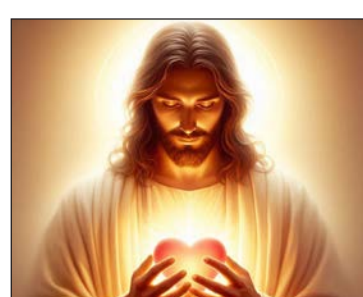




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Teachers Honored at Sac Republic Game



From left are Anda Robinson, English teacher at Miwok Middle School; Bethany Hancock, third grade teacher at Elk Grove Elementary School; and Dawn Dodson, third grade teacher at Arthur S. Dudley Elementary School, celebrating being named among Sacramento County's 2026 Teachers of the Year during the on-field recognition at Heart Health Park. Photo courtesy of SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union

**SchoolsFirst Federal Credit
Union News Release**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union recognized 11 educators as Sacramento County's 2026 Teachers of the Year in an on-field ceremony at the Sacramento Republic Football Club game at Heart Health Park on Oct. 4.

In partnership with Sacramento County Office of Education, the annual event spotlights local

educators who demonstrate exceptional leadership, innovation in the classroom and a commitment to student achievement. School districts and charter schools across the county selected each of the honorees.

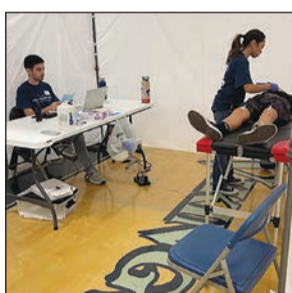
"Educators play an essential role in shaping our communities," said Josh Smith, vice president, school and community relations for SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union. "As a credit union founded by school employees, we honor and support the people

who dedicate their lives to education. We're proud to celebrate these remarkable educators and their contributions to Sacramento County students."

Prior to kickoff, honorees and their guests attended a pre-game tailgate reception. During halftime, they were recognized on the field in front of fans, peers and community supporters.

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Free Youth Heart Screening at Monterey Trail



One participant receives a heart screening within a medical tent. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Health

**UC Davis Health
News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - One in 300 youth has an undiagnosed heart condition that can result in sudden cardiac arrest.

The Kyle J. Taylor Foundation (KJTF), in collaboration with UC Davis Health and Project ADAM Sacramento, is hosting a free youth heart screening event to help identify young people who may have an undiagnosed heart condition.

The free screening will be on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Monterey Trail High School, 8661 Power Inn Road in Elk Grove. The event is for those ages 12 to 25.

The screening takes about 40 minutes to complete. It includes a cardiac risk assessment, an electrocardiogram (EKG) and a physician review. Echocardiograms will also be available upon request by the physician.

The electrocardiogram is a simple and painless test that records the heart's electrical activity using small sticky electrode patches attached to the skin of the chest. Structural and electrical heart issues that can cause sudden cardiac arrest in young people can often be detected in an electrocardiogram or echocardiogram.

The purpose of the screening is to help prevent sudden cardiac arrest risk in children and young adults, which can occur during sporting events. Annual physical examinations and sports pre-participation physical exams, which are required for sports participation, can miss about 85 to 90% of issues that can cause sudden cardiac arrest in youth.

Register for the free youth heart screening at Monterey Trail High School at bit.ly/4g4VjRe.

The Kyle J. Taylor Foundation was started in 2018 in honor of Kyle Taylor, who passed away in February 2018 from sudden cardiac arrest at the age of 18.

Kyle was always a loving, kind, spirited, healthy young man with no known heart issues. His family wanted to honor Kyle's legacy by bringing awareness to sudden cardiac

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City Sees Fast Rise in Home Values



Elk Grove community development director Christopher Jordan said recent construction around town is helping to reassure residents of home affordability. Pictured is a Lennar Homes development west of Big Horn Boulevard. Photo by Idaly Valencia

**By Samuel Bierdeman
and Ruth Finch**

Editor's note: This story was produced as part of a collaboration between Sacramento State's journalism program and Messenger Publishing Group. Journalism majors used U.S. Census Bureau figures and other large datasets to report on trends

occurring throughout the region.

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove's home values have risen sharply since the start of the pandemic, outstripping the rest of Sacramento County

The typical Elk Grove home was worth \$637,000 in August, up 42% from August 2019 according to

one of the biggest online real estate marketplace Zillow. Home prices in Elk Grove rose at a rate faster than any other city in Sacramento County during that period.

Elk Grove's many family-oriented events and community makes it a desirable real estate market for families purchasing their own home. Kat

Bordeaux, a young Elk Grove mother, chose to remain in Elk Grove as she and her boyfriend look for a house for their growing family.

"I am committed to keeping my family here in Elk Grove," Bordeaux said. "The schools, the parks, and the community is something I want my

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Commission Approves Elk Grove Subaru in Auto Mall

City Sees Fast Rise in Home Values



During its regular meeting on Oct. 16, the Elk Grove Planning Commission voted 3-0 to approve the design review for a proposed Subaru dealership in the Elk Grove Auto Mall, at the northwest corner of Auto Passage and Laguna Grove drives. Photos courtesy of City of Elk Grove

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Planning Commission approved plans for a new Subaru dealership during its regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 16. The project will be built within the Elk Grove Auto Mall, off Elk Grove Boulevard and Laguna Springs Drive.

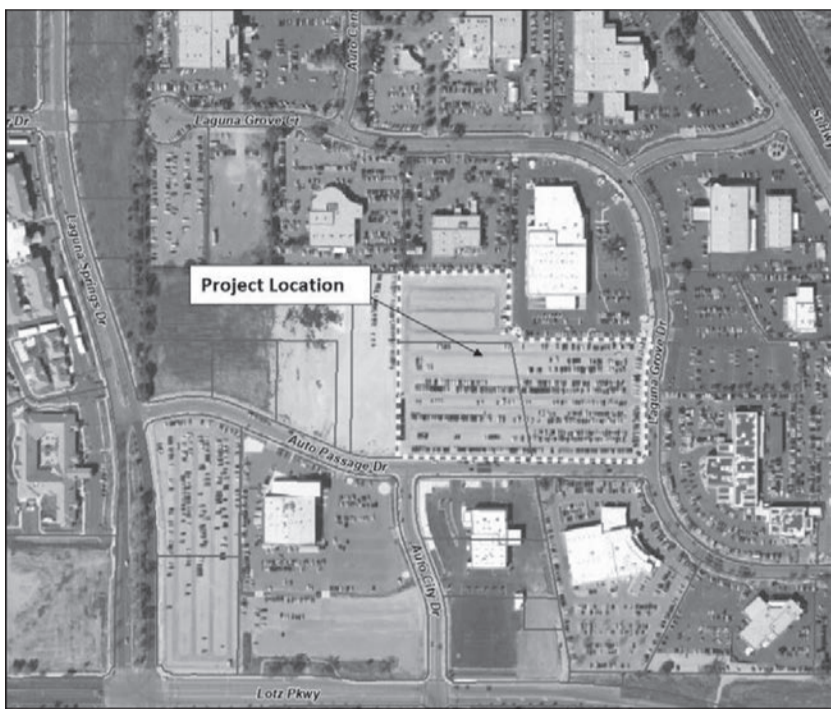
Commissioners Sandra Poole and Oscar O'Con were absent.

The only public hearing item was a major design review for Elk Grove Subaru, presented by city planner Sarah Kirchgessner. The proposal calls for a 56,159-square-foot, two-story dealership featuring a showroom, offices, a parts counter and 31 service bays. The project will include 89 standard parking spaces and 864 spaces for vehicle storage.

Located at the northwest corner of Auto Passage Drive and Laguna Grove Drive, the site will include a new three-way stop with a crosswalk at Auto Passage and Auto Center drives.

The dealership will be near Elk Grove Hyundai and Niello BMW Elk Grove, across from Elk Grove Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram.

Project architect Hugh Hines of PROTOinc spoke on behalf of the applicant, Lithia Motors, which was unable to attend the meeting. Hines said that Lithia Motors, based out of Oregon, recently expanded into



The proposed dealership site, currently a vacant lot used for storage and overflow parking, is located in the Elk Grove Auto Mall near Elk Grove Hyundai and Niello BMW Elk Grove, across from Elk Grove Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram.

the Elk Grove area and has acquired several dealerships throughout the Central Valley.

"This Elk Grove Subaru, which they (Lithia Motors) purchased six months ago, is seen as the jewel in the crown of their California holdings," Hines said. "It's an exciting project, especially as Subaru plans to launch three new electric vehicles next year."

Hines added that the dealership

will include rooftop solar panels and electric vehicle charging stations in alignment with CalGreen standards and the city's Climate Action Plan.

"This is a really exciting project for Subaru and for us as architects to hopefully showcase the electric vehicle platform and contribute to Elk Grove and the surrounding community" he said.

The commission approved the project motion with a 3-0 vote. ★

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family to remain rooted in. I grew up here and I can't wait to see my family blossom here as well."

Elk Grove's Community Development Director Christopher Jordan believes people are attracted to the city because of its central location, with its proximity to the South Bay and Sacramento. He also believes that Elk Grove has a high standard of living.

"I think it's just such a warm and welcoming place with activities and opportunities," Jordan said. "The sports, culture for kids, this is just a great community (with a) high quality of life, and folks are attracted to that."

Jordan also credits the rising home values and the city's economic upswing to the region's school district.

"Elk Grove Unified, one of the best districts in the states, (is) the 4th largest school student population," Jordan said. "They're a fantastic partner and a great asset to the community."

Elk Grove residents look to remain in the area when deciding to move, according to a study done by Redfin. Approximately 64% of homebuyers looked to remain in Elk Grove when purchasing a new home.

Jason Kimberling, a recent Sacramento State graduate, is looking for housing after graduation.

"Looking for a place to rent is very competitive. You go to look at a place and if you don't answer quickly, chances are it is off the market or awaiting an offer," Kimberling said.

Kimberling, however, doesn't want to move away from Elk Grove.

"If I could have it my way, I wouldn't ever leave. Elk Grove has been home to me all my life," Kimberling said. "This city has everything I want. Family, events, diversity

and more. This place is forever home to me."

In 2024, the homeownership rate in Elk Grove was about 75%, surpassing Sacramento county's homeownership rate of 59% according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That's due in part to Elk Grove's Homebuyer Assistance Program, where first time homeowners can get low-interest, deferred-payment loans of up to \$59,650 for downpayment and closing costs.

"(The program) gives folks an opportunity to get into home ownership," Jordan said. "But you also have to have the underlying product that's able to, even with that assistance, still be something that's at a mortgage value they're going to be able to afford."

According to Jordan, the recent housing construction cropping up around Elk Grove helps ensure residents can afford their own home.

"The KB product up on Elk Grove Florin will be a higher-density, single-family neighborhood. They're able to spread a lot of the infrastructure costs around," Jordan said. "They're able to bring those costs down and bring it into something that's got a better opportunity for affordability."

There are some signs that the trend of rising home values may be slowing. While values in Elk Grove remain far above pre-pandemic levels, Zillow data shows they have fallen slightly in the last year.

Bordeaux and her boyfriend are saving up to get their own place amid the rising housing costs.

"It's difficult," she said. "Everything is more expensive and with our child, it makes saving money tough. It is going to take a few years for us with the cost of housing, but there is no other place we would rather be." ★

Fatal Single-Vehicle Collision on Elk Grove Boulevard

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - A 17-year-old male died Sunday evening, Oct. 19, in a single-vehicle collision

in Elk Grove. According to the Elk Grove Police Department, he was the sole occupant of the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police announced around 9 p.m. via social media that Elk Grove Boulevard was closed in both directions between Shorelake and Waterfowl drives, near the

Lakeside neighborhood, due to the crash.

On Oct. 20, police said the incident remains under investigation by traffic investigators. ★

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Arts Center Features 'Small Treasures' and Elk Grove Through Your Lens



Pictured is the "Small Treasures Show" display at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center, located at 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101. Photo courtesy of Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

Elk Grove Fine Arts Center News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center will present "Small Treasures and Holiday Gifts" from Nov. 1 to Dec. 28 with First Saturday Public Receptions on Nov. 1 and Dec. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m.

The center will also show a featured collection celebrating Elk Grove's 25th Anniversary, "Elk Grove Through Your Lens," Nov. 8 to 30, with a special reception on Nov. 8 from 4 to 7 p.m.

"Small Treasures" is our most popular event of the year—a two-month exhibition of 5x7 panels in a series by local and regional artists. Over 200 works will fill the walls of the center this year with more than 50 participating artists," said Elk

Grove Fine Arts Center Marketing Director Heath Buckmaster.

"We are also thrilled to host Elk Grove's 25th Anniversary photo contest, 'Elk Grove Through Your Lens,' Nov. 8 to 30. It's presented by the new ARTS and Creative Economy Commission and hosted at the center. Guests will enjoy a special event reception on Nov. 8 when winners will be announced. There's so much to enjoy as we close 2025 with two incredible exhibitions."

The center also presents a regular art workshop series including classes on batik, ceramics, drawing, watercolor and more. Learn more and register online at elkgrovefineartscenter.org/ classes.

Established as a non-profit arts organization on Nov. 29, 2007, the Elk

Grove Fine Arts Center is a place for local artists to share their work and for the community to experience the visual arts through classes and special events. The center presents monthly fine art exhibitions, regional art competitions, a gift shop featuring functional art and jewelry, First Saturday public art receptions, adult workshops in a variety of art mediums and the annual Elk Grove Festival of the Arts.

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is located at 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101. The galleries are open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and for First Saturday Public Receptions from 4 to 7 p.m. More information is available at elkgrovefineartscenter.org. ★

Chamber Cuts Ribbon for ACES ABA



ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 17 to celebrate the grand opening of ACES ABA, a new local therapy center at 9129 Elk Grove Blvd. According to its website, ACES ABA provides personalized Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy for children with autism and operates multiple locations across California, Texas, Washington and other states. For more information, visit acesaba.com/locations/elk-grove. Photo courtesy of the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce

Free Youth Heart Screening at Monterey Trail

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arrest in youth, the steps to prevent it, and how to respond to it. By doing this important work, the foundation's mission is to help prevent another family from losing their child or loved one to sudden cardiac arrest. To learn more about the foundation, visit kylejtaylor.org.

Project ADAM is

committed to saving lives by preventing sudden cardiac death where young people learn and play. It is not enough to simply have an automated external defibrillator (AED) in the building, having a documented plan, a designated and prepared response team and a regularly practiced emergency response drill are critical to success.

Project ADAM provides the foundation for schools and community organizations to develop their programs by providing resources, education and training. Project ADAM can help your school or organization become Heart Safe. Visit health.ucdavis.edu/children/services/project-adam for more information. ★

Teachers of Year Honored at Sac Republic Game

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Teachers of the Year honorees included Elk Grove Elementary School third grade teacher Bethany Hancock, with the Elk Grove Unified School District. She was recognized among 10 other recipients of the Teacher of the Year.

SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union was founded in 1934, when 126 school

employees pooled \$1,200 and established a member-owned cooperative to help improve each other's lives. The credit union has nearly \$34 billion in assets and remains the largest credit union in California and the third largest credit union in the United States. For more information about SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, visit schoolsfirstfcu.org. ★



AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Gary Mendoza

Gary Mendoza, co-founder of Nannosecond Productions, is a professional musician. He is a vocalist, instrumentalist and promoter. In the mid-90s, he formed his own blues band, gaining recognition along the central coast.

In 2006 he moved to Elk Grove and continued his musical career with a new band as well as performing as a solo artist. He has an ongoing schedule at retirement homes in Elk Grove, Sacramento and Folsom. His band has been on stage at various festivals in Elk Grove, including the Multi-Culture Fair. He became an ambassador with the Chamber of Commerce in 2024 in order to serve his community and promote live music.

In 2012, the City of Elk Grove awarded him a grant to create, produce and perform the show, A Musical History of the Blues. Since then, he has been a feature singer in 6 shows produced by the former Elk Grove Arts Commission.

Mendoza was chosen for the Iris Awards Performing Arts tribute, and the Elk Grove Citizen named him Artist of the Year.



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The Shops at Laguna Reserve Sells for \$19.2 Million

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Representatives with Roseville-based real estate firms Gallelli Real Estate and Hanley Investment Group announced that The Shops at Laguna Reserve, located at 10040 to 10064 Bruceville Road, has been sold for \$19,175,000 to a Los Angeles-based private investment company, Bershon Realty Company, LP.

It is a 33,308-square-foot, fully leased shopping

center that is shadow-anchored by the relatively new Safeway store located in the lot. Bill Asher and Jeremy McChesney of Hanley Investment Group Real Estate Advisors represented the buyer. Adam Rainey, Pat Ronan and Aman Bains of Gallelli Real Estate represented the seller, a Roseville-based private investor.

A news release publicized by Monaghan Communications on Oct. 16 noted that the pad and shop buildings are

occupied by a mix of national and local tenants, including Starbucks, Pacific Dental, Bank of America and Round Table Pizza. Additional tenants include a nail salon, dry cleaners, pet hospital, pet groomer and specialty food shops, with more than half of the tenants having maintained long-term occupancy, reflecting the property's enduring appeal and consistent demand.

"We are very excited with this acquisition in beautiful Elk Grove," said

Brian George, general partner of Bershon Realty Company LP in the news release. "We love the fundamentals of this Donahue Schriber-developed center, and we look forward to making it even better to serve the local population."

"This sale underscores the strength of Elk Grove's retail fundamentals and the enduring appeal of well-positioned, daily-needs centers," said Adam Rainey, associate vice president of Gallelli Real Estate.

The Shops at Laguna Reserve spans four parcels totaling 4.16 acres at the hard-corner, signalized intersection of Whitelock Parkway and Bruceville Road, which according to the press release, sees an average of 24,000 vehicles per day. Six pad buildings were constructed in 2005, and in 2024, the Safeway was added.

The news release noted that the sale included ownership of the six buildings and the land beneath them, though Safeway was not

part of the transaction. It also stated that The Elk Grove retail market maintains a low vacancy rate of 2.3% across 6.2 million square feet, driven by strong household demographics and limited new construction, which continue to push rental rates upward. The property sits in a densely populated area near Franklin High School and Toby Johnson Middle School, with more than 106,000 residents and 34,500 households within three miles. ★

ARTS CALENDAR

'Small Treasures Show and Sale'

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center presents the 14th annual Small Treasures Show and Sale, and Holiday Gift Boutique, Nov. 1 through Dec. 28. Plus: Holiday Fundraising Raffle with chance to win a holiday-themed piece of original artwork. Details at elkgrovecityartscenter.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.

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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." ★

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. ★


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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Well Kings fans, the preseason is behind us, and there is one difference between last year's results and this year. Thanks to a stirring 117-116 win over the Los Angeles Lakers Friday night the Kings will enter the regular season on a winning note.

Fans will remember that one year ago with Mike Brown at the helm, the Kings ran through the preseason without a single win and finished the first 20 games of the regular season with a sorry win/loss record. That tepid beginning would be a catalyst that would eventually lead to the dismissal of coach Brown and bring on Doug Christie as the interim head coach.

Now one win certainly doesn't portend a definite turnaround, but winning never hurts, and what came out of the win over L.A. was very telling.

After a less than stellar beginning for newly acquired point guard Dennis Schroder, the much-traveled guard broke out of a scoring slump with a rousing 25 points to lead all scorers on the Kings team. Moreover, Schroder looked like the veteran NBA point guard he is, and was impressive the way he managed the game and distributed the ball.

Certainly, it's a huge relief for Doug Christie in light of losing forward Keegan Murray for probably the next 6 weeks, and Domantas Sabonis pulling a hamstring that will limit his action entering the upcoming season.

Fortunately, the injury to Sabonis does not appear to be severe, so there is optimism that he will be back sooner rather than later.

The prevailing question going into the Laker game was who will fill the vacated minutes of Keegan Murray, and can the Kings find any kind of a flow as it relates to their offensive schemes? Although the Kings competed from start to finish, that question wasn't completely answered in the one-point win over the hometown Lakers, but we at least got a glimpse of what might be going through the coaches' mind.

Isaac Jones finally got some quality minutes logging 23, and played solidly with 10 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 assists off the bench.

Dario Saric added 10 points of his own and 6 rebounds. Dario played 25 minutes

and while not sterling, was solid on both ends of the floor.

Keon Ellis returned to form with a stirring 20 points in 26 minutes of action, and it appears likely that these 3 players will be called upon to fill in for the largest portion of minutes replacing Keegan Murray.

The key question is whether Doug Christie can turn the injury to Keegan Murray into something positive, and that would be using these minutes wisely to bring on players that have the most to give.

I continue to be an advocate of Isaac Jones, largely because he has never been given enough court time to see his full repertoire, and given his size and length, Isaac is difficult for opposing teams to guard around the rim. He is particularly adept at finishing lobbs and has a soft touch in the low post.

Dario Saric has been around longer, and I think the Kings know what they can expect from him, but let's use this time wisely to find out who else we have that can be a key contributor.

Another bright spot was the play of 2nd round draft choice Max Raynaud, who added 9 points and 2 boards in only 16 minutes, and is appearing to be more and more comfortable with every game.

Not be overlooked is the stellar play of Nique Clifford who has become the bastion of consistency. Nique played 33 minutes giving the Kings a much needed 13 points, 5 boards, and 7 big assists. Clifford has played the preseason as a standout on both ends of the floor and is giving everyone notice that this rookie is NBA ready.

Can Kings fans get excited with only one win to show for their preseason endeavors? You bet they can!

Friday night's game was a win over a quality team led by svelte Luca Doncic, and it was accomplished with Sabonis, Murray, and Malik Monk on the sidelines!

Don't underestimate the contribution that this future hall-of-famer, Russell Westbrook, has to offer, and if he can fit in with his new teammates, Westbrook could be the unforeseen x-factor that the Kings so badly need.

All the best!

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

Social Security Matters

How Do I Navigate the Social Security Maze?



By Russell Gloor,
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Dear Rusty: I am a woman, turning 65 this October (2025). It seems that deciding when to claim Social Security is complicated. I would like more information to navigate through this maze. Thank you.

Signed: Ready to Claim
Dear Ready: Deciding when to claim Social Security can be challenging, but we hope to make it a bit easier for you. You can, of course, call us at any time to speak to one of our certified Social Security Advisors, but I'll share some pertinent information here as well.

Be aware that at age 65, you have not yet reached your Social Security (SS) full retirement age (FRA). Born in 1960, your FRA is age 67, and that is when you can get 100% of the SS benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working. If you claim SS at age 65, your monthly amount will be reduced by about 13.3% from your age 67 entitlement (a permanent reduction). If you wait a bit more and claim at age 66 the reduction would be about 6.7%. To get 100%

of your "primary insurance amount" you should wait until age 67 to claim. Note you can also wait longer than your FRA and earn Delayed Retirement Credits up to age 70, when your monthly amount would be about 24% more than your FRA entitlement.

If you are still working, at age 65 you will also be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET) which limits how much you can earn when collecting SS benefits before your full retirement age. The earnings limit for 2025 is \$23,400 (changes annually) and if you earn more than that, SS will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. There is also a special rule for the first calendar year you are collecting early benefits, which will result in you not getting benefits for any month your work earnings are more than \$1950 after your early benefits start. So, if you claim SS at age 65 and continue to work, you won't get any SS benefits in any 2025 month thereafter that you earn more than the monthly limit (unless your total annual; 2025 earnings are less than the annual limit). FYI, the earnings limit no longer applies once you attain your full retirement age.

In the end, deciding when you should claim Social Security should consider your need for

Social Security money, your life expectancy, your plans for working, and your marital status. If you are (or were) married, you might be eligible for a spousal (or ex-spouse) benefit. You may also want to peruse the Social Security Q&A section at our website www.SocialSecurityReport.org. So, as you have already discerned, deciding when to claim Social Security can be confusing, but we are always here to assist you as needed. You can either call us directly at 1.888.750.2622 or email your specific Social Security questions to us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. In either case, we will be most happy to help you decide when to claim, based on your unique personal circumstances.

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Still No Progress After Newsom's Housing Pledge



By Dan Walters,
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Eight years ago, as he began his campaign for governor, Gavin Newsom described fixing the state's chronic housing shortage as a moral imperative.

"This is a question of who we are," Newsom wrote in 2017. "Housing is a fundamental human need — let's not forget the human face behind the dire statistics.

"Housing instability can cause genuine mental and physical adversity," he added, "and lead to insufferable decisions: no one should have to choose between paying rent or buying groceries. Knowing that too many Californians face this kind of anxiety breaks my heart."

Newsom pledged that as governor he would lead the effort to develop 3.5 million new housing units by 2025, "because our solutions must be as bold as the problem is big.

"I realize building 3.5 million new housing units is an audacious goal," Newsom continued, "but it's achievable. There is no silver bullet to solve this crisis. We need to attack the problem on multiple fronts by generating more funding for affordable housing, implementing regulatory reform and creating new financial incentives for local jurisdictions that produce housing while penalizing those that fall short."

The 3.5 million-unit goal

was never anywhere near realistic. It would have required increasing construction from about 100,000 units a year when he made the pledge to more than 400,000, doubling peak production in this century.

That said, Newsom has over the almost seven years of his governorship, pretty much, done what he said he'd do to increase housing. He has signed multiple bills meant to speed up housing permits by eliminating state and local legal impediments, capped by two major measures this year.

Newsom signed Assembly Bill 130, which makes it more difficult to use the California Environmental Quality Act as a tool to block housing projects, and Senate Bill 79, which overrides local government land use authority to authorize multi-family, multi-story housing projects near transit stops.

Meanwhile Newsom's Department of Housing and Community Development has set statewide goals of 180,000 new units a year and 2.5 million units over eight years. It also imposed ambitious quotas on local governments to designate land for residential development and cracked down on communities that impede multi-family projects for low- and moderate-income families.

The latter effort responds to the most acute aspect of California's shortage — housing the nearly 35% of Californians who are living in poverty or near-poverty, mostly due to housing costs that are among the nation's highest.

With the enactment of AB 130 and SB 79, the looming conclusion of Newsom's governorship and the

likelihood that he will run for president, it's time to appraise results.

Has the production of housing in California substantially increased? Unfortunately, no.

At the time Newsom made his pledge, about 100,000 units were being built each year, with the net increase substantially lower due to losses by fire or destruction. Eight years later, it's virtually unchanged, no matter which authority one consults.

The Census Bureau reports that between 2019, when Newsom took office, and 2024 new housing permits in California ranged from a high of 120,780 units in 2022 to a low of 101,546 last year. Newsom's own budget agrees with the Census Bureau's data for the same period and projects future construction through 2028 at 100,000 to 104,000 units a year.

Clearly, even though systemic barriers to housing construction have been eased, many developers have been unable to see housing in California as a good investment. The COVID-19 pandemic, which had massive economic impacts, and increases in interest rates to battle inflation also have had an effect.

Housing is far more complicated than Newsom depicted it when he made his promises. He gets a 'B' for effort — and an 'F' for results.

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. ★



The "ceasefire now" crowd finally got its ceasefire, although not the way it hoped.

Israel and Hamas have agreed to stop the fighting in Gaza, while the terror group will release all Israeli hostages in exchange for Palestinian prisoners held by Israel.

There's always a chance the agreement falls apart. Still, it isn't creating jubilation from all the people who have been braying for Israel to end the war. There are two reasons -- one is that the deal is favorable for Israel, and the other is that the deal's architect is a president of the United States whom, the fiercest advocates of a ceasefire hate.

If it holds, the agreement is the biggest victory yet for Donald Trump's hyperactive, transactional diplomacy.

A lifetime of maneuvering for advantage in the real estate and media worlds in New York City -- searching for and using every ounce of leverage -- was better preparation for high-level international diplomacy than if Trump had spent a lifetime on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Whereas "international opinion" believed we had to isolate and cut off Israel, Trump armed the Jewish state, bombed Iran and squeezed Qatar to bring Hamas to heel -- and it worked. The deal is a tribute to avoiding the well-worn ruts of Middle East diplomacy.

The Gonzo Brilliance of Trump's Gaza Diplomacy

As for Israel, it needed to find a way out of a conflict that had become a PR disaster. Getting the hostages back is an important national goal, even if the exchange is lopsided (these swaps always are). Meanwhile, Israel will pull back to an agreed-upon line, but still hold an estimated 53% of Gaza as a security buffer. Even if things eventually go south again, Israel has bought time by decimating Hamas and significantly diminishing the threats from Iran and Hezbollah.

It is certainly true that Phase 2 of the deal, which is supposed to disarm Hamas and establish a technocratic Palestinian government in Gaza, will be much more difficult to pull off. If it were to come to fruition, though, it would be transformative for Israel's security and for the lives of Gazans.

There will presumably be no speeches at Hollywood awards ceremonies crediting Trump for his peace-making. Among other things, there's too much cognitive dissonance in saying, "I think President Trump is a dangerous fascist -- but appreciate how bound and determined he is to end conflicts around the world."

Trump is a gonzo version of standard U.S. foreign policy. All American presidents want to make peace in the Middle East, and all want, whether they say it or not, to win the Nobel Peace Prize. What's different about Trump is his methods, and his openness about

seeking a call from the Nobel committee.

A hallmark of his policymaking at its best is an unwillingness to take "no" for an answer, an unremitting sense of urgency and a creativity that is considered unrealistic or reckless by conventional metrics. We saw it during his first term with his success in securing the border, with the historic achievement of Operation Warp Speed and with the Abraham Accords.

"The reasonable man adapts himself to the world," George Bernard Shaw maintained, "the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man."

In this sense, Trump is usually unreasonable. Everyone around the world needs to be a little afraid of him, while he is willing to talk to anyone or consider anything. His optimism can be misplaced (the Ukraine war was a tougher nut than he thought) and his highly personalized diplomacy can misfire (he got unnecessarily crosswise with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi), but he can also prove all his doubters wrong.

The Washington cliché is that there is no limit to the good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit. Trump shows, to the contrary, that sometimes there is no limit to the good you can do if you want all the credit.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2025 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

Fatal Pedestrian Collision Reported on 47th Avenue

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On Sunday, Oct. 19, at approximately 9:31 p.m., Sacramento Communication Center (SCC) advised of a vehicle vs. pedestrian collision that occurred on 47th Avenue west of Franklin Boulevard.

The pedestrian was walking across the eastbound lanes of 47th in a southbound direction. As the pedestrian was in the second lane going eastbound, for an unknown reason, the male pedestrian fell in the roadway and was struck by two passing vehicles.

The first vehicle, a 2017 Toyota Prius, was unable to avoid the pedestrian as he fell into the roadway. The second vehicle, a 2017 Ford Focus, was also unable to avoid the pedestrian. Both drivers remained on scene after the crash and provided statements.



Despite lifesaving efforts, the pedestrian was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification of the pedestrian will be made by the Sacramento County Coroner's Office and released upon notification of next of kin.

The crash remains under investigation by the South Sacramento California Highway Patrol office. ★

POLICE LOGS

Oct. 13
4:01 a.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Franklin Boulevard, Yoseph Tadesse, 29, on DUI and driving with an open container charges.

11:45 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Olivia Butts, 33, on warrant charges.

1:48 a.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Analyn Truong, 41, on shoplifting charges.

Oct. 14
8:15 a.m., 8500 block of Elk Grove

Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Gurmeet Singh, 53, on DUI/drug charges.

11:51 a.m., 9300 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Israel Navarro, 32, on child endangerment and resisting arrest charges.

5:24 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Christopher Berry, 39, on petty theft with priors, probation violation and possession of burglary tools charges.

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV024672

Cynthia Louis Caretto has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Cynthia Louis Caretto to Cindy Louise Caretto.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 8, 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.

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TRUSTEE SALE

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)(2)923.55(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 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

File No.: 22-11950 APN: 116-0930-131
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER LAGUNA NEW DIMENSIONS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (ASSOCIATION) COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AND A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT (LIEN) DATED 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,

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. 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

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City of Elk Grove INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic bids will be received at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids prior to 10:00 a.m. local time (09:59:59 – according to the PlanetBids official Bid clock) on **Thursday, November 20, 2025**, for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

CITYWIDE CURB RAMPS 2026 PROJECT (WAC039) (CDBG-2025-02)

Bids submitted after the time specified will not be accepted.

Description of Work:
The proposed work shall be performed in accordance with the plans, specifications and other contract documents and shall consist of the following: reconstruction of curb ramps and sidewalks at various locations throughout the City (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$1,021,700.

Bidder shall have current standing as a City approved pre-qualified Bidder prior to submitting a bid for this Project. Bidders that submit a Bid without being pre-qualified shall have their Bid deemed non-responsive.

In order to bid on or to be listed on the bid proposal for this Public Works Project all Contractors and subcontractors shall be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and be qualified to perform Public Work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code. Unregistered Contractors may still submit bids provided the bid is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by either Section 10164 and 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code and all Contractors including subcontractors are registered with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform Public Work pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1725.5 at the time the bid is submitted. DIR registration is not required on Projects that do not exceed \$25,000, which are for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work or for public works projects for maintenance when \$15,000 or less.

Construction License:
Bidder must possess a current valid Class A General Engineering, Class C-8 Concrete and/or Class C-12 Earthwork and Paving Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California.

Local Hire and Community Workforce Training Agreement Requirements:
This Project is subject to the requirements of the City's Local Hire and Community Workforce Training Program and the City's Community Workforce Training Agreement (CWTA). A copy of the CWTA and a summary of its requirements (CWTA Summary) is attached to this solicitation. By submitting a bid, the Contractor acknowledges that they have read and understand all the requirements, terms, and conditions of the CWTA, and have included all costs associated with compliance with the CWTA in its bid.

In accordance with the CWTA, the Contractor and all listed subcontractors must execute Addendum A to the CWTA ("Agreement to be Bound") and provide a copy of the executed document to the City before the contract can be awarded. Each subcontractor for Work covered by the CWTA listed on the bid, hired in anticipation of the bid, after the time of bid or after contract award must also execute Addendum A to the CWTA. No subcontractor shall perform Work prior to executing Addendum A and providing a copy of the executed document to the City.

Contractor must include the provisions of this section, as well as a copy of the CWTA, in every subcontract for Work covered by the CWTA.

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

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

For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:
Whitney Yann, Management Analyst, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department

Telephone: (916) 687-3062 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

Plans, specifications and other bid documents may be examined and/or obtained at the City of Elk Grove City Hall, Public Works Department, located on the second floor of 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. A copy of the bid documents may be obtained at the City Hall upon request and payment of \$15.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of \$20.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable. Bidders may also view and download the plans, specifications, and other bid documents at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. Any Addendum shall only be issued electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids.

By: _____ Date: October 8, 2025
Christina Castro, PE
Capital Program Division Manager

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 **November 7, 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

Teacher Arrested in Sex-Crime Case

Elk Grove Police Department News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - A high school teacher is in custody in connection with two sex-related offenses involving a former student. The victim was a minor and attended the same school where the

teacher was employed at the time of the crimes.

Former students reported the allegations to Elk Grove Unified School District officials. District officials promptly notified the Elk Grove Police Department and placed 38-year-old David Collins on administrative leave.

Through the course of the investigation, detectives determined that between 2015 and 2018, Collins, a teacher at Laguna Creek High School, engaged in an inappropriate and sexual relationship with the victim, who was a student at the time.

Based on the findings of the investigation, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Collins. Investigators served a search warrant at his Sacramento home. They confirmed the relationship, and

Collins was taken into custody. Collins was booked at the Sacramento County Main Jail and is being held without bail for Penal Code Sections 287(B)(1) Oral Copulation with a Person under 18 Years Old and 289(H) Penetration by a Foreign Object-Victim under 18 Years Old.

The Elk Grove Police Department asks anyone with information to call the Elk Grove Police Department Investigations Bureau at (916) 478-8112. ★

LEGAL ADVERTISING

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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, 10/31/2025, 10/31/2025
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-31-25



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:

GENERAL PLAN OPEN SPACE ELEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENTS:

A public hearing to consider amendments to the General Plan Open Space Element and the Implementation Work Program as follows:

- Amendments to the General Plan Open Space Element in response to California Government Code Section 65565.5(a) which requires every jurisdiction to review and update the open space element by January 1, 2026 to address access to open space for all residents in correlation with environmental justice, climate resilience, and rewilding opportunities.
- Amendments to the General Plan Implementation Work Program to reflect terminology changes and clarification of programs across city departments.

The Planning Commission's recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for final approval.

LOCATION/APN:	City-wide
ENVIRONMENTAL:	An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared and certified as part of the initial approval of General Plan Update (General Plan EIR SCH No. 2017062058). No further environmental review is required pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense exemption) and 15183 (Consistency with a General Plan, Community Plan, or Zoning).
PROJECT PLANNER:	Carrie Whitlock, AICP (916) 478-2238 cwhitlock@elkgrove.gov

Dated / Published: **October 24, 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 skyles@elkgrove.gov or TTY 888-435-6092. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

Elk Grove Citizen 10-24-2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON THE RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1 (ELK GROVE FIRE PROTECTION)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Government Code Section 53322, the Board will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at the meeting place of the Board, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, California, to consider:

- A. A summary of the text of Resolution 2025-33 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DECLARING INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF THE SPECIAL TAX THEREIN is as follows:

The Board has conducted proceedings to establish Community Facilities District No. 1 (Elk Grove Fire Protection) (the "CFD") pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended (the "Act"), Chapter 2.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5, commencing at Section 53311, of the California Government Code and The Board hereby finds and determines that public convenience and necessity require that territory be added to the CFD. The name of the existing CFD is "Cosumnes Community Services District Community Facilities District No. 1 (Elk Grove Fire Protection)." The territory included in the existing CFD is set forth in the map of the CFD recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Sacramento in Book 116 at Page 1580 of Maps of Assessment and Community Facilities Districts, to which map reference is hereby made. The territory now proposed to be annexed to the CFD is as shown on Annexation Map No. 58 to the CFD, on file with the Clerk of the Board ("Board Clerk"). The services and facilities to be financed by the CFD (the "Services and Facilities") and pursuant to the Act are described in Exhibit A of Resolution No. 2012-25 of the District, adopted on June 6, 2012 (the "Resolution of Formation") which is incorporated herein by reference. The Resolution, Description of Facilities, Rate, and Method of Apportionment of Special Tax, and the proposed boundaries of the Community Facilities District No. 1 Annexation No. 58 are on file with Nou Vang, Cosumnes Community Services District, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, California, and are available for review there during business hours by any interested persons.

On Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at the meeting place of the Board, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, California, this Board, as the legislative body for the CFD, will conduct a public hearing on the annexation of the territory to the CFD and consider and finally determine whether the public interest, convenience, and necessity require the annexation of the Property to the CFD and the levy of the Special Tax thereon.

At the public hearing, the testimony of all interested persons or taxpayers for or against the proposed annexation will be heard. If owners of one-half or more of the area of land in the existing CFD and not exempt from the Special Tax, or if the owners of one-half or more of the area of land in the territory proposed to be annexed and not exempt from the Special Tax, file written protests against the proposed annexation, and protests are not withdrawn so as to reduce the protests to less than a majority, no further proceedings to annex the same territory shall be undertaken for a period of one year from the date of the decision of the District Board on the issues discussed at the hearing.

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ABOUT TOWN

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

Bufferlands History Tour – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come hear a presentation about the history of the Bufferlands, from pre-historic times to present. Afterward, we will take a short tour of the restored farmhouse and milk barns. Two sessions available: 9 to 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m. To register, please email Chris Conard at conardc@sacsewer.com; location details will be emailed to registered participants.

Thriftathon – 10 a.m. to 2p.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.

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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

Día 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. Christopher L. Tootle leads

the band, which includes professional, semi-professional, and amateur adult musicians and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians. 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 elkgrove-communityband.org. *8865 Elk Grove Blvd.*

Saturday, Nov. 1

First Saturday Public Reception – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. Free and open to the public. Enjoy refreshments, the opportunity to meet featured artists and enjoy live music. *9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101.*

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. 24: 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)

Saturday, Oct. 25: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Author talks for adults: Meet your not-so-spooky local horror

authors, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A panel discussion and selected readings from local horror authors from the Sacramento Chapter of the Horror Writers Association. (VH) STEAM for kids, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (VH)

Tuesday, Oct. 28: Elk Grove Navigator office hours, 10 a.m. to noon. Participants can connect with trained navigators who provide guidance, answer questions, and connect clients to resources such as shelters, food assistance and more. (EG) Homework Zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 pm. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can get help with their homework. (F)

Wednesday, Oct. 29: Explore and learn, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH) Adult book group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (NW) Teen space, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Meet other teens and hang out in a space dedicated to you. (EG) Homework Zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 pm. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can get help with their homework. (F)

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

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, Nov. 15. *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. 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.

Oct. 29, 5 p.m.: Hood Supply Co. Bar & Grill, 10761 Hood Franklin Road, Hood. Contact is Addie at 916-682-3609.

Oct. 31, noon: Bingo party. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

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

Wilton Bingo – First Saturday each month. 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 and bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two non-profits: the local Park Council and the Wilton

History Group. *9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road., Wilton.*

Veterans Meetings

American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units – fourth Wednesday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Next meeting will be Nov. 26. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

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

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

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

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursdays of the month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. For more information, call 916-684-3849. ★

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Free Mammograms for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Uninsured and underinsured members of the community are urged to act now

UC Davis Health News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. An estimated one in eight females will get breast cancer in their lifetime. Screening is key to catching breast cancer when it is most treatable.

The UC Davis Health Department of Radiology and UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center are once again teaming up to provide free mammograms for uninsured and underinsured women in the community. An additional screening day has been added to the schedule this year.

The free mammograms will be offered on Oct. 18, 19, 25 and 26. The screenings, by appointment only, will take place from 7:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the UC Davis Health Lawrence J. Ellison Ambulatory Care Center, 4860 Y St., Sacramento.

"Mammograms can show a



UC Davis Health is offering free mammograms on Oct. 18, Oct. 19, Oct. 25 and Oct. 26 in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Health

breast lump before it can be felt and can also show precancerous cells or other conditions," said UC Davis Health Department of Radiology Chief Elizabeth Morris. "Women should get regular screening mammograms to detect breast cancer annually, starting at age 40. Women younger than 40 who have

risk factors for breast cancer should ask their doctor if they should have a mammogram and how often."

Who is eligible for the free screening?

The mammograms are for females aged 40 to 74 who have not had a mammogram in the past year and are

not experiencing symptoms. Women with symptoms such as a lump, pain, swelling or discharge need a more advanced diagnostic mammogram.

"In Sacramento County, only 68 percent of eligible individuals are up to date on their breast cancer screening," said Marissa Bashore, health

education supervisor for UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center Office of Community Outreach and Engagement. "Regular screening mammography can help find breast cancer at an early stage when treatment is more likely to be successful. We urge all females over the age of 40 to get annual mammograms."

To make an appointment, call 916-734-8449 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Ask to book an appointment for a free Breast Cancer Awareness Month screening mammogram.

Language interpretation services are available. Appointments are required and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Appointments fill up quickly, so call early.

UC Davis Health has partnered with the community health center, WellSpace Health, to schedule additional diagnostic testing or follow-up care, if necessary. ★

State Parks Invites Public to Free Halloween Tours



Enjoy the Halloween Ball Mystery Tour at Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park. Reserve your free tour now at bit.ly/StanfordMansionHalloween. Photo courtesy of California State Parks 2025

California Department of Parks and Recreation News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Care to dance? California State Parks welcomes those who dare to Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park (SHP) for the Halloween Ball Mystery Tour.

Explore frightfully decorated rooms with dark tales of history and mystery as you make your way to the Halloween Ball. Costumes are encouraged. Be sure to check out photo opportunities out in the courtyard. Enjoy the mystery from Oct. 24 to Nov. 1.

Although this is a family-friendly event, some young visitors might find it a little too spooky.

Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park is located at 800 N St., Sacramento. Free tours are available from 1 to 8 p.m. during the Oct. 24 to Nov 1 season. On Oct. 27 to Oct. 29, daytime tours will only be available from 1 to 5 p.m.

Tours are free for all visitors but reservations are required. To RSVP, go online to parks.ca.gov/?page_id=31344.

Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park is an ADA accessible space. If you have questions or requests regarding accessibility, contact the park at (916) 324-9266.

The Leland Stanford Mansion is a stunning example of the splendor and elegance of the Victorian era in California. Originally built in 1856 by



Be prepared to be scared as you visit frightfully-decorated rooms with dark tales of history and mystery at the Leland Stanford Mansion. Courtesy of California State Parks, 2025

Gold Rush merchant Sheldon Fogus, the mansion was later purchased and remodeled twice by Leland and Jane Stanford. Leland Stanford served as California governor from 1862 to 1863. The mansion served as the office of three governors during the turbulent 1860s for Stanford, Fredrick Low and Henry Haight.

After a 14-year, \$22-million restoration and rehabilitation, the tour of the 19,000-square-foot mansion will also feature 17-foot ceilings, gilded mirrors and exquisitely detailed carved moldings, beautifully restored woodwork, elegant 19th-century crystal and bronze light fixtures, historic paintings, re-created carpeting and draperies based on photographs from the 1870s to match the original interior design, original period furnishings that belonged to the Stanfords and 19th-century style gardens outside. ★

California FFA Foundation Names New Board Members

California Future Farmers of America News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Future Farmers of America Foundation (FFA) has added two agricultural leaders, Shannon Douglass and Mel Machado, to its board of directors. Their leadership, experience and commitment to agriculture and youth development will further strengthen the foundation's mission of supporting the more than 108,000 Future Farmers of America members throughout California.

Since 2023, Douglass has led the California Farm Bureau as president, following six years of service on the board's executive committee as the first vice-president. A Glenn County farmer and co-founder of CalAgJobs, a company dedicated to connecting agricultural students and professionals with career opportunities, Douglass combines industry expertise with a strong passion for youth development.

An East Nicolaus Future Farmers of America Chapter alumna, Douglass held numerous leadership roles as a student, including chapter president and sectional officer. Today, her California Farm Bureau leadership centers on supporting California's farmers and ranchers, while her service on the foundation board will help cultivate the next generation of agricultural leaders.

"I'm grateful every day for what Future Farmers of America gave me: opportunities to lead, compete and grow," Douglass said. "Now, as a Future Farmers of America mom and a



Shannon Douglass, California Farm Bureau president, is joining the California Future Farmers of America Foundation as a new board member. Photo courtesy of California FFA Foundation



Mel Machado, chief agricultural officer at Blue Diamond Growers, is joining the California Future Farmers of America Foundation as a new board member. Photo courtesy of California FFA Foundation

foundation board member, I have the chance to give back to ensure this program continues to inspire and prepare the next generation of farmers, ranchers and agricultural advocates."

Machado, the chief agricultural officer at Blue Diamond Growers, serves as a strategic partner on all aspects of agricultural operations. Machado has spent more than three decades at Blue Diamond Growers and has been actively involved in the industry and community. He has served as a director on the Almond Board of California and as a member of the University of California Integrated Pest Management Advisory Council and the Board of Directors of Opportunity Stanislaus. Machado is also an alumnus of Livingston Future Farmers of America, earning his State Future Farmers of America degree.

"I am so proud to serve as a member of the Future Farmers of America Foundation Board of Directors," Machado said. "The Future Farmers of America provides students with the best leadership training and skills development of

any function in California's schools and provides a solid foundation for California's students as they prepare for their careers."

Douglass and Machado will help guide the California Future Farmers of America Foundation and ensure its resources are invested in preparing the next generation of agricultural leaders.

"The California Future Farmers of America Foundation is honored to welcome Mel Machado and Shannon Douglass as our newest directors," said Emily Rooney, California Future Farmers of America Foundation chair. "Their professional expertise and deep commitment to our mission and the agriculture industry will be invaluable as we advance the foundation's work and expand its impact. Their involvement strengthens our collective ability to serve and support all facets of agricultural education."

The new members join 25 business and industry representatives, nine education and program oversight representatives and staff members who represent the California Future Farmers of America Foundation board. ★

Property Tax Postponement Program Filing Period Announced

California State Controller's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - State Controller Malia M. Cohen announced that applications for property tax postponement are now being processed.

California's Property Tax Postponement (PTP) Program, administered by controller Cohen, allows eligible homeowners who are seniors, blind or have a disability to postpone payment of property taxes on their primary residence.

In the 2024-25 tax year, California homeowners were able to postpone more than \$6.8 million in residential property taxes. Over the last few years, eligibility for tax deferral has been expanded several times by the addition of manufactured homes and adjustments to the income limit. This year, the household income limit has been raised to \$55,181, reaching more seniors and Californians with disabilities. Household income for this Property Tax Postponement cycle will be based on 2024

household income.

"For many seniors and Californians with disabilities, keeping up with rising housing costs can be overwhelming," Cohen said. "The Property Tax Postponement Program provides real relief, helping people stay in their homes, maintain stability and preserve the communities they've helped build. By expanding eligibility, we're ensuring that more Californians can access the support they need to live with dignity and peace of mind."

Property Tax Postponement

funding is limited. Applications will be processed in the order they are received, starting from Oct. 1. The final filing deadline for the current tax year is Feb. 10, 2026. Participants must reapply each year and demonstrate they continue to meet eligibility requirements. When an applicant is approved, a lien will be placed on the real property or a security agreement will be filed with the Department of Housing and Community Development for a manufactured home, until the account is paid in full.

Applications and additional program details can be found online, by calling 800-952-5661 or email at postponement@sco.ca.gov.

Property owners affected by California fires or other California disasters might be eligible for another tax relief program that allows for reappraisal of damaged or destroyed property. For more information on this program, visit the California Board of Equalization's disaster relief website at boe.ca.gov/prop-taxes/disaster-relief.htm. ★

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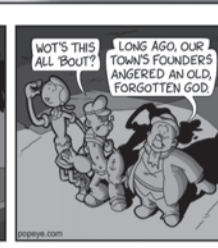
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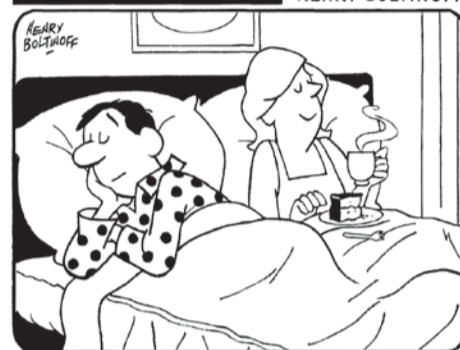
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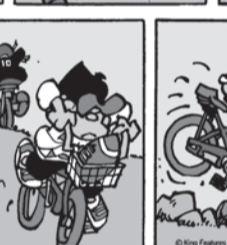
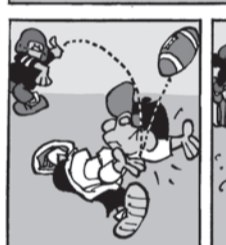
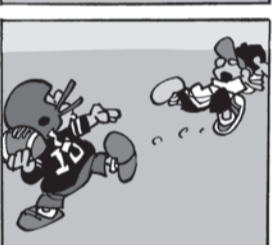
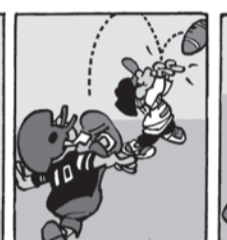
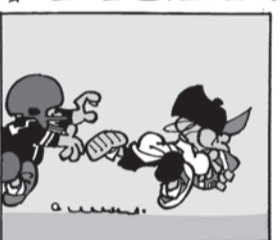
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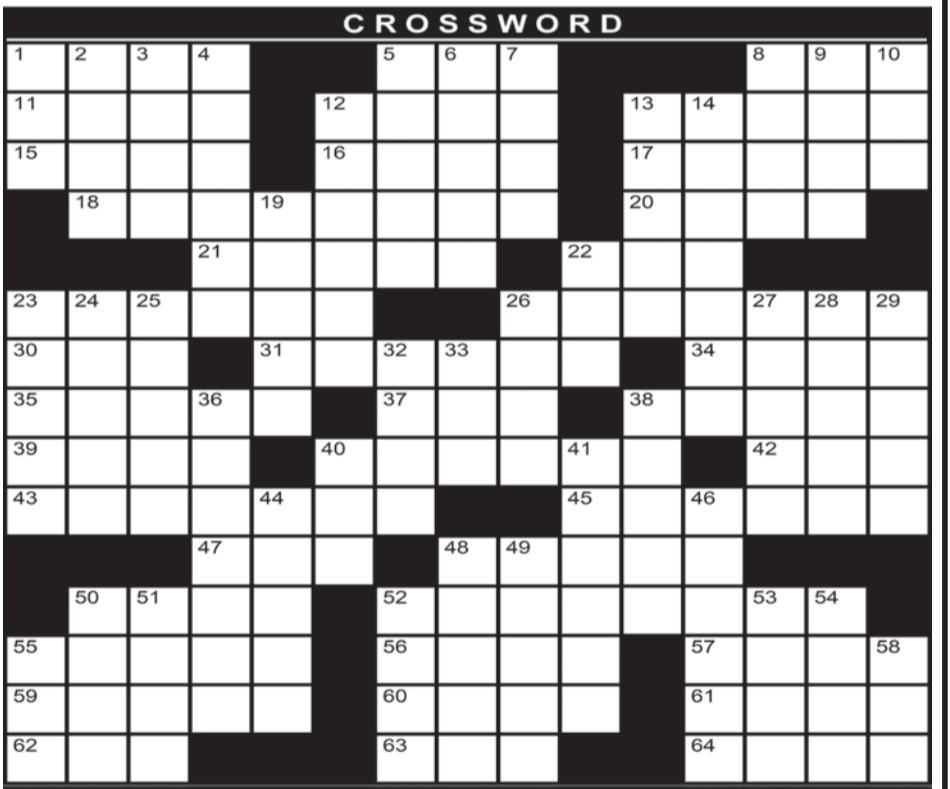
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Republic FC to Open 2025 Playoffs

USL Championship Playoffs at Home on National TV

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - This November, Republic FC's quest to lift its second Championship trophy begins as the club begins play in the 2025 USL Championship Playoffs presented by Terminix.

The Indomitable Club has secured a home match for the opening round and will host a Western Conference Quarterfinal match on Nov. 2 at Heart Health Park. The opponent will be determined following the conclusion of the regular season on Oct. 25 and additional details regarding kickoff will be announced in the near future.

The general public on-sale tickets began Oct. 16 at SacRepublicFC.com and seats start at just \$25. Season ticket members have priority access to purchase additional seats at a discounted price before any remaining seats are released to the public. To stay up to date on the latest playoff ticket news, supporters can text



Republic FC's 2025 playoff campaign is sponsored by Sentivo Vineyards & Winery. The partners will team up for a variety of fan and community engagement opportunities throughout the postseason, including the club's Week of Service leading up to the Quarterfinal match on Nov. 2. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

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Fans are encouraged to secure their seats early as Republic FC prepares to host its first playoff contest since 2023. The club has already seen four sellouts this year, including the USL Jägermeister

Cup Final on Oct. 4 and has welcomed more than 10,000 fans in each of its last four postseason games at Heart Health Park.

The USL (United Soccer League) Championship Playoffs begin with the Conference

Quarterfinals the first weekend of November. The top eight regular season finishers from each conference qualify for the postseason and will enter a single-elimination bracket leading to the Final. Hosting rights for each match are

determined by each club's regular season record. For more information about the postseason, visit SacRepublicFC.com/Playoffs.

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Together with fans, partners, and staff, the Republic FC will offer more than 250 hours of community service throughout the week starting on Monday, Oct. 27. Additional information, including service projects and registration, will be announced later in the week.

The match will also kick off the club's sixth annual Winter Wishlist donation drive, presented by Downtown Ford. Republic FC fans are invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the match for the children and families of the Robla School District in North Sacramento. ★

Women's Golf Ties for Eighth at Golf Iconic Classic



The Hornets finished tied for eighth place out of 19 teams in the tournament with scores of 284-285-301-870 at the Golf Iconic Classic on Oct. 15 at the New Mexico State University Golf Course. Boise State won the team title after finishing 13-under par. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sophia Lee's even-par round of 72 led the California State University, Sacramento women's golf team during the final round of the Golf Iconic Classic on Oct. 15 at the New Mexico State University Golf Course.

The Sacramento State Hornets finished tied for eighth place out of 19 teams in the tournament with scores of 284-285-301-870. Boise State won the team title after finishing 13-under par. Northern Arizona stormed into second place in the team standings at 7-under while UC Irvine (5-under), Santa Clara (1-under) finished third and fourth.

Lee opened the third round on the seventh hole and parred her first three holes. Her first bogey came on the 10th hole and was later matched by a birdie on the par-4 14th. Lee moved to 2-over following

bogeys on numbers 16 and 18 but was able to finish even following birdies on the par-4 first and fifth holes.

Lee tied for 36th overall at 73-75-72-220.

The Hornets also counted rounds of 75 from Tova Hatton and 77s from Darla May Dela Torre and Jocelyn Tseng toward the team total.

Overall, Ella Kraft and Dela Torre tied for 22nd place for the highest finish on the Hornets. Kraft shot 70-66-81-217 while Torre had rounds of 69-71-77-217. Lee and Ashley Koga tied for 36th, Florencia Dufey was 43rd, Tseng 46th and Hatton 65th.

Sacramento State will quickly return to action as it competes at the Rainbow Wahine Invitational on Oct. 20 to Oct. 22, after press time, in Hawaii. The tournament will be the final event for the Hornets members during their schedule's fall portion. ★

Former Beaver Joseph 'Pey' Brito Dies



Joseph "Pey" Brito and his family were Beavers through and through. His wife, Nicole, played softball at American River College. Brito was the father of three children. Photo courtesy of American River College Athletics

American River College Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Joseph "Pey" Brito, a former Beaver infielder from Delta High School, died two weeks ago. Pey redshirted at American River College in 2000 and then played second base for the Beavers baseball team in 2001 and 2002.

In 2002, he helped lead the Beavers to a second-place finish in the Bay Valley East Conference, as he hit .300 with five doubles and 14 RBI (runs batted in) while playing rock solid defense.

"Pey was a really good human being, a great father, friend and teammate," said

current American River College head coach Doug Jumelet. "He played the game hard and with passion and had the respect of all of his teammates and coaches. He was a leader on the field and off. He was full of energy and we will all miss that, especially his family."

Former head coach Kevin Higgins when Brito was at American River College, said that he saw Brito at the gym a couple of months ago and Brito was very upbeat and spiritual, although he wasn't in great health due to cancer.

Pey and his family were Beavers through and through. His wife, Nicole, played softball at American River College. He was the father of three children. ★

Athletics Director Rocko DeLuca's High Fives

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Caden Pinnick racks up weekly awards following a performance against No. 14 Northern Arizona that earned No. 6 UC Davis football a victory on homecoming. The red-shirt freshman quarterback added to his weekly awards being named the FCS Nation Radio National Offensive Player of the Week.

Pinnick was also named the Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week following the win against Northern Arizona, his third-straight such honor which tied a conference record.

The Aggie signal caller became the first Big Sky honoree

to earn three-straight offensive player of the week honors since Dalton Sneed (Montana) earned the honor three times in a row in 2019. The difference between the two is that Pinnick has done it against three conference opponents, while Sneed played two conference opponents with his streak starting in the non-conference portion of Montana's 2019 schedule.

Pinnick shined in another Aggie victory throwing for a career-high, 348 passing yards while throwing five touchdowns, the most by an Aggie since 2018. Pinnick was also lights out going 25-for-29 to finish with a completion percentage of 86.2 percent. Over three games, Pinnick has gone 62-for-82, thrown for 949 yards, tossed 10 touchdowns and thrown no interceptions to lead the Aggies to 3-0 start in Big Sky play for the second-straight season.

As of Oct. 15, it was the fifth time this season that Pinnick earned weekly honors and the second time he earned national honors. He was named the Stats Perform National Freshman Player of the Week back in week one and he earned Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week honors after the Aggies knocked off Weber State, following the road win at Cal Poly and after the recent victory on homecoming over Northern Arizona.

Donor Impact – Willett Family

The Willett family's bond with UC Davis Athletics runs deep, rooted in both tradition and personal legacy. Genia Willett, daughter of long-time legendary UC Davis head coach Woody Wilson, and her husband, Jim, were recently recognized as the Champion Aggies Club Donors of the Game during UC Davis football's Big Sky opener against Weber State alongside their daughter and son-in-law, Tom and Kim Windall.

"We support athletics because of the high caliber of the program and the student-athletes." Genia said. "We also like to support athletics to honor my father, Woody Wilson, who put his

heart and soul into the track and field program."

Their philanthropy has helped fuel scholarships, facility upgrades, and opportunities that empower student-athletes to excel both on the field and in the classroom. For the Willetts, each donation is a way to celebrate excellence and remember a man who gave everything to elevate the program.

Today, the Willett family's involvement is visible across campus, from the stands at Aggie football and basketball games to the track that bears the late

Woody Wilson's name.

Their passion continues to inspire others in the Aggie community, exemplifying how

one family's loyalty and love for a university can shape its legacy for generations.

Staff Spotlight – Jason Grace

If something runs smoothly at UC Davis athletics, chances are Jason Grace had a hand in it. As manager of Facilities and Operations, he's the steady presence making sure every field, court and locker room is ready to go, no matter what the day brings.

"My day can consist of stringing a lacrosse goal, setting up for a home game, fixing a locker or hanging a TV in a coach's office," Grace said. "I like not always knowing what my day is going to look like. Game days are the things I take the most pride in. It's not just the game but also the prep before and after the game."

After more than 20 years as a coach, Grace brings that same mindset into his work.

"Even though I'm not the coach, I still want everything set up the way I'd want it to be on game day," he said. "It's also helped me notice when something looks off and make sure it gets fixed so our coaches don't have to worry about it."

"Jason is one of those people who makes everyone around him better," said Director of Athletics Rocko DeLuca. "His commitment, reliability and pride in his work embody what UC Davis athletics stands for. We're incredibly grateful for the difference he makes every day across our department."

Team Spotlight – Volleyball

With wins over UC San Diego and Long Beach State two weekends ago, UC Davis women's volleyball is off to a historic start to their season.

"I think the team is playing with a ton of tenacity and courage, and it's been a ton of fun to watch them play over the start of the season," said head coach Dan Connors. "We're still early in the season and there are a lot of things to grow and get better at but I really like the way we are approaching growth and change and the way we compete."

We compete at a really high level and I really appreciate the team and their effort in that." ★

ROCKO'S HIGH-FIVES

First Senior Nights Mark Beginning of the End of Season

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - With the homecoming season coming to a close for high school football, it marks the beginning of the end of the 2025-26 season. Pleasant Grove and Franklin played their senior night games on Friday, Oct. 17. Pleasant Grove faced Cosumnes Oaks while Franklin played Monterey Trail.

Senior night is the last home game of the season, where the school and the program give the senior athletes their flowers for the commitment of time and effort that they had put towards the team and the program.

The seniors took the spotlight and walked with their families and loved ones, commemorating the last time they were going to play on their home field.

Pleasant Grove had previously lost in a close game against Franklin, 39-34, and was looking to bounce back with a win on senior night. Cosumnes Oaks was coming off a win against Sheldon with a score of 34-16 and hopes of spoiling the Eagles' senior night and starting a two-game win streak.

The Pleasant Grove-Franklin game started slow, with both defenses doing their jobs to contain the offense. The first quarter ended scoreless.

Once the second quarter had started, it was a completely different game. Both teams were able to

score, ending the second quarter with a combined 41 points and Pleasant Grove leading 27-14.

The Eagles were able to carry the momentum from the second quarter into the third quarter, scoring 13 more points while holding the WolfPack to only six.

The game ended with Pleasant Grove winning 40-20. The Eagles sent their seniors off right and move to 5-3 on the season while Cosumnes Oaks fell to 2-6.

Franklin vs. Monterey Trail

The Franklin Wildcats and Monterey Trail Mustangs were the two top seeds in the Delta League going into the game and looking to be a very eventful night.

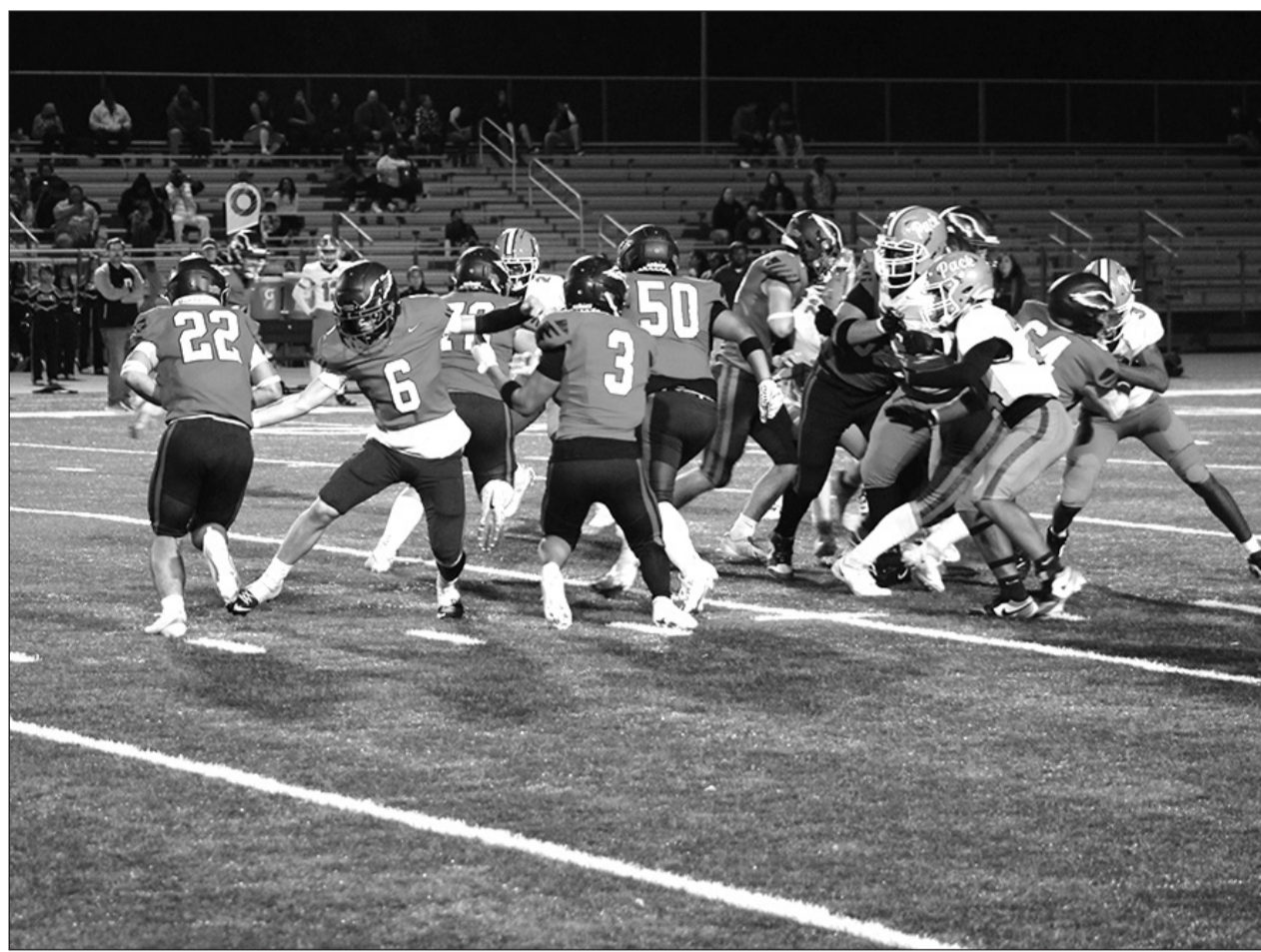
Franklin was coming off a second-half comeback win against Pleasant Grove that started a two-game win streak. The Wildcats were looking to extend that streak on senior night.

Monterey Trail was looking to get back into the win column after losing to Rocklin 35-14.

The game, however, was not a high scorer, with 14-7 at halftime.

The third quarter started just like the first half: a defensive outing. Franklin was the only team to score and it was only a field goal that gave the Wildcats three points.

The fourth quarter is where the game was flipped and decided. Monterey Trail was able to get the offense started



Quarterback Jaxon Kertel, No. 6, hands the ball off to running back D.J. Oropeza, No. 22.

while the defense continued to be impactful. The Mustangs were able to score 14 unanswered points, ending the game 28-10 and spoiling Franklin's senior night.

The Franklin Wildcats fall to 6-3 on the season while the Monterey Trail Mustangs push to 6-2.

Pleasant Grove travels to play Elk Grove not just for the Thundering Herd's senior night but for "Battle of the Groves," while Cosumnes Oaks will travel to Monterey Trail. Both games take place on Friday, Oct. 24. ★



The Eagles offense lines up, about to run the play.



Pleasant Grove Senior Jay Previterra, No. 9, walks with his family.



Pleasant Grove Senior Jay Cordero, No. 2, walks out with his family.

Youth Basketball League Shoots for Fundamentals

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Cosumnes Community Services District is getting ready to start its Fall 2025 Youth Basketball League.

Saturday, Oct. 18 was the second organized scrimmage, where the youth players received another chance to play a game before the season starts. They also had a chance on Oct. 11 to play in the first scrimmage and to experience a real game.

These scrimmages took place in three different locations, depending on the division level of the competition. Division 1 scrimmaged at Pinkerton Middle School, Division 2 was at Harriet Eddy Middle School and Division 3 was at the Wackford Center.

The higher the division, the older and higher the competition. Division 1 had four teams that were ages 12-14 years old, Division 2's 12 teams were ages 9-11 years old and Division 3 contained 10 teams ages 7-8 years old.



A Division 3 player tries to find his teammate.



A Division 3 player drives to the basket.



Division 3 players go for a loose ball.

The season for all three of the divisions starts Saturday Oct. 25, with the first games being played by Division 2 at 9 a.m.

Each team will play for seven weeks, on Saturdays at the same places as their scrimmages. The season goes through November

with the last game played on Dec. 6.

This league teaches youth the fundamentals of the game as well as the sportsmanship aspect, like they do the rest of their youth or adult league sports.

The people that are able

to coach go through certain requirements, such as coaches' clinics and certified training. These ensure that the coaches are able to teach the youth as well as be mentors for them, with lessons on the court as well as off.

Cosumnes CSD not

only has these three divisions where they teach youth basketball. They also have a Lil' Ballers program for players 5-6, where the coaches are not volunteers who go through certain requirements, but Cosumnes CSD sports staff.

The Lil' Ballers program plays on Sundays, with seasons in both the summer and fall.

The summer season in the middle of June goes until August, while the fall season starts in September and finishes in November. ★

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