or good.

Other areas where respondents rated the city below national benchmarks was in public education's ability to get high school students ready for a career or college and employees fully or mostly having the needed skills along with educational qualifications to their job.

The city was similar to the national benchmarks in business growth in the past five years and expected growth over the next five years, with 35% of respondents indicating a very or

somewhat positive impact on business revenues in the next six months from the national economy, a benchmark higher than the national average.

Despite questioning the survey's accuracy because of lack of response, council members were overall appreciative of the data received, indicating it could be useful if a larger sample size of businesses were available.

"How do you trust something that's plus or minus 10 percentage points?" Councilman Darren Suen asked, eventually acknowledging that "there's things for us to work on."

Councilman Kevin Spease noted that even with a business item on the agenda, there was a lack of business owners attending the Oct. 9 meeting to provide input. Spease

suggested that the business owners might want to be more proactive.

"If people want to be a part of the conversation, you should've been in the room tonight," Spease said.

Even with the small sample size, Spease added, the survey provided insights into areas where the city could learn "lessons" and develop some action plans.

While expecting a low response for the survey, Economic Development Director Darrell Doan said it wasn't anticipated to be "this low (3%)." Doan said he and staff will look at better ways to provide specifics on the city's business climate, adding they wanted to get survey results to the council in the interests of transparency.

"We're going to firm it up moving forward," Doan said. ★

Fire Department Welcomes First Certified Canine Rescuer

Cosumnes Community Services District News Release

ELK GROVE/GALT, CA (MPG) - The Cosumnes Fire Department proudly announces a historic first: Captain Justin Quarisa and his canine partner, Ruffles, have officially earned national certification as a live find canine search team, a first in the department's history.

This accomplishment brings a powerful new resource to the Cosumnes Community Services District and strengthens disaster response across the Sacramento region.

Together, Captain Quarisa and Ruffles will deploy with Sacramento Urban Search & Rescue Task Force 7, a FEMA-affiliated team managed by the Sacramento Fire Department that responds to major emergencies across California and the nation. From earthquakes and building collapses to wide-area searches, the addition of a certified canine team brings a valuable and specialized capability to California's emergency response network.

Captain Quarisa, who has served with



The Cosumnes Fire Department announced that Ruffles, a certified rescue dog, has joined a Sacramento Urban Search & Rescue Task Force. Ruffles is partnered with Capt. Justin Quarisa to help locate people trapped in disaster conditions. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes Fire Department

Cosumnes Fire since 2004 and has been a member of Task Force 7 for a decade, trained with Ruffles in Southern California

through the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (SDF).

The nonprofit rescues high-energy dogs from shelters, trains them to be disaster search dogs, and matches them with firefighters and other first responders across the country, at no cost to their fire departments.

Ruffles, a 2.5-year-old Australian Heeler, was rescued from a shelter in Texas. Staff there recognized her drive and potential, and she was accepted into the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation's program. It turned out to be a perfect match.

"She's an amazing dog," said Captain Quarisa. "She's focused, driven and always ready to work. From the beginning, she stood out in training and flew through the program. Plus, everyone who meets her loves her."

Now certified, Ruffles is an official member of Cosumnes Fire and even has her own employee ID badge. She and Captain Quarisa train together daily and are ready to respond wherever they're

needed.

"As an all-risk fire agency, we're constantly evolving to meet the needs of our community and region," said Fire Chief Felipe Rodriguez. "This new capability adds depth to our emergency response locally and wherever we're called to help."

Captain Quarisa also praised the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation as a nonprofit making a real difference by rescuing dogs and strengthening emergency response in communities across the country.

"They give dogs a second chance and turn them into lifesaving partners," he said. "Having a certified canine team in our department is rare, and it brings real value to our community."

With this certification, Cosumnes Fire joins an elite group of agencies nationwide with canine teams trained to locate people trapped in disaster conditions. And while Ruffles may turn heads with her cuteness, she's all business when it comes to saving lives. ★

Local Stars in 'Got Milk?' Campaign

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Californians with the slogan "Real is so back. Real people. Real milk."

Nayyar told the Elk Grove Citizen that the campaign's message resonated deeply with him and he participated in the anniversary photoshoot to represent the Sacramento region as part of the state-wide tour.

"As a musician holding the sitar, I was featured not only for my image but also for what I represent: creativity, dedication and breaking boundaries through music," said Nayyar. "The campaign celebrated diversity and the unique journeys of individuals, and I felt honored to be part of that story."

He explained the

significance of his campaign image and how it connects to his creative philosophy with music.

"On the billboard, I was represented as a young Steve Jobs, wearing the iconic black turtleneck and sharing a similar hairstyle, which symbolized innovation and vision, which is a big honor for me," said Nayyar.

His image now appears on billboards in prominent locations across California, including the Golden 1 Center, LA Live, Sunset Boulevard, San Francisco and other major cities. Nayyar described seeing his face on the big screen as an "unforgettable experience."

"As an artist, you dream of sharing your work with

the world, but to actually see yourself up there, larger than life, felt surreal," he said. "It wasn't just about me; it was about representing my community, my culture and showing that dreams really can turn into reality with passion and persistence."

Nayyar's seven-track album, "Breaking Barriers," was recently submitted for Grammy consideration.

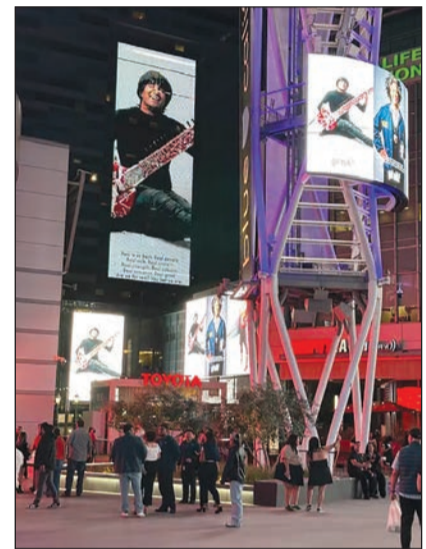
The album is described as a body of music that weaves together diverse genres, sounds and cultural traditions, illustrating how music can serve as a universal language.

"It feels surreal and truly humbling to have 'Breaking Barriers' submitted for Grammy

consideration," Nayyar added. "This album represents not just my journey as a multi-instrumentalist and composer, but also my mission to bring cultures, sounds and stories from around the world together through music."

He explained that the track titled "Exploring Worlds" features 107 musical instruments from across the globe and is meant to embody the spirit of connection through sound. This track fulfills the Grammy category of "Best Global Music Performance" while the album itself is being considered for "Best Global Music Album."

"To even be in the conversation for the Grammys is a dream come true; it



Neil Nayyar's 'Got Milk?' image pays tribute to Steve Jobs, symbolizing innovation and vision that mirror his musical philosophy. Courtesy photo

validates all the hard work, passion and love I've poured into my craft," said Nayyar. "More than anything, I hope this inspires others to follow their passions fearlessly and break their own barriers."

In addition to state-wide recognition, Nayyar's hometown is also giving him his flowers for putting

Elk Grove on the map. Nayyar recently had a memorial brick installation at Foundation Real Estate (located at 9024 Elk Grove Blvd.) that reads "Neil Nayyar Music Prodigy Elk Grove."

To learn more about Neil Nayyar and his performances, visit neilnayyar.com. ★

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The Clean PowerCity® movement is happening. Hundreds of thousands have taken action to join the charge, drive electric, make clean power choices at home and work and save money with SMUD rebates. Together, we're creating Clean PowerCities, while we keep our promise to deliver world-class safety, reliability and some of the lowest electricity rates in California. To learn more and join the charge, visit CleanPowerCity.org today.



Student Receives \$10,000 PG&E Scholarship

PG&E News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The PG&E Corporation Foundation announced that 54 students from hometowns across Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Northern and Central California service area will receive 2025 Better Together STEM Scholarships.

Among the awardees are Mengnan Sun of Elk Grove, who received a \$10,000 scholarship. Sun is majoring in environmental engineering at Stanford University and is a 2025 graduate of Cosumnes Oaks High School.

The PG&E Corporation Foundation is sponsoring scholarships of \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$2,500. These charitable donations come



Mengnan Sun is a 2025 Cosumnes Oaks High School graduate. Photo courtesy of PG&E

from PG&E shareholders, not PG&E customers.

The scholarships are awarded to students pursuing degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) disciplines. STEM education fosters ingenuity, creativity, and experimentation leading to innovations and technological advancements that can have global

impact.

"I'm very grateful for the PG&E Better Together STEM Scholarship because it lifted the financial burden of my family and gives me the chance to continue my STEM studies in college," said Sun. "It's also a recognition of my passion for STEM and motivates me to keep working hard and to give back to my community in the future."

Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, demonstrated participation and leadership in school and community activities, and financial need.

Since 2012, the Better Together STEM program has awarded over \$7.8 million to accomplished students. ★

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.

Events at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

Our next Jazz & Blues Concert at our church will be on Nov. 2 with Gary Mendoza/Jazz/Blues.

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 elkgrovepres@gmail.com.

Grace Church Hosts Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered ministry offering help in finding freedom from the issues (hurts, hang-ups and habits) controlling your life.

Meetings are held weekly on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. at Grace Church, located at 9766 Waterman Road, next to Mel Dogs.

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

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church's Mass Schedule

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

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

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

For more information, call (916) 647-4538, visit www.SMGCC.net, or download the MyParish app and enter the code, 55321. ★

Cattlemens Steakhouse is Coming to Town

Cattlemens Steakhouse News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Cattlemens Steakhouse, a California tradition since 1968, announced plans to open a new location in spring 2026 at 9105 W. Stockton Blvd.

The opening will bring Cattlemens' signature Western hospitality and great steaks to a community known for its rich history and welcoming spirit.

"We are thrilled to be joining the Elk Grove community," said President of Cattlemens Peter Mrozik. "Elk Grove's strong sense of place and welcoming spirit make it a perfect fit for Cattlemens. We look forward to serving families there for years to come."

For more than five decades, Cattlemens has been known for classic steakhouse favorites and genuine service in a warm, Western setting.

The Elk Grove location will feature signature hand-cut steaks, "Sizzling" prime rib, pork and beef ribs, seafood, a kids' menu, a full bar, and private dining spaces for celebrations and community events. Cattlemens will be open for dinner seven days a week, with private dining available both day and night.

"Our guests have been dining with us for generations," said Miranda Smith of Cattlemens marketing and communications. "We see families who came as kids now bringing their own children and grandchildren. We're excited to build those same lasting relationships in Elk Grove and partnering with the local communities."

Cattlemens will be hiring managers and hourly team members for the Elk Grove location. Cattlemens offers employment for over 60 new staff members. Interested candidates can send a resume to jobs@cattlemens.com. ★

ARTS CALENDAR

'All Creatures Great and Small'

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center presents the annual art competition show "All Creatures Great and Small" through Oct. 23.

Details at elkgrovetfineartscenter.org.

View Artwork from Elk Grove

At webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove.

The Elk Grove Arts and Creative Economy Commission has created a virtual Citywide Art Guide to art pieces and

art events in Elk Grove.

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.

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 elkgrovetfineartscenter.org. ★

MEMORIAL

JANIS FUNK BUFFINGTON (RAULIEN) • 07/13/1961—09/07/2025

It is with broken hearts that we share the news of the passing of our beloved Janis Susan Funk-Buffington (Raulien). Jan was a most amazing wife, daughter, sister, aunt and friend to all that knew her. Jan will be remembered for her quiet selflessness, generous heart, genuine kindness and supportive cheerleader to all who were lucky enough to know her.

Jan lived without complaint and always had a huge smile or happy laugh everywhere she went. She adored her pets, was a true friend, had an adventurous spirit and a health conscious lifestyle. She was an inspiration to all who knew her and never was one to be in the spotlight or needing thanks for what she did and gave.

Bill was the love of her life and they were married for 21 years. Together they created



countless memories and experienced adventures that will be forever cherished. A lifelong Elk Grove resident, Jan volunteered consistently with the Elk Grove Animal shelter after retiring from UC Davis Medical Center.

We have a deep hole in our hearts grieving her loss but we know and trust she is in heaven in a perfect and healthy body.

Jan was the beloved daughter of the late Dave Raulien and Evelyn Raulien. She is survived by husband Bill Buffington; sister Sandi Edde (Don); brother Jeff Raulien, niece Marissa Watts (Tyler); nephew Aaron Edde (Nira); great niece and nephews Layla Watts, Blake Watts, Davis Watts.

We welcome all who were blessed to know her at her Celebration of Life on Sunday November 2nd from 3-6 at Elk Grove Park Pavilion, 9950 Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove, CA.

In lieu of flowers, you are welcome to donate to any of the following organizations that Jan loved and supported: St. Jude Children's Hospital; Shriners Hospital for Children, the Elk Grove Animal Shelter and the Fire Fighters Burn Center at UC Davis.



Places of Worship

Full Gospel Church

9286 E. Stockton Blvd.,
Elk Grove, CA 95624

Pastor Daniels

916-531-8429

Tuesday Prayer Healing 6pm

Sunday School 10am

Sunday Worship 11am

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

8701 Elk Grove-Florin Rd.

Pastor Joe Dapelo

916-689-7300

Service Hours:

Traditional – 8:30 a.m.

Contemporary – 11 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.

5th Sunday – 9:30 a.m.

Website: <https://stpeterseg.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com>

St.PetersLutheranChurchElkGrove

St. Luke's Lutheran Church (ELCA)

7595 Center Parkway

Sacramento, CA 95823

Pastor Rob Williamson

916-421-5039

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

Website: slelca.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StLukesac>

Stream Online via YouTube: @st.lukeslutheranchurch7590

All are welcome in this place!

Join us at **Light of the Valley Lutheran Church** in Elk Grove, where faith and community come together.

Join us for our Sunday services!

Sunday Worship Services

• **8:45 AM** – Traditional Service

• **10:30 AM** – Contemporary Service

We offer a welcoming environment for all ages, including engaging programs and opportunities to grow in faith through ministry and service.

We can't wait to meet you!

Visit us

9270 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove, CA

or online at lightofthevalley.net.

Email: office@lightofthevalley.net

Call 916-691-3568

Family Praise and Worship Ministries

4099 Emerson Road, Acampo, CA 95220

Pastors Claude & Jan Moore

209-224-8145

Sunday School 9:30 a.m., | Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

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

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SacSewer Receives National Gold Peak Performance Award

Sacramento Area Sewer District News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

The Sacramento Area Sewer District (SacSewer) is going gold once again.

Its EchoWater Resource Recovery Facility (EchoWater Facility) was named a 2024 Gold Peak Performance Award Winner from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, marking the 10th consecutive year that the EchoWater Facility received a Peak Performance Award.

The 2024 Peak Performance Awards recognize public utility members for excellence in permit compliance over the 2024 calendar year.

In the last 30 years, this was the fifth Gold Award that the EchoWater Facility received from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, also winning 16 Silver Awards in that span.

“We are excited to be selected once again for a

Gold Peak Performance Award,” said SacSewer General Manager Christoph Dobson. “Our vision is to set the bar for excellence in utility management and environmental sustainability, and these awards demonstrate our ongoing responsibility to serve our community by protecting public health and the environment. We are proud of what we accomplish at the EchoWater Facility, and this is a testament to the dedication and hard work our staff put forth every single day.”

For more than 50 years, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies has been the nation’s recognized leader in legislative, regulatory and legal advocacy on the full spectrum of clean water issues.

It also serves as a top technical resource for water management, sustainability and ecosystem protection interests.

The 2024 Peak Performance Awards



The EchoWater Resource Recovery Facility is honored for the 10th year by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Area Sewer District

recognize public agency members that demonstrate exceptional compliance and operational excellence under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program. To earn a Gold Award, a facility

must maintain a perfect record with zero permit violations within a calendar year. Facilities with no more than five violations can earn a Silver Award.

These award-winning utilities exemplify the highest standards in the

country, going above and beyond to protect water resources for the communities they serve. It is just another example of SacSewer’s ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship.

For the full list of

honorees and to learn more about the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, visit online nacwa.org.

To learn more about SacSewer and its EchoWater Facility, visit sacssewer.com. ★

SacRT Launches Transit Connect

Sacramento Regional Transit News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) recently launched the Transit Connect app, a new regional fare payment system that gives riders a faster, easier and more flexible way to pay for transit.

Riders can purchase and activate tickets anytime, using the Transit Connect app, eliminating the need for cash, paper tickets and ticket machines.

Transit Connect’s first phase launches with SacRT’s full-fare mobile ticketing

only. Discount fare options and Yobus fare products are scheduled to be added in early November. This first phase introduces mobile ticketing, along with rider-friendly features such as stored value wallet to load funds directly in the app and group ticketing to purchase multiple fares at once.

Future upgrades will expand the Transit Connect app to include additional transit partner integrations and add exciting new features, such as scan-to-pay for faster boarding, fare capping so you don’t pay more than the daily max and the ability to load cash at fare vending machines and

convenience stores.

“SacRT is proud to launch the Transit Connect app, which will make it easier than ever for people to travel throughout the Sacramento region,” said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. “Our riders deserve a seamless, modern experience that makes it easier to connect to the entire region, and the Transit Connect app provides exactly that.”

Powered by Masabi, a global leader in mobile fare payment solutions, the Transit Connect app lays the groundwork for a seamless and unified transit payment system for the Sacramento region.

“Mobile ticketing is transforming public transit worldwide by putting convenience and simplicity first,” said Masabi CEO Brian Zanghi. “We’re excited to partner with SacRT to deliver Transit Connect, helping riders across the Sacramento region access a modern and connected experience.”

To use the Transit Connect app, riders show their activated ticket to a bus operator or fare inspector. For riders currently using Connect Card (including state workers), full integration is expected as part of phase two in 2026.

The Transit Connect app is available for download in the App Store and Google Play. For more information, visit sacrt.com/transitconnect. ★

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18 as well. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/25HHTMAP.

The Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove supports programs for unhoused and foster youth, local Key Clubs, Uplift Elk Grove, Optimist Kohl’s ChildSpree, Elk Grove Food Bank Services and other nonprofits throughout the year.

More Pumpkins!

Still in the pumpkin spirit after the Giant Pumpkin Festival? Big Oak Nursery will host its Pumpkin Fest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 at 10071 Grant Line Road. The event will feature local vendors, fall crafts for all ages, pumpkin picking and photo opportunities.

Pumpkins in the Park, hosted by EG Speaks, will take place Saturday, Oct. 25 in Picnic Area 3A at Elk Grove Park (9950 Elk Grove Florin Road). The inclusive, disability-friendly event includes activities for all ages, pumpkin painting and a costume parade. A \$10 family donation is suggested. Registration is required at bit.ly/3IU3Pq7.

A local favorite, Fog Willow Farms, is open through Nov. 2 at 11011 Cecatra Drive, Wilton. The farm offers educational, country-style fun with more than 50 animals, a pumpkin patch, adventure course, unlimited hayrides and a Barnyard Speedway called the “Pigtona 500.”

October Movie Nights

Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen will host a movie night with a showing of the family-friendly film “Wicked” at Kammerer Park, 8801 Upbeat Way, from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 18. The event includes games, prizes, state resources and more. Attendees are encouraged to dress in their most “wicked” costumes. For details, email asofaafetai.tuioiti@asm.ca.gov or call 916-670-7888.

Cosumnes Community Services District will show “Hocus Pocus” (1993) as part of its Movies in the Park series on Saturday, Oct. 25 at Derr-Okamoto Park, 9550 Mainline Drive. Seating opens at 5 p.m., with the movie at sundown. Admission is free. Visit cosumnescsd.gov/503/Movies-in-the-Park for more details.

Carnitas Festival

Hosted by the Elk Grove Lions Club, the Carnitas Festival returns at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 at The Pavilion in Elk Grove Park. This all-ages fundraiser costs \$45 per person and will feature a no-host bar, raffle, dessert auction and Chicken Drop Bingo.

The menu includes pork carnitas, tortillas, rice, refried beans, salad, chips and salsa, and guacamole. Purchase tickets at elk-grove-lions-foundation.square.site.

Hallo-Palooza

The City of Elk Grove will host its third annual Hallo-Palooza from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24 at District56, 8230 Civic Center Drive. The free family event includes trunk-or-treat hosted by the Elk Grove Police Department, a bubble zone, entertainment stage, live DJ, art zone, as well as costume contests for kids, adults and pets.

The Pleasant Grove High School marching band will parade through the venue and local food vendors will be on site. More information is available at exploreelkgrove.com/events/annual-events/halloween.

Fall Festivals

Sun Grove Church will host a trunk-or-treat from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24 at 2285 Longport Court, featuring a petting zoo, inflatables, games, food and more.

The Camden Neighborhood Association is having its Fall Festival and Craft Faire from 1 to 3 p.m. at Mix Park, 8770 Goldy Glen Way on Saturday, Oct. 25. Activities include bounce houses, raffles, vendors, crafts, food trucks (such as Henhouse Coffee Co. and Bubble Hive) and trick-or-treating.

Trunk-or-Treats Near You

Families looking for a fun and safe way to celebrate Halloween will have plenty of trunk-or-treat options around Elk Grove.

The festivities begin Friday, Oct. 24 with a River City Early Learning Center trunk or treat event from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at 3050 Babson Drive. The free, family-friendly gathering will feature decorated trunks, treats and festive fun.

Later that evening, Elk Grove Softball will host its trunk-or-treat from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kloss Complex in Elk Grove Park, complete with costume contests for participants.

Way of the Warrior Martial Arts will also open its popular event from 5 to 8 p.m. at 9882 Waterman Road, featuring more than 30 decorated trunks, games, food vendors, jump houses and music.

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church will continue the celebration with its ninth annual trunk-or-treat from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 8701 Elk Grove Florin Road. The free event encourages children to come in costume but asks that scary costumes such as monsters, goblins, vampires and witches



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Still in the pumpkin spirit after the Giant Pumpkin Festival? Local farms and nurseries, such as Big Oak Nursery and Fog Willow Farms, have pumpkins out for picking as well as offering fall-related festivities. Photos courtesy of Explore Elk Grove



Explore Elk Grove, the city’s official tourism marketing group, will have a Hallo-Wine Trail self-tour from Oct. 30 through Nov. 2. Participants can pick up a limited-edition four-bottle wine bag (while supplies last) before visiting participating wineries in the Grant Line District at their own pace. Photos courtesy of Explore Elk Grove

be avoided. For more information, call 916-689-7300.

The fun continues throughout the weekend with assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen who will host her annual trunk or treat, all ages welcome, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 9250 Laguna Springs Drive on Saturday, Oct. 25. Later that same day, Hit Em Hard Fitness will host a trunk-or-treat and haunted house from 4 to 8:30 p.m. at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 35.

On Sunday, Oct. 26, Drive Family First will hold its free trunk-or-treat from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nissan and Mazda Elk Grove, 8588 Laguna Grove Blvd.

Hallo-Wine Self-tour

Explore Elk Grove, the city’s official



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tourism marketing group, will have a Hallo-Wine Trail self-tour from Oct. 30 through Nov. 2. Participants can pick up a limited-edition four-bottle wine bag (while supplies last) at McConnell Estates Winery, 10686 W. Stockton Blvd., before visiting participating wineries at their own pace throughout the Grant Line District.

Stops include Christopher Cellars, Flatland Wine Company, Sheldon Wine Shop and South Slope Wines & Bistro. Each winery will offer bottle discounts ranging from 5% to 50%. After each bottle purchase, participants receive a complimentary drink, flight or other perk.

For more information, visit exploreelkgrove.com/events/hallo-wine-trail or call 916-512-8211. ★

POLICE LOGS

Oct. 3

12:47 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Edward Kincy, 39, on robbery and resisting arrest charges.

9:55 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 17, on driving without owner's consent and receiving a stolen vehicle charges.

1:52 p.m., 9600 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Francisco Guzman, 58; and Misael Agraz, 47, on grand theft, criminal conspiracy, grand theft with priors and warrant charges.

7:06 p.m., Calvine Road/Power Inn Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Angelina Martinez, 19; and Dale Porter, 60, on possession of controlled substance charges.

9:30 p.m., 8300 Lotz Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Elforonte Cade, 53, on public intoxication charges.

1958 confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Jonathan Moreno, 35, on domestic violence and assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury charges.

Oct. 4

12:23 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Ronaldo Caballero, 23, on domestic violence charges.

4:06 a.m., Calvine Road/Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Epenisa Latu, 25, on warrant charges.

5:19 p.m., 9200 block of Bond Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Kalaree Allen, 20, on resisting arrested charges.

Oct. 5

1:42 a.m., 9000 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested John Gomez, 54, on vandalism, bringing contraband into a jail or prison and bringing drugs into a jail or prison charges.

7:06 a.m., Lakepoint Drive/Windy Cove Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested

Celestina Norris, 23, on DUIK/drug charges.

2:59 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Arik Phillips, 59, on domestic violence charges.

3:11 p.m., 8600 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 15, on brandishing a weapon or firearm charges.

5:24 p.m., Foulks Ranch Drive/Laguna Lake Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Lilly Mao, 24, on DUI charges.

6:43 p.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Hung Ngo, 46, on trespassing charges.

10:49 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Danyiel Duckett, 49, on burglary, burglary with priors and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

Oct. 6

12:51 a.m., Laguna Park Drive/Laguna Oaks Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Matthew Cannoles, 19, on vandalism charges.

4:13 a.m., Bruceville Road/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Gerald Biete, 30, on warrant charges.

6 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Tarell Joseph, 43, on domestic violence charges.

12:29 p.m., Promenade Parkway/Kammerer Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Kathy Jason Newman, 66, on possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

2:21 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Monica Covarrubias Meza, 21, on possession of cocaine or heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant charges.

6:18 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Sergio Meda, 23, on petty theft with priors charges.

7:05 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Ronnie Le,

58, on domestic violence and child endangerment charges.

Oct. 7

1:10 a.m., East Stockton Boulevard/Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Christopher Vogelsang, 58, on possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of hard drugs with priors charges.

2:31 a.m., Lakepoint Drive/Four Winds Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested David Pho, 40, on DUI charges.

8:21 a.m., Coop Drive/Danichris Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Jeremy Carriker, 42, on battery charges.

10:31 a.m., Waterman Road/Bond Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Sarah Hasabumutima, 26, on DUI/drug, driving with license suspended for DUI and driving while on DUI probation charges.

12:09 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Adrian Arcusa, 29; and Marshall Britt, 42, on possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant charges.

7:52 p.m., Bond Road/Elk Grove Florin Road, Grove Police arrested David Briggs, 55, on receiving a stolen vehicle, possession of burglary tools and driving a vehicle without owner's consent charges.

10:03 p.m., 9100 block of Jamel Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Jeremiah Jordan, 19; and Justin Jordan, 23, on carrying a concealed weapon, carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, carrying a loaded firearm, criminal conspiracy and possession of a leaded cane or baton charges.

Oct. 8

8:25 a.m., 2800 block of Hinton Circle, Elk Grove Police arrested Deseray Dunahay, 26, on assault with a deadly weapon and elder abuse charges.

9:01 a.m., 8100 block of

Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Wyatt Saole, 27, on shoplifting charges.

11 a.m., 9500 block of Harbour Point Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Andre Bryant, 23, on trespassing charges.

11:37 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Fernando Flores Godinez, 27, on warrant charges.

3:16 p.m., 9800 Farris Lane, Elk Grove Police arrested Virgilio Bautistalimon, 32, on driving without owner's consent, receiving a stolen vehicle and DUI/drug charges.

8:52 p.m., Emerald Vista Drive/Theford Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Jeremy Mendivil, 33, on warrant charges.

11:13 p.m., 8500 block of Bond Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Stephen Hurndon, 50, on carrying a concealed dirk or dagger, possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant charges.

11:37 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Benyelle Jones, 47, on domestic violence, assault with a deadly weapon and child endangerment charges.

Oct. 9

2:28 a.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Jasper Gill, 41, on trespassing charges.

2:39 a.m., 8300 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Brannita Beard, 31; and Reny Hawkins, 40, on possession of cocaine or heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant charges.

11:23 a.m., Backer Ranch Road/Toscano Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Steven Dudgeon, 42, on warrant charges.

1:22 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Dale Johnson, 43, on trespassing charges.

3:03 p.m., Bruceville Road/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested

Gabriel Torres, 36, on resisting an executive officer and assault on a police officer charges.

3:44 p.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Waylon Grant, 55, on trespassing charges.

4:17 p.m., 3200 block of Claudine Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Carlton Young, 53, on warrant charges.

Oct. 10

1:14 a.m., Sheldon Road/Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Uili Martell, 33, on DUI/drug charges.

7 a.m., 9600 block of Tangelo Circle, Elk Grove Police arrested Andy Dang, 38, on possession of an assault weapon, possession of a firearm without a serial number and possession of a short-barreled rifle or sawed-off shotgun charges.

12:27 p.m., 10000 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Pawan Sundar, 31, on embezzlement charges.

6:19 p.m., 9200 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Douglas Sykes, 27, on giving false identification to a peace officer and warrant charges.

Oct. 11

12:14 a.m., Promenade Parkway/Lent Ranch Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Misty Ayala, 57; and Shawn Jurado, 59, on possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of drug paraphernalia with priors and warrant charges.

9:33 a.m., Highway 99/Calvine Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Anthony Gibson, 47, on possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

2:07 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Makpal Serikbayeva, 30, on violation of restraining order charges.

4:13 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Angelo Bowman, 64, on robbery charges.

8:29 p.m., Brownstone Court/Willow Vale Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Christopher Haywood, 48, on DUI charges.

Oct. 12

12:46 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Anthony Aguilar, 40, on domestic violence, false imprisonment and damaging a communication device to prevent help charges.

7:34 a.m., 8800 block of Serravilla Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Kurt Rohlfing, 46, on warrant charges.

7:16 p.m., 8600 block of Elk Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Kevin Scherer, 36, on warrant charges.

7:35 p.m., 8700 block of Los Banos Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Angelo Lovato, 37, on DUI, hit-and-run/non-injury, driving while under DUI probation, driving with a license suspended for DUI, resisting arrest and warrant charges.

7:54 p.m., 5000 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jayson Hollis, 21, on possession of controlled substance charges.

9:01 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Trenholm Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Tyrus Price, 22, on engaging in a speed contest charges.

9:16 p.m., 9600 block of Spring Breeze Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Milca Girmai, 23, on resisting an executive officer, assault with a deadly weapon, elder abuse and battery on a peace officer charges.

11:15 p.m., Calvine Road/Elk Grove Florin Road, Grove Police arrested Sabino Nino, 31; and Sabrina Boyer, 32, on possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving without a license and driving without proof of insurance charges. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The real news was not the 130-122 loss to the Portland Trailblazers in the 2nd pre-season game of the year, but rather the unexpected loss of Keegan Murray to an injury that will place him on the sidelines for what may be up to 6 weeks.

Murray tore the UCL ligament in his left thumb, and it's likely Sacramento Kings fans won't see any 3-points from him until late December at best.

For a roster that is not deep, the loss of Murray and in particular his improved defense is a crushing blow, and it leaves a mystery as it relates to what player or players will be tested to play his position. Already, pundits are conjuring thoughts of Issac Jones, Dario Saric, Keon Ellis, and even rookie Nique Clifford who would be asked to play out of his natural position.

The one bright spot in the young pre-season has been 1st round draft choice Nique Clifford, who once again scored in double figures against Portland, and looked more like a veteran than the rookie he is.

Both Drew Eubanks and Dario Saric acquitted themselves well as Saric put up 14 points and Eubanks chipped in with 11 of his own.

Maxine Reynaud had only one field goal but added 5 rebounds and 4 assists to make his presence felt. No one has forgotten that Reynaud is 7 feet tall, and if Doug Christie can develop this big man, he could be an x-factor this season.

No question the bench is going to be the key ingredient if the Kings are going to taste success in the upcoming campaign, and all these players will need to bring their best efforts if Sacramento expects to be more than a 500 team.

Veteran Zach Lavine continues to shine with another solid performance against the Trailblazers, and alongside Domantas Sabonis, it seems clear that Lavine has fully settled into his new role as the top shooter for the Sacramento Kings. I expect DeMar DeRozan to provide much of the same confidence.

Losing Murray would appear to be a disaster, but it's at times like these that opportunities present themselves, and it could just such a moment for someone on this team to step up and make a statement for the future in a positive way.

Famously Lou Gehrig came off the bench for the Yankees replacing Wally Pipp who had a headache, providing one of the greatest baseball players of all time to have his moment in history.

While I don't expect anything as dramatic as the Lou Gehrig moment to happen, someone needs to step up and provide the Kings with an answer to losing Keegan Murray.

One other note is that the loss of a proven starter will likely spur the front office to increase the tenor of talks on the trade/acquisition front, and one likely candidate is the much-discussed Russell Westbrook.

Not to be missed in the pre-season action is the memory of last season in which the Kings went winless and didn't win their first game until the start of the regular season. This led to a tepid start to the season, and eventually the dismissal of head coach Mike Brown.

I'm a firm believer that winning begets winning, and Doug Christie needs to find a way to win some pre-season games and erase the memory of the past. His focus on tenacious defense although not producing wins in the first two contests will undoubtedly set a tone, and without question must become a staple as to who the Sacramento Kings are as a team.

I yearn for the day that opposing teams look at Sacramento as the place they would rather avoid, and the Golden One Arena to be house of horrors. That only happens when frenetic defense is the mantra of the team, and home court advantage needs to become a reality for the Kings and their die-hard fans!

Look for an acquisition of some kind Kings fans, and probably sooner rather than later.

This is not a time for discouragement Kings fans, but rather of rabid support, and that's something that Sacramento has long been good at.

Stay tuned and with optimism Kings fans, because it's just possible that we may experience a Wally Pipp moment in time, and oh how welcome that would be!

All the best!

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

Social Security Matters

Should I Take Social Security Now, or at age 70?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I was born in April 1958, and my plan has been to take my Social Security at age 70. However, my sister-in-law says that it is smarter to take it now while I am still working. I will be 70 in 2.5 years. Her husband collects his SS and has kept working. She believes their strategy will net more money than mine due to the fact he has continued to pay into the system, and she believes it has super boosted his monthly benefit. What say you? BTW, Lord willing and the creek don't rise I plan on living at least till 87. **Signed: Questioning My Plan**

Dear Questioning: You have already reached your SS full retirement age (FRA), so you can earn as much as possible without your SS benefit being negatively affected by Social Security's Annual Earnings Test. In fact, if your current earnings are among the highest over your lifetime, your SS benefit amount will continue to increase because of your higher current earnings. You are now also earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs), which will improve your monthly amount by .67% for each month (8% for each full

year) you delay. That means that if you wait and claim at 70 you will get about 127% of what you would have gotten had you claimed at your FRA of 66 years and 8 months (plus you'll also get all COLA increases which occur between now and then). So your life expectancy is key.

It usually takes about 12 years to breakeven monies by claiming at age 70 vs. at FRA. In other words, if you claim at 70 instead of FRA, you'll have received the same amount of SS money after you are 82. Thus, if your life expectancy is greater than age 82, you'll get more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting until 70 to claim. Of course, no one really knows how long they will live, so it is a judgement you need to make. "Average" life expectancy for a man your current age is about age 84, but if you'd like to get a more personalized longevity estimate you can use this tool we use here at the AMAC Foundation: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/>

Another thing to keep in mind is whether your wife will get a widow's benefit if you die first. A widow will get the higher of either her own SS retirement benefit, or the husband's benefit amount when he died. So, if you claim at age 70, your surviving spouse will benefit (if her own SS is smaller) because you waited until 70 for your higher SS amount. Just something else to keep in mind.

Yet another is whether your wife will be entitled

to a higher benefit as your spouse while you are both living. (FYI, a spouse will get a "spousal boost" if her own SS retirement benefit at FRA is less than 50% of her spouse's FRA entitlement). If so, your wife cannot claim her spousal benefit until you take your own SS retirement benefit. If your wife will be entitled to more as your spouse while you are both living, then delaying until age 70 means your wife cannot collect her higher spousal amount until you claim. Depending on your financial needs as a couple, that may affect your decision as well.

When to claim is always a judgement call which should consider your life expectancy, your financial needs, and your marital status. If you don't need the SS money now (while you are working) and believe you will, indeed, live "at least till 87," then waiting would likely be your best long-term decision. If you have doubts about your life expectancy, and/or if your wife will substantially benefit from a "spousal boost" if you claim earlier, then claiming now would also be a wise choice.

Finally, it's also important to understand that your SS benefits may be taxable by the IRS and, if you are still working, your IRS tax rate will likely be higher now than it would be after you retire from working. (Note: The so-called "one big, beautiful bill" provides only temporary tax relief (thru 2028) on SS benefits - the IRS will still tax SS benefits but also allow a separate tax deduction to offset those SS taxes you pay). ★

High Prices at the Pump

Refinery Fire Spotlights California's Gas Supply Crunch



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Thankfully, last week's explosion and fire at California's second largest refinery, Chevron's El Segundo plant, was not an environmental catastrophe. But it could have serious economic and political impact.

It occurred as Gov. Gavin Newsom and other Democratic figures were in the midst of a 180-degree political pirouette: a shift from denouncing makers of gasoline as price gouging polluters, to beseeching them to continue production.

California once had dozens of refineries, but today nine are still producing gasoline, diesel fuel and jet fuel for airlines and military warplanes. Two have announced plans to shut down within a few months.

Valero's refinery and the Phillips 66 plant in Southern California together represent about 17% of the state's refining capacity, according to the California Energy Commission. State legislators reportedly have offered Valero state subsidies to keep its Benicia refinery in operation, fearing closure would raise Californians' already high gas prices.

Chevron's damaged El Segundo plant, if closed, would double the loss

in refinery capacity to more than a third of the state's total, causing a supply crunch that would assuredly result in higher pump prices.

California's 30-million-plus cars and light trucks average 340 billion miles of travel each year and burn 13 billion gallons of gas, all but a trickle of which comes from the nine refineries. There are no pipelines to bring in fuel from other states, and importing gasoline from Asia or the Middle East via tankers is fraught with uncertainty and high costs.

Newsom, backed by fellow Democrats in the Legislature, spent months excoriating refiners for high prices, even though the state's very high fuel taxes create much of the gap between prices in California and those in other states. Newsom called a special session of the Legislature to pass legislation that he said would penalize profits deemed to be too high.

The official criticism seemed to meld with the state's declared intention to phase out gasoline-fueled cars in favor of those powered by electricity, thus shutting down oil production and gasoline refineries. Newsom's administration has said that by 2035 the sale of new gas-powered cars would be banned.

The evolution Newsom envisions, however, also requires the state to continue some refining until the last of the state's gasoline-powered cars are permanently parked, raising questions about how the change would be managed.

The Phillips 66 and Valero announcements forced the issue. The state's

politicians realized that a rapid decline in refinery capacity could send gas prices soaring, thereby creating a political backlash. Newsom's evident presidential ambitions would be hammered by a sharp price spike.

Accordingly, in the last days of the legislative session, Newsom and legislators backtracked, passing measures to boost petroleum production. More recently, Newsom signed legislation to make gas with 15% ethanol available, saying it would lower prices by up to 20 cents a gallon. Apparently, legislators also have been feeling out Valero about some state subsidies for its Benicia plant, but so far they've had no success.

Chevron, whose refineries in El Segundo and Richmond have about a third of the state's refining capacity, moved its headquarters from California to Texas last year and has made no secret about its disdain for California's anti-petroleum policies, while dropping hints that it may close one of its two plants.

The extent of fire damage at Chevron's El Segundo refinery, and the effect on gasoline supply and prices, are still unclear. However, it's a reminder of how tight California's gas supply has become and how cataclysmic the closure of its refineries could be — economically and politically.

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. ★



Hegseth is Right About Physical Fitness

There's no doubt that physical fitness is very personal to Hegseth, who said the day of his confirmation hearing that he'd done five sets of 47 push-ups that morning. "If the secretary of war can do regular, hard PT, so can every member of our joint force," he told the generals.

But you know who'd agree with him about the centrality of fitness to the military profession? The great 20th-century statesman George C. Marshall.

In a 1920 letter, Marshall called being "physically strong" one of the foundations of the military profession. As he said of military leaders in 1940 congressional testimony, they have to inspire their men "when they are hungry and exhausted and desperately uncomfortable and in great danger," and "only a man of positive characteristics of leadership, with the physical stamina that goes with it, can function under those conditions."

Needless to say, combat is an inherently physical activity. It requires incredible exertion for long stretches of time under great stress. It is necessary to carry heavy objects -- a wounded comrade, artillery shells -- in the worst conditions imaginable. The age of AI and drones hasn't changed this ineluctable fact of human existence.

It's simply a fact that, as any platoon leader will tell you, out-of-shape infantrymen aren't as good at their jobs.

The emphasis on fitness is especially important when the recruiting pool, reflecting an American

society where 40% of people are obese, is in poorer shape than it used to be.

And troops do notice and resent it when they are meeting height and weight standards and their comrades aren't, or when their superiors are out of shape. If the colonel who is enforcing disciplinary matters is fat, it is corrosive of his credibility.

Physical fitness standards were dumbed down over the years, and for DEI reasons. The Army had been developing a fitness test that was supposed to have gender-neutral standards. When it emerged, not surprisingly, that women weren't doing as well on the test, the Biden-era Army decided to gender-norm the scores and lower the standards generally.

In a telling exchange with Sen. Tom Cotton, the secretary of the Army at the time said that the Army "didn't want to disadvantage any subgroups."

This is why it's so important that Hegseth ordered that the requirement for combat positions "returns to the highest male standard."

Obviously, having a physically fit force doesn't guarantee victory in, say, a war with China, which would require much else besides. But Hegseth was right to make it as clear as possible to our military leaders that the basics are back. Making our force more proficient doesn't begin and end with push-ups, but it does start there.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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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/Jin Lv Chuan Cheng" 9462 Century Oaks Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 10, 2025
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
JL 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06548
K&M Harris, Inc., 11994 Peach Lane, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "K&M Performance Horses" 11994 Peach Lane, Wilton, CA 95693. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 4, 2025
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PERFORMANCE 10-17-25

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Blue Oak Spa, 9911 Pringle Road, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Live Hydration Spa Elk Grove" 9332 Elk Grove Boulevard Suite 110, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 8, 2025
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LIVE 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06022
Restored Health Solutions LLC, 9372 Canter Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Restaura Botanicals/Pain Recovery Institute" 9372 Canter Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 12, 2025
Publish: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07075
Nasratullah Faizi, 10129 Bruceville Road #3027, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Heating and Cooling" 10129 Bruceville Road #3027, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 19, 2025
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SACRAMENTO 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06368
Hallie Lal, 9302 Village Tree Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bloom Byul" 9302 Village Tree Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 27, 2025
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BLOOM 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06876
Isis Health and Wellness, 8404 Tolson Street, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Power Shift MD" 8404 Tolson Street, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 12, 2025
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POWER 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06397
Dr. Walter L. Strong, 4801 Laguna Boulevard Suite 153, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) Dr. Walter Strong and Associates" 4801 Laguna Boulevard Suite 153, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 28, 2025
Publish: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
WALTER 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07216
JQS Enterprises LLC, 6616 Salvaterra Circle, Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sunshine Notary Services" 6616 Salvaterra Circle, Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 25, 2025
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SUNSHINE 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07234
Debra Olinde, 5960 S Land Park Drive Suite #1091, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ancestry Quests" 5960 S Land Park Drive Suite #1091, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 26, 2025
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
ANCESTRY 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07281
Fran da Silva, 5408 Big Creek Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Gifting Whisk" 5408 Big Creek Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 29, 2025
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
GIFTING 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07326
A1 Life Pure Water Inc, 8347 Elk Grove Florin Road Suite 123, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A1 Life Pure Water Inc" 8347 Elk Grove Florin Road Suite 123, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk

of Sacramento County October 1, 2025
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
PURE 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07280
Virgil Dale Nichols, P.O. Box1543, Elk Grove, CA 95759 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Virgil Circle Music" 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 29, 2025
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
VIRGIL 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07266
Kristine Tudesko and Peter Tudesko, 14499 Latrobe Road, Sloughhouse, CA 95683 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tudesko Ranch" 14499 Latrobe Road, Sloughhouse, CA 95683. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 29, 2025
Publish: Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 2025
TUDESKO 11-7-25

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV021929

Khac Nam Vu has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Khac Nam Vu to Nam Khac Vu. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 19, 2026, 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: September 16, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
VU 10-17-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV022256

Angela Dawn Wingert has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jude Thomas Wingert to Jude Thomas Wingert Marasigan. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 23, 2026, 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: September 18, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
WINGERT 10-17-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV019399

Sangeeta Ben Bhai has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sangeeta Ben Bhai to Sangeeta Ben Mairsuria.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 5, 2026, 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 15, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
BHA1 10-17-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV017089

Cristobal Torres Gonzales has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Cristobal Torres Gonzales to Cristobal Gonzales Torres.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 19, 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: July 16, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
GONZALES 10-24-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV023122

Alma Meng-Ju Medina has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alma Meng-Ju Medina to Nilou Chen.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 9, 2026, 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: September 30, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 2025
MEDINA 11-7-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV019987

Dustin James Newton Butts has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Dustin James Newton Butts to Dustin J Carey.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 21, 2026, 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: August 22, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 2025
BUTTS 11-7-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HUGH JEFFREY LUBKIN CASE NO. 25PP003173

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Hugh Jeffrey Lubkin.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Aludia Cruz, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Aludia Cruz be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows November 4, 2025, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Aludia Lubkin, 6801 Harvest Oak Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758; 916-406-5352
Publish: October 3, 10, 17, 2025
LUBKIN 10-17-25

TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 183963 Title No. 95531539-12 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/14/2014, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 10/28/2025 at 9:00 AM, PRIME RECON LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 05/20/2014, as Instrument No. xx, in book 20140520, page 0554, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, State of California, executed by SUKHWINDER SINGH TOOR, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the

United States), EAST MAIN ENTRANCE, GORDON D. SCHABER SACRAMENTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 720 9TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 121-0850-064-0000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8648 BANTON CIR, ELK GROVE, CA 95624 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$201,936.87 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 9/19/2025 Prime Recon LLC by: Kristen Mazzara, Authorized Signer Prime Recon LLC 27368 Via Industria, Ste 201 Temecula, CA 92590 (888) 725-4142 Prime Recon LLC may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: (844) 901-0998 OR VIEW OUR WEBSITE: <https://salesinformation.prime-recon.com> 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 (844) 901-0998 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site - <https://salesinformation.prime-recon.com> - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: TS#183963. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "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 match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (844) 901-0998 for information regarding the trustee's sale, or visit this internet website <https://salesinformation.prime-recon.com> for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case TS#183963 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. A-4853777
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T.S. No. 126974-CA APN: 127-1000-038-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 6/29/2023. 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 On 10/28/2025 at 9:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 7/3/2023 as Instrument No. 202307030114 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: PHU NGOC DANG AND PHAN THI THU DUNG, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE GORDON D. SCHABER SACRAMENTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 720 9TH STREET, SACRAMENTO CA 95814 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9501 SHADOWCROCK WAY, ELK GROVE CA 95624 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$581,310.87 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. 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 (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 126974-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur

close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 126974-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as 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. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (855) 313-3319 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 25-01703-SM-CA Title No. 250359757-CA-VOI A.P.N. 117-1200-025-0000 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/24/2016. 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(s) drawn on a state or national bank must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; 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 in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by 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: Barbara Early, an unmarried woman Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 10/28/2016 as Instrument No. Book 20161028 Page 1472 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Sacramento County, California. Date of Sale: : 11/25/2025 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: East Main Entrance of Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$208,276.93 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 5310 Privet Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95758 A.P.N.: 117-1200-025-0000 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. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. 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

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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 or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 25-01703-SM-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT*: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" you may be able to purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-01703-SM-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. *Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 10/02/2025 NationalDefault Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone 888-264-4010 Sales Line 800-280-2832; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-FN4854824 10/10/2025, 10/17/2025, 10/24/2025 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-24-25

01-27-2023. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 11-06-2025 at 1:30 PM, Outside the East Main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, ALLIED TRUSTEE SERVICES (Trustee), 1601 Response Road, Suite 390, Sacramento, CA 95815, (877) 282-4991, under and pursuant to Lien, recorded 01-31-2023 as Page 202301310007 Book -- Instrument 202301310007 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, CA, WILL CAUSE TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale) the property owned by MARGARET C AZEVEDO, situated in said County, describing the land therein: APN: 116-0930-131 Any bid that is not cash must be made directly payable to "Allied Trustee Services". Winning bid checks received not payable directly to Allied Trustee Services (i.e. containing third-party endorsements) must be replaced within five business days after the sale. The winning bidder will be contacted at the phone number and/or email address provided for further instructions. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8228 WOODS EDGE LANE , ELK GROVE, CA 95758 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the sums due under the Lien. The estimated total unpaid balance at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$12,512.55. THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE 90-DAY POST-SALE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AS SET FORTH IN CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 5715(B). THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION BEGINS WHEN THE SALE IS FINALIZED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2924m. Association heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located, and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county record-

er'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. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the Association, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869, or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM for information, using the file number assigned to this case: 22-11950. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT*: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (844) 477-7869, or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM for information, using the file number assigned to this case: 22-11950 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. DATE: September 23, 2025 ALLIED TRUSTEE SERVICES, Trustee JENNIFER POULSON, Authorized Signature Published 10/17/2025, 10/24/2025, 10/31/2025 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-31-25

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the **Valley High School, Black Box Theater Stair** project at the Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until **3:00 p.m., local time**, on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at which time bids will be opened.

Each bid must conform to the requirements of the Drawings and Project Manual and other documents comprising the Contract Documents, which are available from Signature Reprographics, 620 Sunbeam Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811, (916) 454-0800. Prime Contractors may obtain copies for a non-refundable cost of **\$50 per set**. Signature Reprographics maintains the project plan holders' list, so it is a requirement that prospective bidders purchase their plans from Signature Reprographics to ensure that all potential bidders possess a complete set of documents including any addenda for the project. Plans may be previewed online at www.egusdplans.com

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at Valley High School, 6300 Ehrhart Ave., Sacramento, CA 95823**. The District's Representatives will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are **required** to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

This project includes providing and installing a pre-manufactured aluminum ship ladder and modifying existing mezzanine guardrails to accommodate work. This project requires a **Class B** license.

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

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

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Sacramento County, California

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

Elk Grove Citizen 10-10, 10-17-2025

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR LEASE-LEASEBACK CONTRACT

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") will receive sealed proposals prior to the date and time stated below for the

Trigg Center North Annex Campus lease-leaseback contract (the "Contract"),

as per the Request for Sealed Proposals ("RFP"), drawings, specifications, and other Contract Documents which may now be obtained at www.egusdplans.com.

Proposals will be sealed and filed through Dropbox to Michael Bean (mbean@egusd.net), Hannah Dayton (hdayton@egusd.net), and Jennifer Jedlicka (jjedlick@egusd.net).

on **October 28, 2025, before 3:00 p.m.** on the clock designated by the Owner or its representative as the bid clock. No proposal will be accepted by the Owner after this time. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the proposal will not be accepted. Proposals may be opened immediately after the above deadline for submittal, or at a later time, within the Owner's discretion.

The lowest proposed fee shall be determined from the proposed base fee.

Mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held on **October 21, 2025 at 1:15 p.m.** at the Robert L. Trigg Center, Room 206, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Elk Grove, California. Contractors not attending this conference will be disqualified from submitting proposals.

This Contract is subject to prequalification. Prequalification deadline is **October 14, 2025, by 4:00 p.m.** See the Request for Sealed Proposals and Qualifications for details.

Public works projects shall be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. For all projects over Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to submit a proposal or to be listed in a proposal subject to the requirements of Public Contract Code section 4104, or to enter into, or engage in the performance of, any contract of such public work, unless the contractor or subcontractor is currently registered and qualified under Labor Code section 1725.5 to perform public work (as defined by Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 (§§1720 *et seq.*) of the Labor Code).

As detailed in the Contract Documents, the successful proposing entity will be required to furnish a Payment (Labor and Material) Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Total Sublease Amount, and a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Total Sublease Amount.

The successful proposing entity will be allowed to substitute securities or establish an escrow in lieu of retainage, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, and as described in the Contract Documents.

The Owner will not consider or accept any proposals from contractors who are not licensed to do business in the State of California, in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, providing for the licensing of contractors. In accordance with Section 3300 of said Code, the proposing entity shall have a Class "B" license at the time of award and shall maintain that license in good standing through Contract Completion and all applicable warranty periods.

The Director of Industrial Relations of the State of California, in the manner provided by law, has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and rate for legal holidays and overtime work. The Contractor must pay for any labor therein described or classified in an amount not less than the rates specified. Copies of the required rates are on file at the Owner's business office and are available to any interested party on request.

The successful contractor will have to comply with skilled and trained workforce requirements pursuant to Public Contract Code sections 2600 *et seq.* and Education Code section 17407.5.

Elk Grove Citizen 10-10, 10-17-2025

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR LEASE-LEASEBACK CONTRACT

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") will receive sealed proposals prior to the date and time stated below for the

Jessie Baker School Modernization – Phase 2 lease-leaseback contract (the "Contract"),

as per the Request for Sealed Proposals ("RFP"), drawings, specifications, and other Contract Documents which may now be obtained at www.egusdplans.com.

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The lowest proposed fee shall be determined from the proposed base fee.

Mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held on October 21, 2025, at 10:00 am at the Robert L. Trigg Center, Room 206, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Elk Grove, California. Contractors not attending this conference will be disqualified from submitting proposals.

This Contract is subject to prequalification. Prequalification deadline is **October 14, 2025, by 4:00 pm.** See the Request for Sealed Proposals and Qualifications for details.

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Elk Grove Citizen 10-10, 10-17-2025

**City of Elk Grove - Planning Commission
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

BARTHOLOMEW WINERY AMENDMENT (PLNG24-056) – EGMC TITLE 23, ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT:

The Bartholomew Winery Amendment Project ("Project") consists of a request for a Text Amendment to the Elk Grove Municipal Code (EGMC) Title 23, Zoning to allow "Outdoor Event Center" use upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in the Agricultural-Residential zoning districts (AR-10, AR-5, AR-2, and AR-1) when on parcels that are a minimum 10-gross-acres in size that have direct primary public access from one or more Major Arterials (as defined in the General Plan), and where the Outdoor Event Center use is ancillary to an approved winery or agricultural tourism use on the site.

The Project also includes a new Conditional Use Permit to allow "Outdoor Event Center" use with up to 18 events per year with amplified music, and an Amendment to the previously-approved Bartholomew Vineyard Conditional Use Permit (CUP) (PLNG19-008) to expand the hours of on-site wine tasting; allow additional winery events up to 48 events per year with amplified music, at the Project site of 9696 Elk Grove Boulevard/9654 Bradshaw Road.

PROPERTY OWNER/PROJECT APPLICANT:	
H/B 2007 Living Trust Hal Bartholomew (Representative) 9696 Elk Grove Boulevard Elk Grove, CA 95624	
LOCATION/APN:	9696 Elk Grove Boulevard and 9654 Bradshaw Road; APN: 134-0110-082
ZONING:	AR-1 (Agricultural Residential – 1 acre minimum)
GENERAL PLAN:	Estate Residential (ER)/Eastern Elk Grove Community Plan EGMC Title 23, Zoning Text Amendment: Citywide
ENVIRONMENTAL:	No further environmental review is necessary pursuant to Sections 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning) and 15162 (Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (State CEQA Guidelines).
PROJECT PLANNER:	Sarah Kirchgessner, Senior Planner 916.478.2245 or skirchgessner@elkgrove.gov

Dated/Published: October 17, 2025

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

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS
Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Code Section 65009 and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, this public hearing.

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

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MEETING MINDERS

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

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

The Elk Grove Planning Commission has its online meetings at 6 p.m. the first

and third Thursdays of the month.

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

The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors has in-person meetings at 5:30 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 and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

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

Education Center Board Room, 9510 Elk Grove Florin Road.

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

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

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CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 21-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AUTHORIZING THE LEVYING AND APPORTIONING OF SPECIAL TAXES IN TERRITORY ANNEXED TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2003-2 (POLICE SERVICES) AND AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.18.010. The purpose of this Ordinance is to add a Future Annexation Area as described in the Map of Proposed Boundary of Future Annexation Area of City of Elk Grove Community Facilities District 2003-2 (Police Services) (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) and authorizes tax levies on future annexations of territory to the District. Such annexations shall be accomplished through the Unanimous Approval process without additional public hearings or other Council procedure. The Ordinance also amends Elk Grove Municipal Code Section 3.18.010. Introduced September 24, 2025; Adopted October 8, 2025; Effective November 7, 2025. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: ROBLES.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, October 17, 2025
A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email cityclerk@elkgrove.gov
Elk Grove Citizen 10-17-2025

CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 22-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AUTHORIZING THE LEVYING AND APPORTIONING OF SPECIAL TAXES IN TERRITORY ANNEXED TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2006-1 (MAINTENANCE SERVICES) AND AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.19.010. The purpose of this Ordinance is to add a Future Annexation Area as described in the Map of Proposed Boundary of Future Annexation Area of City of Elk Grove Community Facilities District 2006-1 (Maintenance Services) (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) and authorizes tax levies on future annexations of territory to the District. Such annexations shall be accomplished through the Unanimous Approval process without additional public hearings or other Council procedure. The Ordinance also amends Elk Grove Municipal Code Section 3.19.010. Introduced September 24, 2025; Adopted October 8, 2025; Effective November 7, 2025. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: ROBLES.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, October 17, 2025
A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email cityclerk@elkgrove.gov
Elk Grove Citizen 10-17-2025

CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 23-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE LEVYING AND APPORTIONING THE SPECIAL TAX IN TERRITORY ANNEXED TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2006-1 (MAINTENANCE SERVICES) (ANNEXATION NO. 104) AND AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.19.010. The purpose of this Ordinance is to levy the special tax at the maximum rates and apportioned in the manner specified in Resolution No. 2025-194 (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) on the parcels in Annexation No. 104. Introduced October 8, 2025; to be adopted October 22, 2025. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: ROBLES.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, October 17, 2025
A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email cityclerk@elkgrove.gov
Elk Grove Citizen 10-17-2025

NOTICE OF NO ELECTION

For the Office of Trustee, Reclamation District 813
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that because the number of nominees is equal to the number of trustees to be elected and no petition signed by 5 percent of voters was received than no election will be held. The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will appoint the trustees. (Water Code && 50741, 5073.
Dated: October 7, 2025
Bob Silveira, Secretary
Elk Grove Citizen 10-17-2025

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District, County of Sacramento, State of California, will receive sealed RFPs up to but no later than **October 17, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. PST.**

RFP# 812-25/26 – Refrigerated Trucks

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

RFPs 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 RFPs received in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities in the RFPs 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 or by phone at (916) 686-7773.

Kirsten Garcia
Purchasing Supervisor
Elk Grove Unified School District

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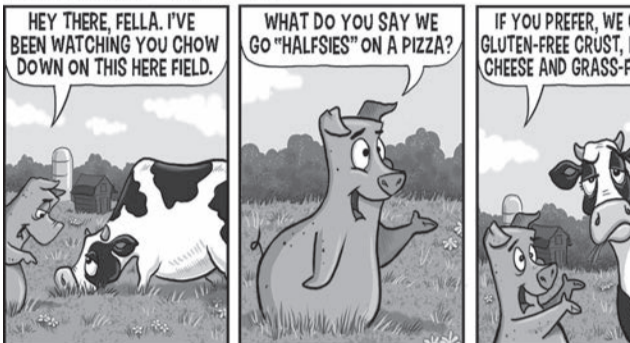
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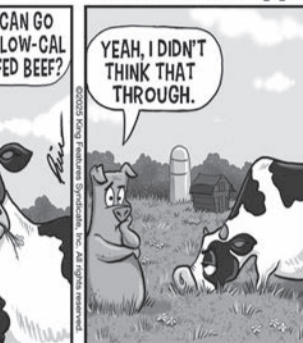
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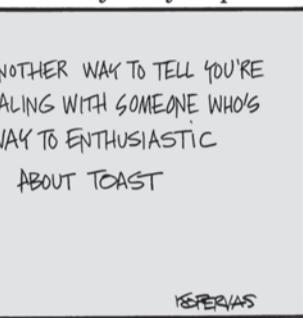
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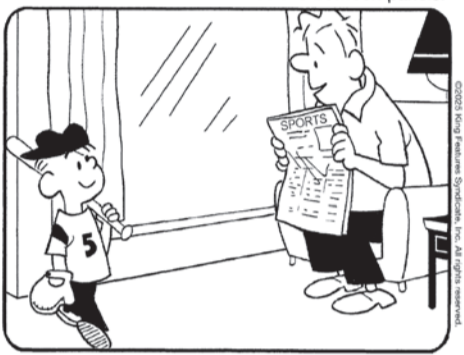
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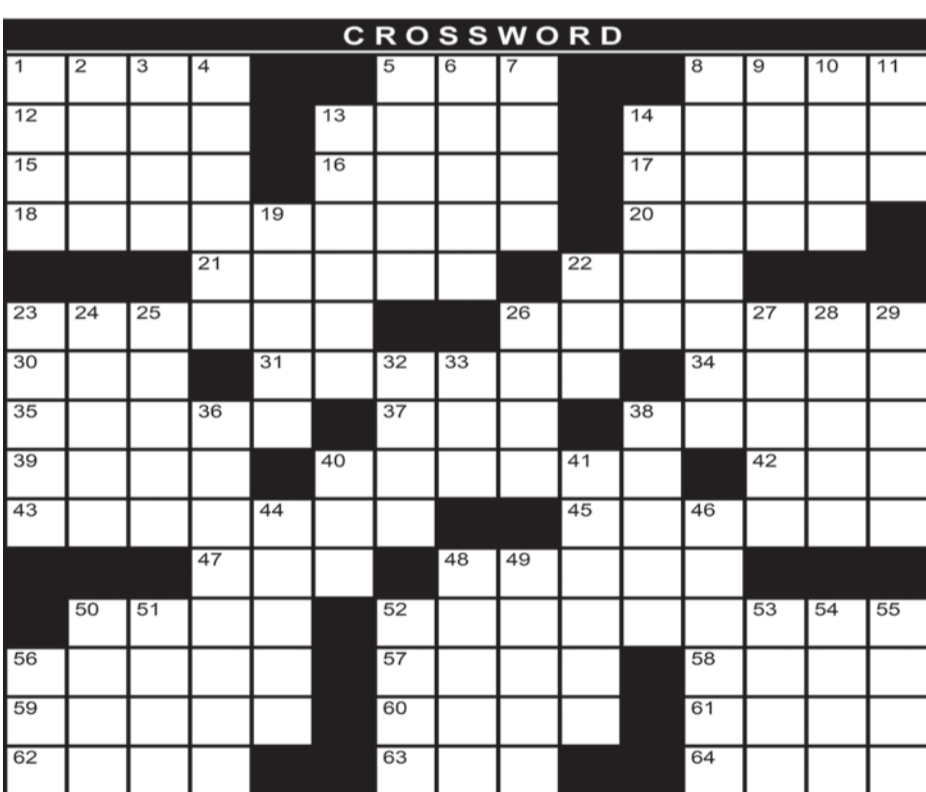
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ABOUT TOWN

Friday, Oct. 17
Community Shred Event – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at F&M Bank. This is a fundraiser for United Way. Bring your shredding; minimum donation is \$10. For more information, call 916-394-3251. 8799 Elk Grove Blvd.

Saturday, Oct. 18
Bufferlands Open Trail Day – 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will have several miles of trails open for you to hike at your own pace. Our biologists and docents will be out on the trails to help you find your way and to answer any nature-related questions. This is a great time to see Fall colors as our forests begin to change from green to gold. Event and parking are free. Please sign in at the check-in table and get your trail map. Dress for the weather and bring a water bottle. 8651 River Road, Sacramento.

Pool of Pumpkins – 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Elk Grove Aquatics Center. Join us for this annual event as we transform Castaway Cove and Treasure Island into a floating pumpkin patch. Once you select your pumpkin, you can decorate it at one of our decorating stations and play fun carnival games. \$13 for a wristband to pick and take home a pumpkin. Pre-registration is encouraged at cosumnescsd.gov. 9701 Big Horn Blvd.

Elk Grove Lions

Carnitas Festival – 6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. dinner at Elk Grove Park Pavilion. Enjoy a no-host bar, raffle and dessert auction with your full carnitas dinner. The Lions have also promised Chicken Drop Bingo. Tickets are \$45 per person or \$340 per table of eight and can be purchased at elkgrovelionsfoundation.org. 9950 Elk Grove Florin Road.

Friday, Oct. 24
Hallo-Palooza & Trunk or Treat – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at District56. This free, family-friendly event features trick-or-treating with the Elk Grove Police Department, a DJ dance party, games, food trucks, costume contests and more. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

Saturday, Oct. 25
Thriftathon – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Old Town Plaza. Join us for an unforgettable day of shopping, music and community fun. Expect more than 30 vendors offering a variety of styles, prices and one-of-a-kind treasures. Bring your reusable bags to carry your finds. 9615 Railroad St.

Camden's Fall Festival and Craft Faire – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Mix Park. Join us for snacks, crafts, trick-or-treating, artisan vendors, a candy corn guessing contest, raffle prizes, carnival games with prizes, and a bounce slide if the weather is good. Brought to you by the Camden Neighborhood Association. 8770 Goldy

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Soroptimist Elk Grove Bunco Fundraiser – 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bruceville Point. Players of all ages are invited to a morning of Bunco fun. Seating is limited; register to attend at soroptimistelkgrove.org. 9730 Backer Ranch Road.

Movie in the Park – 5 p.m. open for seating at Derr-Okamoto Park. Cosumnes Parks & Recreation is hosting another family-friendly movie night. Bring your snacks, picnic blanket and low back chairs; we'll be watching "Hocus Pocus" starting around sundown. 9550 Mainline Drive.

Sunday, Oct. 26
Dia de los Miles – 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at District56. Celebrate Hispanic heritage by joining us for this 4th annual 5k and kids' fun runs. The course runs through beautiful District56 and is packed with fun for everyone. Shop the onsite mercado after the event. 9701 Big Horn Blvd.

Monday, Oct. 27
Elk Grove Community Concert Band Children's Concert – 7 p.m. in the Joseph Kerr Middle School Multipurpose Room. The program theme is "Light and Darkness." Children are invited to wear Halloween costumes. The concert is free; donations are encouraged. Future concerts are Dec. 15, Feb. 2, 2026; April 6, 2026; and

May 18, 2026. Learn more at elkgrovecommunity-band.org. 8865 Elk Grove Blvd.

Nov. 1
Wilton Bingo – First Saturdays. The next bingo will be on Saturday, Nov. 1 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale. Bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two nonprofits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road.

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 will be Saturday, Oct. 18. 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 elk-groverotary.org

Widowed Persons Social Club – Oct. 22, 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. Oct. 23, 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.

Oct. 24, 10 a.m.: (Variety) game day at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

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, Oct. 17: 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. This month, we'll be discussing "Camp Prodigy" by Caroline Palmer. Copies will be available at the front desk prior to the meeting. (EG) Teen space, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Meet other teens and hang out in a space dedicated to you. (VH) Teen advisory board, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (F) Saturday, Oct. 18: Family story time, 10 a.m.

to 11 a.m. (F) Piñata making with Patty Botello, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Make your own piñata and learn some of its history. The program will be presented in English and Spanish. All materials provided while supplies last. (EG). Call 916-264-2920 or 800-561-4636 for more information.

Veterans Meetings
American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units – fourth Wednesday; dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Next meeting Oct. 22. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road. Dinner 6 p.m. Next meeting Oct. 23. Post 233 Family Breakfast, 9 a.m. first Saturday, Mimi's Café.

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

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursday; dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

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Cardinals quarterback Jayden Debbs, No. 5, attempts a pass.

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The Laguna Creek Cardinals stand for the National Anthem.



The Laguna Creek Band and Flag Team perform their halftime show.

**Story and photos by
Nathan Felix Valencia**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)- At its homecoming game against Elk Grove, Laguna Creek was not just looking to win its homecoming game but hoping to keep a two-game win streak alive. The Cardinals had beat both Cosumnes Oaks and Franklin during their homecoming games the previous two games.

Elk Grove had come into the game looking to get back into the win column as well as to upset Laguna Creek's homecoming. The Thundering Herd was coming off a 27-17 loss that it faced against the undefeated Chico High School Panthers.

Both teams had high energy going into the game, with the crowds on either side giving energy that the players could feed off as well.

The game started with both teams going back and forth where neither could score and with both

defenses playing solid. However, Elk Grove was able to gain a slight advantage, scoring a touchdown before the end of the first quarter.

There was more action within the second quarter where Laguna Creek was able to score a long touchdown pass that tied the game at 7-7. Elk Grove was able to respond with another touchdown of its own, pushing the lead to 14-7 going into halftime.

After the halftime show and the crowning of homecoming king and queen, Elk Grove was able to take advantage and not look back.

The Herd scored two touchdowns and its defense shut down the Laguna Creek offense.

Pushing the final score to 28-7, the Thundering Herd was able to get back into the win column, spoiling the Cardinals' homecoming game and snapping its two-game win streak.

Elk Grove will have a home game against



The student section gets into the game with flashlights.

Sheldon High School, with Sheldon still in search of its first victory of the season. Elk Grove looks to bring its record to 4-4 after

having a slow start to the season starting 0-2.

Laguna Creek will travel Oct. 17 to play Davis Senior High School. Both

Laguna Creek and Davis are 2-5 on the season looking for their third win on the year.

One homecoming game

is left in the season, for Monterey Trail High School. The Mustangs will take on Cosumnes Oaks on Oct. 24. ★

Cosumnes CSD Adult League Softball Games Head to Playoffs

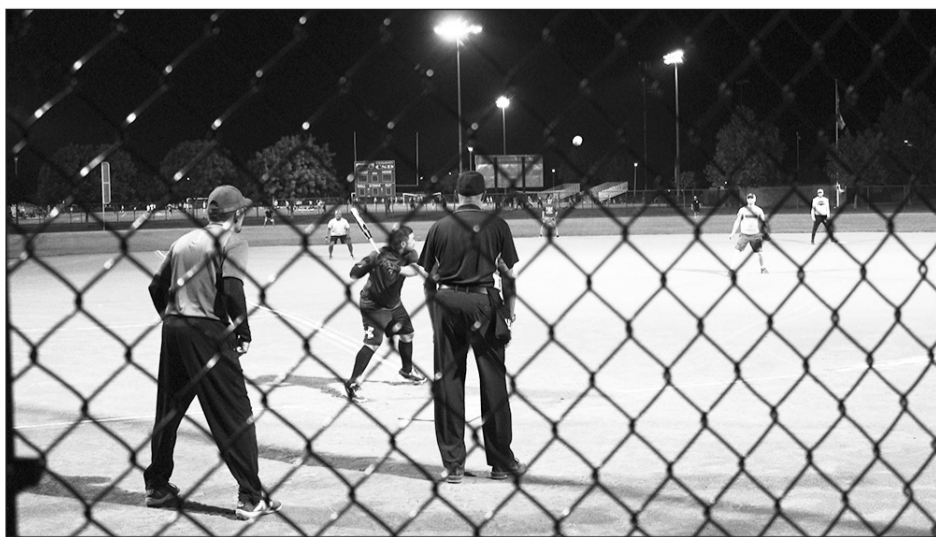
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ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Three of the Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) men's adult softball leagues played Thursday, Oct. 9 at Bartholomew Sports Complex.

Each league, D2, D3 American and D3 National, has four teams, with each team playing one game when they meet.

Cosumnes CSD hosts seven softball leagues that started in August and will go through October and even into November. The other four leagues are co-ed and men's that play on Friday, and co-ed American League and National League that play on Monday.

All of these leagues play a minimum of seven games during their season before having a chance at playoffs for a chance to win the



A Men's D2 player eyes the pitch.

championship. The playoffs for these leagues start next week, Oct. 23, 24 and 27. This is followed up by the championship games on Oct. 30 and 31.

After the fall season, the next opportunity to play in the adult softball league is the spring season in 2026, which starts in April and goes through July.

Softball is not the only adult sport that Cosumnes CSD provides. There are adult leagues in sports like basketball, flag football, volleyball and tennis.

Each adult league sport has more than one season a year, giving opportunities to play multiple seasons throughout the year, in both spring and fall.

If someone is not looking to join a league, there are open-gym/drop-in programs at the Wackford Center for volleyball, basketball and pickleball that anyone can join at any time. There is a \$10 fee to participate in these sports. For more, visit cosumnescsd.gov/360/Adult-Sports. ★



A Men's D3 National player prepares to make contact.

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