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Local Teen Attends National Environment Summit



Pictured is Pleasant Grove High School senior Lillian Hancock during the weeklong Washington Youth Summit on the Environment (WYSE) hosted by George Mason University in partnership with the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute. Courtesy photos

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Pleasant Grove High School senior Lillian Hancock traveled across the country this past summer to attend the Washington Youth Summit on the Environment (WYSE), a weeklong program hosted by George Mason University in partnership with the Smithsonian's National Zoo and

Conservation Biology Institute in Washington, D.C. The summit offers high school students a hands-on look at environmental challenges and the forward-thinking efforts shaping the planet's future.

Distance has never stopped the Pleasant Grove senior, who for the past two years has volunteered at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, traveling about three hours each way

to learn about marine life and environmental stewardship. She is also active in her local 4-H group, where she has served as both club president and county ambassador, managing livestock.

When the opportunity arose to attend a national summit hosted by one of the country's leading conservation organizations, she knew it was

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New Art in Old Town Depicts Community Heritage



Stephen Fairfield is the artist of the "Hello-Goodbye" installation. Photo courtesy of the City of Elk Grove

**City of Elk Grove
News Release**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The City of Elk Grove has unveiled "Hello-Goodbye," a large-scale sculptural installation by nationally recognized artist Stephen Fairfield.

Installed along the historic railroad tracks beside the Old Town Plaza, the work reflects the mid-1800s era when people of many ethnic backgrounds arrived and departed Elk Grove by train. It captures the universal experience of welcoming and parting, moments filled with stories, emotions and life events that shape community.

Fabricated in steel, fiberglass and stainless steel, the installation honors Elk Grove's cultural diversity and agricultural legacy.

The 20-foot-long by 10-foot-tall piece depicts a stylized railroad car with three life-sized figures: a man inspired by an Elk Grove resident of Chinese heritage waves from the train, a woman stands on the platform and a farmer steps down from the car.

Sally Guttridge, a former member of Elk Grove's Arts Commission now serving on the Arts and Creative Economy Commission, shared, "Our family has a long and storied history in Elk Grove, and we're proud of what it has become. This artwork tells the story of Elk Grove's evolution, honoring the days of the railroad, the men and women who came seeking their fortunes, and the immigrant farmers who enriched our land and helped define our agricultural roots."

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen added, "This installation is a beautiful reminder of our city's roots and the many cultures that helped shape Elk Grove. Public art like this not only honors our past but creates a more dynamic and welcoming city for residents, businesses and visitors

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County Strengthens Disaster Response in Full-Scale Training



The Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services partnered with agencies including the American Red Cross to host a two-day mass care preparedness exercise aimed at improving coordination and efficiency among departments during a countywide emergency. Photos courtesy of Sacramento County

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County departments came together Oct. 27 and 28 at the Barbara Morse Wackford Community and Aquatic Complex for a full-scale mass care and shelter

exercise aimed at improving coordination and efficiency in disaster response.

The two-day training focused on preparing to temporarily shelter individuals, families and pets affected by disasters that could impact thousands

of residents. Scenarios reflected regional risks such as floods, wildfires and potential terrorist threats.

Fifteen agencies participated in the exercise, including the City of Elk Grove, Elk Grove Police Department,

Cosumnes Fire District, the Red Cross, Salvation Army and other volunteer organizations.

The first day featured a workshop that reviewed processes and procedures for assisting displaced or injured residents during

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Police Seek Armed Suspect in Fatal Pub Shooting

Elk Grove Police Department News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Police Department responded to the 8400 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, at the Z Town Gastro Bar, regarding a report of a shooting at 1:30 a.m. on Nov. 2.

Officers arrived at the location and discovered three victims suffering from gunshot wounds. One victim, an 18-year-old man, was pronounced dead at the scene.

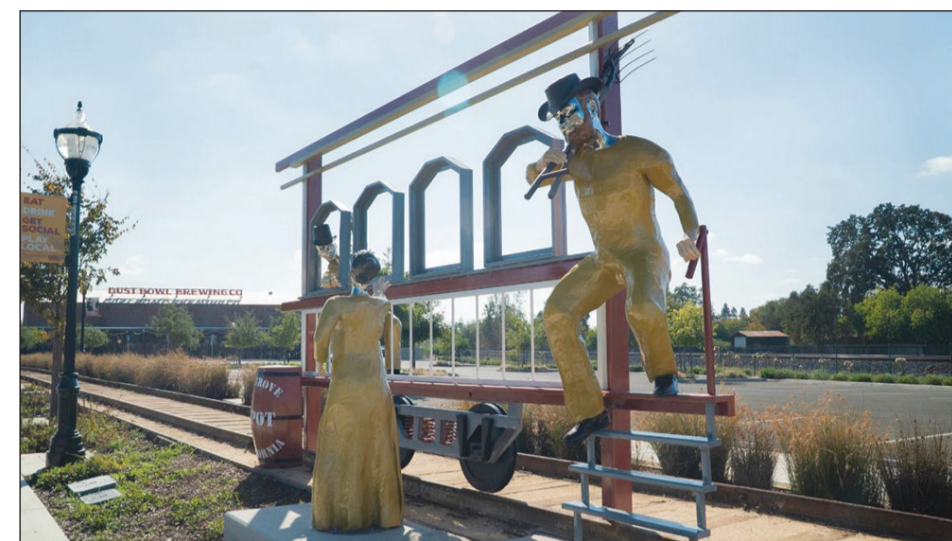
Fire personnel transported the two victims, a 34-year-old man and 26-year-old man, to a local hospital. Shortly after, it

was discovered there was a fourth victim: A 25-year-old man had driven himself to a hospital. The 34-year-old victim is in critical condition. The other two victims are in stable condition and expected to survive.

During the course of the investigation, detectives were able to identify 43-year-old Roderick Randall of Sacramento as the

suspect in the shooting. Randall is considered armed and dangerous.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation and the whereabouts of Randall is asked to call the Elk Grove Police Department Communication Center 916-714-5115 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at 916-443-HELP (4357). Callers to Crime Stoppers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. ★



New Art in Old Town Depicts Community Heritage

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alike in our present and future.”

Fairfield, a full-time artist with over 50 years of experience and a recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts grant, shared: “I am grateful to Elk Grove for providing me an opportunity to create this universal expression of the moments we leave and come home to our friends and loved ones.”

Pictured is the newest art installation at Old Town Plaza, a large-scale sculptural installation called “Hello-Goodbye,” unveiled by the city Oct. 28. Photo courtesy of the City of Elk Grove

The project was funded through Elk Grove’s Percent for the Arts Program, established in 2016 to dedicate 2% of construction costs from public projects toward public art.

Past installations include District56, parks in the Laguna Ridge Specific Plan and Southeast Policy Area, and the Old Town Plaza.

“Hello-Goodbye” builds on the revitalization of Old Town Plaza, completed in 2021, which has become a hub for community gatherings, small business activity and cultural vibrancy. ★

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Putting Passion into Action

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an experience she couldn't pass up.

Each year, 300 high school students nationwide are selected to participate in the Washington Youth Summit on the Environment. Students are nominated or invited based on academic standing and demonstrated interest in environmental issues. Lillian was both nominated and invited, then completed the application and interview process to serve as a National Youth Delegate representing Wilton, California.

During the weeklong summit, students explored a variety of environmental topics and visited field sites such as the Smithsonian's National Zoo, where they heard from biologists and government agency experts. Lillian said she and fellow delegates also had the opportunity to meet environmental policymakers from the offices of California's U.S. House representatives and tour the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland.

Students were encouraged to engage with speakers, ask questions and participate in environmental simulations addressing issues such as the climate crisis.

Lillian said that, as someone aspiring to a career in the field, she found it especially meaningful to hear from professionals who didn't initially expect to end up in their current roles.

"One thing that stuck



Local teen and aspiring environmentalist Lillian Hancock, center, alongside fellow Washington Youth Summit on the Environment delegates.

out to me was everybody who spoke said their path was not at all what they expected to be," Lillian said. "It was really cool to hear everybody's different stories and how unique opportunities lead to career paths that you wouldn't have thought about otherwise."

She noted that one of the most memorable moments came when she was asked to share her own expertise while touring the National Aquarium, which features a miniature replica of the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

"I actually got asked to speak about the Monterey Bay Aquarium and its national impacts around the world and their mission. That was really cool for me to get to share what I know from here over there," Lillian said.

Reflecting on her time in Washington, she said the summit strengthened her understanding of conservation and broadened her outlook on possible career paths.

"It's definitely inspired

me to look more into environmental policy in my future as well as coming back here getting to talk about it, bringing what I learned back to community organizations I'm a part of and getting to have more knowledge about conservation," she said.

Despite recent debate and changes in federal environmental policy, Lillian said summit speakers emphasized hope and empowerment for the next generation of environmentalists.

"It was very interesting and even more inspiring because the people who were speaking to us who have been working in government and in D.C. for the environment for their whole careers said that it made them more passionate about what they do," Lillian said. "It kind of made everybody there, including myself, feel like 'okay, we need to step in and help.'"

Lillian's mother, Bethany Hancock, said she was initially hesitant about

the trip due to the distance and cost, but the experience proved invaluable for her daughter's growth.

"I think the fact that she's able to go after what she wants and show her passion makes me really proud," she said.

Hancock said she was also impressed by Lillian's composure amid challenges such as a heat and heightened security tensions in Washington, D.C. during the week of the summit.

"I was really proud that she overcame those uncertain times, the heat wave and being that far away from home," Hancock said.

As a third-grade educator in the Elk Grove Unified School District, Hancock said she encourages her students to seek experiences that push them beyond the classroom and expose them to new possibilities.

"As a teacher, I see kids who don't have those opportunities versus kids that do..." Hancock said. "It's just a big difference



Pleasant Grove High senior Lillian Hancock was one of 300 students nationwide selected for the Washington Youth Summit on the Environment, a program giving students hands-on insight into environmental challenges and solutions. Courtesy photos



Lillian Hancock is pictured at the National Aquarium located in Baltimore, Maryland, with a display that nods to the Monterey Bay Aquarium where the Pleasant Grove High senior has been volunteering at for the past two years.

in how they do their schoolwork, what kind of knowledge they have and what their passion is as they get older."

She noted that experiences such as Lillian's show how persistence and curiosity can lead to unexpected opportunities for young people, a message

Lillian echoed.

"When I first decided I wanted to volunteer at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, I emailed for over a year," she said. "Just try to always go out of your way to ask if you can do something because you never know what doors can open up for you." ★

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New Regional Veterans Memorial to Cap Annual Parade

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Cosumnes Community Services District, in collaboration with the Elk Grove American Legion Posts 55 and 233, invites residents to celebrate local veterans with the annual parade, ceremony and community picnic.

The day begins at 10 a.m. with a ceremonial "Reading of the Names" honoring Elk Grove veterans, accompanied by the national anthem and an honor guard salute.

Following the ceremony, the annual Veterans Day Parade will start at 11:11 a.m. at the Cosumnes Community Services District Administration Building, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., and travel to Elk Grove Regional Park, 9950 Elk Grove-Florin Road.

This year's grand marshal is local veteran and Planning Commissioner Oscar O'Con, with Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen serving as the honorary marshal.



Elk Grove American Legion posts, in partnership with the Cosumnes Community Services District, will host the annual Veterans Day Parade starting at 10 a.m. Nov. 11 at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes Community Services District

For the first time, the parade will conclude at the Elk Grove Regional Memorial inside the park.

The celebration will continue with a community picnic open to the public, featuring free hot dogs,

sodas and chips donated by the local Rotary and Lions clubs.

For more information about the Veterans Day Parade, visit cosumnescd.gov/1370/Veterans-Day-Parade. ★



Kennedy High School Junior Reserves' Training Corps Troop march in the 2024 Veterans Day Parade. Citizen file photo



Rain didn't stop the Veterans Day Parade down Elk Grove Florin Road in 2024. Citizen file photo

Annual Stand Down Event Serves Veterans

By Janna Haynes, Sacramento County Public Information Office

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - At Mather Community Campus, a line of expectant veterans wraps around the building. Men and women donning hats, vests and jackets filled with patches identifying their service history: which branch and which war they survived.

Some are walking with a noticeable limp; others have prosthetic limbs showing. Many are in wheelchairs, having lost a partial or full leg.

The air is heavy with pride and grief at the annual Sacramento Stand Down event. Pride for the service they gave and the brothers and sisters they served beside, grief for the ones they knew and loved who didn't make it home.

Booths line both sides of the streets, filled with agencies and organizations dedicated to helping veterans get back on their feet after returning from service. For some, that means filling out applications for VA benefits and healthcare. Others need more intervention, such as a job, housing and mental health treatment.

But every person there came searching for the same thing: a community of individuals and support that understands what they've been through and are willing to gently guide and love them through the struggle of returning to civilian life.

As folks amble booth to booth, the strains of a bagpipe ring out and a hush falls. The bagpiper makes his way around the corner, solemnly playing and walking his way through the crowd toward the American flag. At the conclusion of his piece, another veteran steps up to the microphone and sings the National Anthem. My heart squeezed at the reverence and honor in that moment. The weight of sacrifice in the crowd



Pictured are attendees of the Annual Stand Down Event serving local veterans. Photo courtesy of Janna Haynes



Speakers at the annual Stand Up event included members of Volunteers of America, an organization committed to serving veterans and helping support them through the transition back into society. Photo courtesy of Janna Haynes



Booths at the annual event offered resources to veterans getting back on their feet after returning from service. Photo courtesy of Janna Haynes

was so heavy that I could barely breathe.

Sacramento County District 5 Supervisor Pat Hume steps on stage to open the event. His district covers Mather Community Campus, which houses the Volunteers of America (VOA) veteran's center and

shelter, in addition to several additional shelter programs serving singles, families and transitional aged youth.

Supervisor Hume shared his own family story of sacrifice, losing his father in war. Yet the pride in his voice is evident. He speaks directly to the hearts of

and the help you need."

As the opening ceremony concludes, the crowd disperses to walk the booths they came to see: dental care, eye exams, haircuts, benefits, basic medical care, lunch tent and more.

The Sacramento County Veterans Services Office staff is onsite to help people get connected to VA benefits. Human Services Supervisor Nick Pulaski shares the challenges of connecting veterans to their earned benefits.

"We see so many people with incomplete paperwork; missing discharge papers or the worst is when private companies take advantage of them by charging them for help," Pulaski said. "We do it for free. We'll never take a percentage of your earned benefits. We work so hard to help and advocate for our clients."

Volunteers of America is committed to serving those who served our country and helping support them through the transition back into society. They serve nearly 1,400 veterans a year at the Mather Campus drop-in center. They provide help with resume building, job applications, mock interviews and job placement with cultivated veteran-friendly employers.

For veterans who need help exiting homelessness, Volunteers of America also has on-site shelter and a housing specialist to help with permanent placements, including paying rental deposits and first and last month's rent.

Don Harper, the Stand Down Event founder and vice president, emphasizes the moniker, "No wrong door" to getting help.

"Our goal is to get veterans off the streets and into the services they need to thrive, whatever that looks like for them," Harper said. "We're here to help." ★

each person in the crowd, "You are not alone. You do not carry this burden by yourself. Do not walk away today without making the connections you need

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 elk-grovepres@gmail.com.

Grace Church Hosts Celebrate Recovery

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

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

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

GraceChurchEG.org.

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church's Mass Schedule

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

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

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

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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.

Art Workshops for Adults

Enhance your visual arts skills or learn a new technique in an art class or workshop at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center.

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

MEETING MINDERS

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

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

The Elk Grove Planning Commission has its 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 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

It governs the Cosumnes Fire

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

The CSD board meetings can be watched live at www.CosumnesCSD.gov and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

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

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

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

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POLICE LOGS

Oct. 24

12:12 a.m., East Stockton Boulevard/Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Seantia Hardy, 21, on false impersonation and warrant charges.

1:10 a.m., Highway 99/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Bryan Perez, 19, on reckless evasion charges.

7:57 p.m., West Stockton Boulevard/Lewis Stein Road, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 14; a male juvenile, 14; and a male juvenile, 16, on vandalism, resisting arrest and criminal conspiracy charges.

10:55 p.m., 8200 block of Bonito Circle, Elk Grove Police arrested Sukhi Sharma, 51, on possession of a large-capacity magazine and resisting arrest charges.

Oct. 25

12:16 a.m., 8800 block of Calvine Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Aswan Demery, 42, on receiving a stolen vehicle charges.

12:46 a.m., Grant Line Road/Waterman Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Mark Oates, 36, on DUI, ignition interlink tampering and hit-and-run/non-injury charges.

8:08 a.m., 6300 block of Thresher Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Brent

Thomas, 32, on violation of court order charges.

9:07 a.m., Ryegate Drive/Trenholm Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Samari Anderson, 20, on reckless driving charges.

2:56 p.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Christopher Abar, 25, on shoplifting charges.

9:39 p.m., 9400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Rex Sanchez, 30, on possession of hard drugs with priors charges.

11:37 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Ron Murr, 54, on domestic violence charges.

Oct. 26

5:15 p.m., Laguna Palms Way/West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Brian Friedman, 42, on vandalism charges.

8:07 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Jessie Sibley, 25, on domestic violence and child endangerment charges.

Oct. 27

3:07 a.m., 8600 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Alicia Valkdivia, 27, on DUI/drug charges.

3:29 a.m., 9500 block of Crisswell Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Harold Chandra, 51, on criminal

threats, child endangerment and assault charges.

5:48 a.m., 8900 block of Brown Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Sarah Wake, 41, on warrant charges.

11:01 a.m., Bradshaw Road/Calvine Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Caragica Ionut, 26; and Carolina Mihaila, 27, on resisting arrest, child endangerment and false impersonation charges.

6:29 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Cenobio Ruvalcaba, 25, on shoplifting charges.

Oct. 28

1:06 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested a female juvenile, 17, on domestic violence charges.

11:16 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested George Pajarillo, 61, on trespassing charges.

4:30 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Demancia Riddick, 22, on domestic violence and resisting arrest charges.

7:43 p.m., 8900 block of Makeway Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Ram Singh, 72, on assault with a deadly weapon and child endangerment charges.

Oct. 29

12:48 a.m., Elk Grove

Florin Road/Calvine Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Hamed Moshref, 34, on exhibition of speed charges.

11:27 a.m., 10000 block of Bartolomei Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Ronnie Mitchell, 54, on burglary and vandalism charges.

2:32 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Taina Lizasuain, 18, on domestic violence charges.

6:18 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 14; and a male juvenile, 16, on robbery, shoplifting, criminal conspiracy and resisting arrest charges.

8 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Big Horn Boulevard, Elk Grove

Police arrested Tremayne Johnson, 40, on DUI causing injury charges.

8:09 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 14, on shoplifting charges.

849 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Jeremias Aguirre, 42, on domestic violence and resisting arrest charges.

9:03 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Frederick Nash, 58, on violation of restraining order charges.

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2:31 a.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Joshua Miller, 42, possession of controlled substance and possession

of hard drugs with priors charges.

12:38 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Dwight Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Aaron Roderick, 19; and Chance Barksdale, 19, on giving false identification to a peace officer, resisting arrest, reckless evasion, evading by driving opposite of traffic, speeding, driving without a license and possession of marijuana charges.

7:05 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Anthony Byrd, 35; a male juvenile, 12; and a female juvenile, 15, on shoplifting charges.

8:09 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 14, on shoplifting charges. ★



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We at Guenard & Bozarth were saddened to learn of the recent tragedy near Pleasant Grove High School. Our hearts go out to the loved ones of the 91-year-old woman who lost her life in a collision. As a law firm dedicated to road safety and advocating for victims, we are constantly reminded of how quickly life can change.

The details of the incident, on Salmon Creek Drive and Bond Road, underscore the potential danger inherent in complex driving maneuvers near busy intersections. According to official reports, the collision occurred as follows:

A Lincoln Town Car was traveling northbound on Salmon Creek Drive, approaching Bond Road, when it attempted an illegal U-turn in front of the fire station on Bond Road. At the same time, a Toyota Rav4 was traveling eastbound on Bond Road, approaching Salmon Creek Drive. The Town Car pulled into the path of the Rav4, which then collided with the driver's side of the Lincoln. The driver of the Rav4 was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Lincoln, a 91-year-old woman, was transported to a local hospital where she later succumbed to her injuries sustained in the collision. Identification of the 91-year-old woman will be made by the Sacramento County Coroner's Office.

This heartbreaking accident serves as a serious and sober reminder of how crucial visibility, timing and strict adherence to traffic laws are for every driver, particularly for older adults whose reflexes and reaction times may be diminished. While we can never eliminate risk entirely, we can implement strategies to improve awareness and help prevent similar intersection and U-turn collisions.

Always Verify the Legality of U-Turns: Never assume a U-turn is permitted. Look specifically for "No U-Turn" signage, which is common near fire stations and major intersections. If a sign prohibits the turn, if visibility is limited or the road is narrow, choose a route such as turning right and circling the block.

Increase Your Margin of Safety: When attempting a turn or crossing traffic, older drivers – and all drivers – should utilize an extended safety gap. Do not pull into traffic based on a minimum "two-second rule." Instead, allow significantly more time and distance to account for potentially slower vehicle acceleration, delayed decision-making and the speed of oncoming traffic. When in doubt, wait.

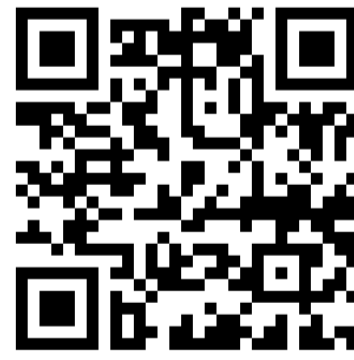
Ensure Maximum Visibility: Ensure the driver's seat and mirrors are adjusted to maximize visibility and minimize blind spots. Confirm that elderly drivers have recently checked their vision and that interior and exterior lights are fully functional.

Proactive Driving Assessments for Aging Drivers: If you have an elderly loved one, occasional, gentle "ride-along" assessments can be invaluable. If you notice signs of confusion, delayed braking or hesitation at complex intersections, it may be time to discuss limiting driving to only familiar, low-traffic areas or exploring safe transportation alternatives.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Well Kings fans, the hometown boys are in the midst of a tough road trip and in the early going have a 2-4 record. That's the bad news. The good news is that with the exception of one game, the Sactown ballers have been in every game, and if it weren't for horrendous free throw shooting that record could just as easily be 4-2.

There are other teams that could say the same thing you say, but the positive that comes from this is that when you know your weakness you can work on it and it can be fixed.

Going into last week's game against the Giannis Antetokounmpo led Milwaukee Bucks with only one win for the 2025/2026 campaign, the Sacramento Kings stepped into View Fiserv Forum and handed the mighty Bucks a humbling 135-133 defeat much to the chagrin of the hometown fans. The Kings broke a 10-year famine in Milwaukee capturing a win that few thought was possible.

After an up and down start this season for big man Domantas Sabonis, the Sactown stalwart played Giannis to a standstill putting up 24 points, 13 rebounds, and 6 assists. Although Antetokounmpo matched the effort by Sabonis with a 26-11-8 night, the Sacramento Kings did an admiral job of holding down the former MVP.

We have talked about the talent the Kings have in their starting lineup, but the conundrum has been putting it all together. In Milwaukee the big four of DeRozan, Sabonis, LaVine, and Schroder did just exactly that. LaVine led the group with 31 points, DeRozan with 29, While Sabonis and Schoder both chipped in 24 points apiece.

There will never be a moment in time when it's ok to play pedestrian defense, but there are nights when you will be called to simply outscore your opponent, and Saturday night was just such a night in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Our Sacramento Kings beat a playoff team on their home court, much like they did last season to the Celtics in the Boston garden.

What is most telling though about this win, is how the starting lineup played together all night, and the balance with

regards to scoring.

Not to be lost was the contribution off the bench by Russell Westbrook who added 12 points and 10 big boards to the win. Russell continues to win the hearts of Kings fans as he gives 100% effort every night and his energy is contagious.

One of the keys was the play of Dennis Schroder, who on this night lived up to his billing. Schroder played well defensively but also shot the ball in rhythm, scoring 24 points while adding 5 rebounds and 7 assists. The type of night Kings fans have been hoping for, and it shows the Sacramento faithful what is truly possible.

The tandem of Schroder at the point and Sabonis in the paint are secret sauce that when they play as they did on Saturday night will lead to victory after victory.

LaVine and DeRozan can be counted on to get their points as their pedigree speaks for itself, but when Schroder and Sabonis hold down the fort the Kings are a very tough opponent.

The good news is that this does not have to be an anomaly, and it should not be! Capable? Absolutely they are capable, and if the Kings can continue to get this type of ubiquitous scoring, it will not only take pressure off the bench, but it will also lead a pathway straight to the playoffs. Not the playin, but the playoffs!

Yes, the Kings still must play good defense, but balanced scoring as we witnessed against the Bucks makes up for defensive mistakes, and the Kings have proven in the past that they are more than capable of putting up points.

Schroder remains a key, but let's not forget that this season is not his first rodeo, and a veteran at the helm that is not distracted by all-star caliber competition is just the floor general the Kings need.

Young rookie Nique Clifford needs to find a way to contribute on the scoreboard, and right around the corner will be the return of Keegan Murray. Let's hope Keegan's return will mark a contributing factor and not a necessity.

Be of good heart Kings fans because the light is starting to shine.

All the best!

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

Erie Canal Contrasts Glacial Pace of Public Works



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

This week, one of the nation's earliest and most important public works projects, the 363-mile Erie Canal linking the Hudson River with Lake Erie, marked its 200th anniversary.

There was only negligible media and political notice. That's regrettable, because the canal opening in 1825 utterly transformed the nation's economy and ignited its expansion from a few sparsely populated former colonies on the Atlantic Coast some 3,000 miles westward to the Pacific Ocean.

Rugged mountains had stymied westward expansion from the coastal plain into the Ohio River valley and the Great Lakes region. But New York Gov. DeWitt Clinton saw an opportunity for New York City to become the nation's commercial capital, outfoxing rival Philadelphia.

The New York Legislature authorized construction with bonds in 1817 and just eight years later, having been dug mostly by hand, the Erie Canal opened. Tolls repaid all of its construction debt in the first year.

Eventually, of course, the canal's commercial importance was superseded by railroads and later highways. But it continues to operate for recreational and excursion boats and remains a symbol of how timely public works can have major

economic impacts.

A quarter-century after the Erie Canal opened, California was admitted as a state. During its first decades it was somewhat isolated, with an economy based on resources — gold, timber, farm produce, cattle, fish and, eventually, oil.

However, as California entered the 20th century, massive public works projects surfaced to encourage economic expansion and transformation, notably in Southern California. Los Angeles and Long Beach created deep-water ports from what had been coastal mudflats. Los Angeles secretly tapped the Owens River 250 miles away on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada, and built an aqueduct to carry its water to the city, making its meteoric population growth possible.

The Great Depression spawned other historic public works projects that were not only beneficial unto themselves but created much-needed jobs.

The federal government built the Central Valley Project, a network of dams, including Shasta Dam, and canals to provide water to farms in the 450-mile-long valley.

The state built a long-planned bridge over San Francisco Bay while simultaneously, a consortium of counties constructed the iconic Golden Gate Bridge. Both were finished in just a few years.

World War II was a massive public works project in California, as billions of dollars were poured into military bases, aircraft factories, shipyards and other tools of warfare, transforming the state into an industrial powerhouse. The postwar era

brought the construction of freeways to handle traffic from the state's population explosion.

Mid-century also saw arguably the state's last truly transformative public works project, the California Water Plan. It dams the Feather River near Oroville with an aqueduct to carry its water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to Southern California.

The last decades of the 20th Century and the first decades of the 21st have been a period of stasis in public works.

Projects such as the tunnel to carry water under the Delta and the Sites Reservoir to divert and store high flows on the Sacramento River have kicked around for decades. Sites appears to finally be on track, but the tunnel struggles to overcome opposition from local landowners and environmentalists.

And then there's the bullet train to link the northern and southern halves of the state, first proposed a half-century ago and approved by voters in 2008 — but limping along, neither fully alive nor dead, with some construction underway but no firm financial footing.

Looking back, it's amazing that the 363-mile Erie Canal could have been dug by hand in just eight years, or that the two San Francisco bridges were erected in just a few years. The contrast with 21st Century foot-dragging is palpable.

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. ★

Social Security Matters

Should I Ask for Retroactive Benefits?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I turn 70 next month, October 3, and am making an application for Social Security benefits to begin in January 2026. I want the maximum Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) and the highest permanent monthly benefit. I do not want to leave money on the table, so should I request six months of retroactive benefits or at least retroactive to October when I turn 70? If I do this, will I lose DRCs and adversely impact my ongoing monthly benefit after February 2026? **Signed: Turning 70**

Dear Turning 70: I must ask - why claim

your Social Security to start in January? You are entitled to your maximum SS monthly benefit in the month you reach 70 years of age, so waiting until January doesn't gain you anything. You could apply in August, specifying you wish your benefits to start in October, and you would get the maximum age 70 benefit you are entitled to (e.g., the maximum Delayed Retirement Credits available to you, and the highest possible monthly benefit).

Since you are looking for your maximum DRC's, to prevent SSA from giving you any retroactive benefits (which would permanently lower your monthly amount) you should enter in the "Remarks" section of your application that "I do not wish to receive retroactive benefits. I want my maximum monthly benefit effective with the month I turn 70 years of age."

If, however, for some reason you still wish to claim effective with January 2026, you should indicate in the "Remarks"

section of your SS application that you only wish three months of retroactive benefits, for the months of October, November and December 2025. This is to prevent you from losing the money you would miss by waiting beyond October to claim. If you ask for benefits retroactive to any month earlier than the month you turn 70, your monthly benefit will be permanently reduced.

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Zohran Mamdani has a hard time keeping it together when he thinks about Sept. 11 and its aftermath.

Not -- judging by his performance the other day -- when he contemplates the impact of two screaming jetliners on the Twin Towers; nor when he remembers the sacrifice of hundreds of courageous firefighters that day; nor when he thinks about the toxic, smoldering ruins where there had once been a thriving commercial center.

No, the front-running candidate for New York City mayor loses it when he recalls how someone may have looked askance at his hijab-wearing aunt.

Or so he would have us believe. In giving remarks about supposedly rampant Islamophobia in the closing days of the race, Mamdani paused -- seemingly overcome with emotion -- when he recalled that his aunt gave up riding the train after Sept. 11 for fear of her safety. Mamdani has clarified that the woman was really his dad's cousin, not his aunt, but the narrative is more important than the facts.

The candidate is attempting to end his campaign as a victim, both as a shield against charges that he's an antisemite and as a way to discredit his opponents and press his case that America is a racist society.

It's extraordinary that more than 20 years later, New York City is about to

Mamdani's Islamophobia Canard

go from a mayor, in Rudy Giuliani, who warned of the dire threat of Islamic terrorism, to a mayor, in Zohran Mamdani, who warns of the dire threat of Islamophobia. The city is about to go from a mayor who understood the stakes of a civilizational battle to a mayor who thinks the civilizational battle is all about addressing our own perfidy and hatred. One mayor saw his career revived by a crisis, while the other will -- if he delivers on his agenda -- create a crisis.

There was, of course, ignorance and malice directed at Muslims after Sept. 11, but FBI statistics showed that in the decade after the attacks, Muslims suffered hate crimes at a lower rate than black people, gays or Jews.

The idea that, as Mamdani said in his remarks, Muslims have to live in the shadows in New York City, or that Islamophobia is just part of the background noise of our political life, or that he himself has been abashed about his status as a Muslim man is absurd.

You have to look pretty hard to find any residual effects of Islamophobia on the son of a Columbia University professor and Oscar-nominated filmmaker, who graduated from the prestigious Bronx High School of Science and the elite Bowdoin College, before becoming a state assemblyman at age 29 and the Democratic nominee for New York City mayor at age 33.

If this is what Islamophobia looks like, every-

one should welcome having some sectarian hatred directed their way.

Mamdani complains of the harsh attacks by his opponents. What else, though, should be expected at the end of a high-stakes campaign? The rhetorical sallies against Mamdani are fundamentally driven by his extremist statements and radical associations, rather than his faith.

Does Mamdani really believe that a Christian candidate who didn't accept the existence of Israel as a Jewish state, who smeared Israel's conduct of the Gaza war and who refused to condemn the phrase "globalize the intifada" would skate? Certainly, Marjorie Taylor Greene comes in for heavy criticism for her anti-Israeli views, and no one can claim that it's anti-Muslim sentiment at work.

At the end of the day, one of the most glaring problems with Zohran Mamdani is that, ideology aside, he is light as a feather. His callow and self-dramatizing Islamophobia speech, full of faux eloquence and stirring resolve over nothing, is a case in point.

Ed Koch, a different kind of mayor in a different time, said after he lost a re-election bid, "The people have spoken ... and they must be punished." In turning to Zohran Mamdani, New Yorkers are preparing to reacquire themselves with Koch's wisdom.

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

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Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival Returns with Popular Art Show

Lodi Sandhill Crane Association News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - Since September, Sandhill Cranes have been making their seasonal migration to Delta wetlands where they will remain until February or March. In celebration of their return, the 27th Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival (SCF) will be held at Lodi's Hutchins Street Square on Nov. 8 to 9, with an opening reception on Friday, Nov. 7.

Activities at Hutchins Street Square, including speakers and wildlife presentations, an art show, exhibit hall and children's activities, are free and open to the public.

Featured speakers include noted biologist and sandhill crane expert Dr. Gary Ivey, while UC Davis Professor Dr. Jay Lund and Dr. Greg Golet of the Nature Conservancy will discuss the changing Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and its wildlife.

Presentations on Bald Eagles, native

bats and Western Pond Turtle conservation are among the fascinating opportunities to learn about nature and wildlife conservation. Free workshops on crane photography and the Japanese poetry form, haiku, will allow attendees to explore new ways of connecting with nature.

The event's popular SCF Art Show will include the work of area artists, including Jennifer Anderson, whose work appears on this year's poster. Anderson will also be giving a woodcut print demonstration during the 2025 festival.

Having received several awards for her work, she has also been the recipient of the "People's Choice Award," selected by festival attendees.

In Anderson's words, "Art-making is my key to the secret garden, my journey through the looking glass; it provides never-ending possibilities of exploration and connection. Some imagery seems to be hard-wired into my soul, especially birds. I am captivated by their movements, their

forms and the space they create with their actions."

In addition to experiencing a print-making demonstration by the featured artist, attendees can experience a beginner's workshop, "Photographing Sandhill Cranes," or create their own artwork under the tutelage of Lodi Community Art Center volunteers.

A "Beginning Bird Carving Workshop" (space limited) will be led by Master Carver Jim Burcio of the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association.

A variety of engaging guided wildlife tours are scheduled, with pre-registration required. Festival details, including tour availability, fees and registration and event schedule is at lodisandhillcrane.org.

Hutchins Street Square is located at 125 S. Hutchins St. in Lodi.

The volunteer-driven Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival is a collaboration of the Lodi Sandhill Crane Association and the City of Lodi, with the support of sponsors and contributors.



Pictured is 2025 Sandhill Crane Festival artist Jennifer Anderson. Photo courtesy of Lodi Sandhill Crane Association

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

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

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 30, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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MEDINA 11-7-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV024792

Gabriel Joe Gomez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gabriel Joe Gomez to Gabriel Jose Gomez.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 25, 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: October 17, 2025
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
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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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Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
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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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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#25CV020452

Ean Cassem Renz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ean Cassem Renz to Ean Cassem Charles.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 28, 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
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV024792

Gabriel Joe Gomez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gabriel Joe Gomez to Gabriel Jose Gomez.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 25, 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: October 17, 2025
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 2025
GOMEZ 11-21-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV023507

Pamela Diane Christopherson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Pamela Diane Christopherson aka Pamela Weathington aka Pamela Brennan to Pamela Diane Duarte.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 3, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 25, 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: October 6, 2025
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
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ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District, County of Sacramento, State of California, will receive sealed bids up to but no later than **DECEMBER 1, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. P.ST.** for:

BID# 810-25/26 REMOVE AND REPLACE STAGE CURTAINS AND RELATED ITEMS

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A MANDATORY Pre-Bidders Conference will be held on NOVEMBER 18, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. at Samuel Kennedy Elementary School, located at 7037 Briggs Dr., Sacramento, CA 95828. Up to six (6) additional sites will be visited and every Bidder MUST attend the entire Pre-Bidders Conference. The Pre-Bidders Conference will start on time and bidders that arrive after the time stated above will not be allowed to attend. Any bidder bidding on the proposal who fails to attend the entire Pre-Bidders Conference will be deemed a non-responsive bidder and will have its proposal returned unopened.

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

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

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

Elk Grove Citizen 11-7, 11-14-2025

City of Elk Grove – Zoning Administrator NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Monday, November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove Zoning Administrator will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall in the **Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way**, Elk Grove, California to consider the matter:

HILTON GARDEN INN REPAINT (PLNG25-028) – MINOR DESIGN REVIEW:

The Project consists of a Minor Design Review for façade improvements to an existing Hilton Garden Inn Hotel at 9241 Laguna Springs Drive. The proposed modifications include new exterior paint to the building elevations and trash enclosure. No expansion of the building or site modifications are proposed with this application.

PROPERTY OWNER:	PROJECT APPLICANT:
Geweke VI, L.P. Mark Kroft (Representative) P.O. Box 1420 Lodi, CA 95241	Arris Studio Architects Ulises Santos 1319 Marsh Street, Suite 200 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
LOCATION/APN:	9241 Laguna Springs Drive; APN: 116-0310-026
ZONING:	Shopping Center (SC)
GENERAL PLAN:	Regional Commercial (RC)
ENVIRONMENTAL:	Find the Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (State CEQA Guidelines).
PROJECT PLANNER:	Joseph Daguman, Associate Planner (916) 478-2283 or jdaguman@elkgrove.gov

Dated/Published: November 7, 2025

NOTICE REGARDING APPEALS
Pursuant to §23.14.060 of the Zoning Code, appeals of a final action by the Zoning Administrator 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.

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ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

LEGAL NOTICE

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3. Fixed Bridge

A bridge is a permanent option that connects an artificial tooth to the natural teeth on either side of the gap. This provides a more natural look and feel than a removable denture. However, the neighboring teeth must be shaped to support the bridge, and it's not ideal if too many teeth are missing.

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County Strengthens Disaster Response in Full-Scale Training



Fifteen agencies participated in the full-scale mass care and shelter exercise, including the City of Elk Grove, Elk Grove Police Department, Cosumnes Fire District, the Red Cross, Salvation Army and other volunteer organizations. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

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emergencies. On the second day, participants took part in an eight-hour simulation supported by the Cosumnes Community Services District, testing their ability to manage a countywide disaster and operate a large-scale shelter.

Sacramento County Public Information Officer Matt Robinson told the Elk Grove Citizen that while other regions in the country experience frequent natural disasters such as tornadoes and hurricanes, areas such as Elk Grove face fewer large-scale events. The most recent area major disasters being flooding in 2023 and 2017.

"From time to time, skill sets may get a little dull, and we use training like this to make sure that people who don't normally work with each other get a chance to figure out what each other does in case there's an emergency," Robinson said.

He added that the exercise was especially timely following a recent apartment fire in North Highlands that left dozens of residents without homes and required a coordinated shelter effort.

"Once the fire occurred, we worked with Red Cross to set up shelter for people who didn't have a place to go," Robinson said.

American Red Cross volunteer and retired Army officer Laura Yeager said the organization has extensive experience in emergency sheltering and is considered a leading expert in mass care.

Yeager said several Red Cross volunteers participated in the Oct. 27 and 28 training to help facilitate activities such as client intake, feeding operations, dormitory management and logistical support.

She emphasized that one of the biggest takeaways from the exercise was strengthening coordination among departments and agencies that may not typically work together.

"The people in these different groups are all experienced in different aspects of mass care," Yeager said. "This is an opportunity for them to collaborate with other people within the community and iron out points where there might be some friction or might be some assumptions that need to be sort of fleshed out."

She added that in these kinds of situations it's important to consider the diversity of the population where volunteers will have to navigate dealing with different cultures, languages, ages and functional needs.

"The best thing we can do is to become familiar

with each other ahead of the emergency so that we're already collaborating before the emergency happens, and strengthen those relationships," Yeager said.

Lynn Pesely, volunteer coordinator for the Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services, said volunteers play a key role in supporting emergency operations.

"We engage volunteers to strengthen public health and emergency response," Pesely said. "So we have medical volunteers such as doctors, nurses, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and we have non-medical volunteers working with us as well."

Pesely explained that volunteers are trained according to national Medical Reserve Corps guidelines and emergency preparedness standards, helping them to stay ready to assist both in the community and at home during a crisis.

She encouraged the public to sign up for the county's emergency alert system, known as SacAlert, to stay up to date in the case of a mass disaster situation.

Residents can sign up for SacAlert and learn more about preparedness at the Sacramento County Emergency Services website: sacoes.saccounty.gov.

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\$5 Chair Exercise 9:00	\$5 Men's Talk Group 9:30	Brain & Body Wk 2 & 4 8:30	\$5 Chair Exercise 9:00	\$5 Chair Exercise 9:00
\$5 Open Games 9:00	\$5 Zumba Gold 10:00	\$5 Beginning Ukulele Wk 1 & 3 9:00	Open Artist Studio 9:00	\$5 Mahjong 9:30
\$5 Chair Exercise 10:00	\$5 Guitar Workshop 11:00	\$5 Chair Exercise 9:00	\$5 Zumba 30/30 10:00	\$5 Chair Exercise 10:00
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Paint Night Honors Art, Culture

By Idaly Valencia

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - For Frida's House Art Academy founders Juanita Maribel Márquez and Claudia de la Rosa, art is more than color on canvas; it's a way to heal, connect and celebrate culture.

Through their work, the organization supports Sacramento-area students while also giving parents a space to relax and explore their creativity through art. Although it does not yet have a physical location, Márquez and De la Rosa host their own events and are often invited to participate in school and community gatherings.

Frida's House recently sold out its Día de Muertos-themed "Painting & Cafecito" event Oct. 10 at Con Azúcar Café (630 K St.), where participants enjoyed an evening of painting, coffee and good company.

Founded just over a year ago, Frida's House has grown through its community paint nights and art events. Márquez and de la Rosa lead classes and activities that foster creativity and inclusion, offering sessions tailored for both children and adults.

Beyond paint nights, the organization hosts exhibitions where students can showcase their artwork, helping them build confidence and a sense of belonging. Frida's House has also been invited to offer classes at community events, including the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony for Intercare Therapy in Elk Grove, which provides services for children with

autism.

By day, Márquez works at two schools within the Sacramento City Unified School District, assisting students with autism, learning disabilities and behavioral challenges. She collaborates with psychologists, speech therapists and other specialists to help students improve communication and learning skills.

Originally from Mexico, Márquez studied art at Baja California University and moved to Sacramento nine years ago. Márquez said she never imagined how her passion for art would one day merge with her work helping others.

"I wanted to contribute to the local arts scene through my heritage and culture," Márquez said. "Art gives people a healthy way to express themselves and build good habits that support mental health."

That connection between art and culture was on full display during the Oct. 10 paint night, which celebrated the traditional Mexican Día de Muertos holiday. Día de Muertos, meaning the Day of the Dead, in the Mexican culture celebrates the tradition of honoring and remembering loved ones who have passed on.

"This holiday represents a small piece of all our traditions and what better way to celebrate than through art," Márquez said. "It's about unity and family, and many participants came with their children."

With Márquez's background in special education and de la Rosa's experience as a kindergarten teacher, the two work to



A girl shows her completed artwork after the guided paint session hosted by Juanita Maribel Márquez and Claudia de la Rosa of Frida's House Art Academy on Oct. 10. Photo courtesy of Frida's House Art Academy

make every class inclusive, ensuring all children, regardless of ability, feel supported. Márquez said inclusivity is at the core of their organization and is deeply connected to the spirit of art.

For parents, the paint nights provide a chance to relax and reconnect with their own creativity. For mothers looking to paint and unwind, Márquez said, de la Rosa often helps watch their children so they can fully enjoy the experience.

"We're dealing with parents who may be stressed," Márquez said. "Life is difficult and we don't always know what people go through. The least we can do is offer a smile and help them leave feeling relaxed and happy."

Frida's House hosts

events throughout the area, including Elk Grove and Lodi, but recently partnered with Con Azúcar Café, where more art nights are planned.

Opened earlier this year, Con Azúcar Café replaced the former Starbucks on the corner of K Street outside the Golden 1 Center. The café is owned by Sacramento State graduate Alan Jimenez, who said he hopes the business becomes a welcoming space for the community.

"I have a lot of love and ties to Sacramento, which is why I wanted to open something here and stay local," Jimenez said. "Once we opened, my biggest goal was to put myself out there and share the space with the community."

Jimenez said the café welcomes private events



Frida's House Art Academy sold out its Día de Muertos-themed "Painting & Cafecito" event Oct. 10 at Con Azúcar Café (630 K St.), offering participants an evening to unwind with art, coffee and good company. Photo by Idaly Valencia

and community gatherings, noting that it has hosted Sacramento State student clubs, such as MEChA, and will soon serve as a venue for local chambers of commerce.

"We want to keep our doors open to everyone, not just Hispanics, but anyone willing to embrace us," Jimenez said. "That's my motivation: to build connections with people and let that drive our success."

While opening the café came with challenges, Jimenez said, operations have stabilized, allowing him to focus more on community partnerships.

"We had lines out the door nonstop. Now we've leveled out to a manageable flow and we want to continue opening the space to people like Juanita Maribel to engage the community," Jimenez said.

Márquez said helping one another is a key value in Mexican culture and she plans to continue partnering with local businesses

such as Con Azúcar Café and organizations to promote cultural representation and unity. She shared Jimenez's view that these efforts are for everyone, fostering a sense of togetherness and highlighting the community in a positive way.

"For me, it's important to share our Latino traditions and represent our community positively through avenues like art," Márquez said. "Even in a small way, I can show that we're here, we're united and we achieve great things together."

Frida's House Art Academy will host another Día de Muertos-themed "Painting & Cafecito" event at Con Azúcar Café at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be reserved by calling 916-767-3854.

To learn more about Frida's House Art Academy or to check out future events, visit fridasacademy.org. ★

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Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8

Service Circle Annual Craft Faire – Friday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Find Christmas and fall décor, handmade items of many types, baked goods, wood crafts and much more! Check out the fabulous raffle items, too. Proceeds benefit St. Peter's Lutheran School Tuition Assistance Fund. 8701 Elk Grove Florin Road.

Saturday, Nov. 8

Elk Grove Lions' 2nd Saturday Pancake Breakfast – 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Gil Albiani Recreation Center. Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes with scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, and fruit. \$10 adults and \$5 children 12 and under. 8830 Sharkey Ave.

CORE Fitness Demo Day

– 8 a.m. to noon at CORE Recreation Center. Join us for a day of trying out our CORE Fitness classes. This free event features eight different 20-minute classes, with rotating coaches every 10 minutes to give you a taste of different fitness and instructor styles. Whether you're just getting started or ready to try something new, our expert coaches will guide you every step of the way. Register online at Eventbrite.com. 5542

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2025 Evening of Hope Denim and Diamonds – 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at District56. This will be an unforgettable night of a community coming together to celebrate. Cocktail hour, dinner, entertainment, auctions and an opportunity for xHope to shine a light on amazing individuals who give selflessly to provide hope to children in need. Proceeds raised support xHope local programs.

Tickets and more information at xhopemissions.networkforgood.com. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

2025 Whiskey and Wine Tasting Fundraiser

– 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Valley Oak Ballroom at Wackford Community Center. Brought to you by the Kiwanis Club of Laguna, this event lets you sip, savor, and support local kids and community projects right here in Laguna-Elk Grove. Tickets available at tinyurl.com/2025wwevent. 9014 Bruceville Road.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Veterans Day Parade – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event begins with a ceremonial Reading of the Names to commemorate our community's service men and women. The parade starts at 11:11 a.m. at the Cosumnes CSD Administration Building, travels east on Elk Grove Boulevard to Elk Grove-Florin Road, turns right and heads south to Elk Grove Park for a

community picnic. Join us to show Elk Grove's pride and respect for our country's veterans. 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

Thursday, Nov. 13

Elk Grove Garden Club meeting – 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Gil Albiani Recreation Center. Enjoy a free breakfast and a presentation on pruning fruit trees by Master Gardener Dick Gray. Visitors are welcome; please RSVP to Loren at 916-969-3784. 8830 Sharkey Ave.

Friday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, 15

Disney's "Frozen Jr." – Three performances at Musical Mayhem Productions, featuring performers ages 7 to 12. The enchanting modern classic from Disney is ready for your Broadway Junior stars. Tickets and more information at mmpkids.com. 9755 Kent St., Suite 120.

Saturday, Nov. 15

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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 – Nov. 7, 10 a.m.: Pinochle at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Jim at 916-768-1923.

Nov. 12, noon: No-host lunch followed by beginners' Pinochle at Original Mike's, 9139 E. Stockton Blvd. Contact Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Nov. 13, 11:30 a.m.: Movie Day. Start your Christmas spirit with "Elf" at Fat Mike's Pizza, 8970 Grant Line Road. Cost is \$16. Contact Gerri at 916-698-1940.

Nov. 14, 10 a.m.: Hand and Foot card game at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Gerri at 916-698-1940.

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, Dec. 6 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.

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, Nov. 7: 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, Nov. 8: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space: Bingo, noon to 1 p.m. (F)

Wednesday, Nov. 12: Explore and learn, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH) Teen space, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Meet other teens and hang out in a space dedicated to you. (EG) STEAM for Kids – paper cup rocket, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (NW) Cook the Book, "Good Things" by Samin Nosrat, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. (VH) Homework Zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 pm. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can get help with their homework. (F) Teen book group, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The current month's genre is "horror" and recommended books are linked on the library webpage. (F)

Thursday, Nov. 13: Family story time, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (EG) Adult space, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Discover engaging activities, enjoy light refreshments and meet good company. (VH) Homework Zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 pm. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can get help with their homework. (F)

Friday, Nov. 14: 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)

Call 916-264-2920 or 800-561-4636 for more

information on any of these events.

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. Dinner at 6 p.m. Due to the holidays, the next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 20. No meeting in December.

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturday each month at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99). For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

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

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 11 – Post 233 is the lead Veterans organization for the 2025 Veterans Day Parade in Elk Grove.

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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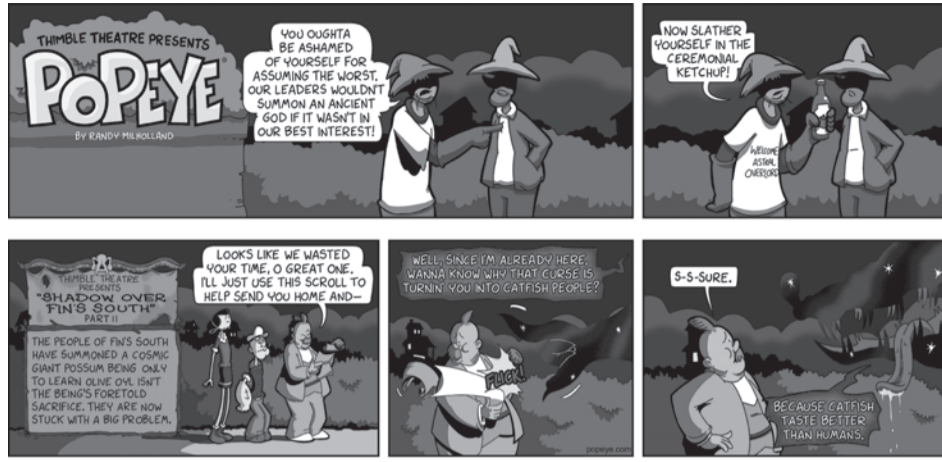
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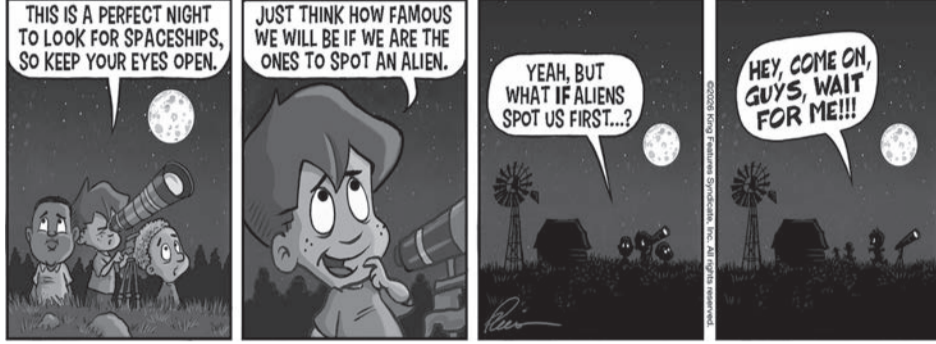
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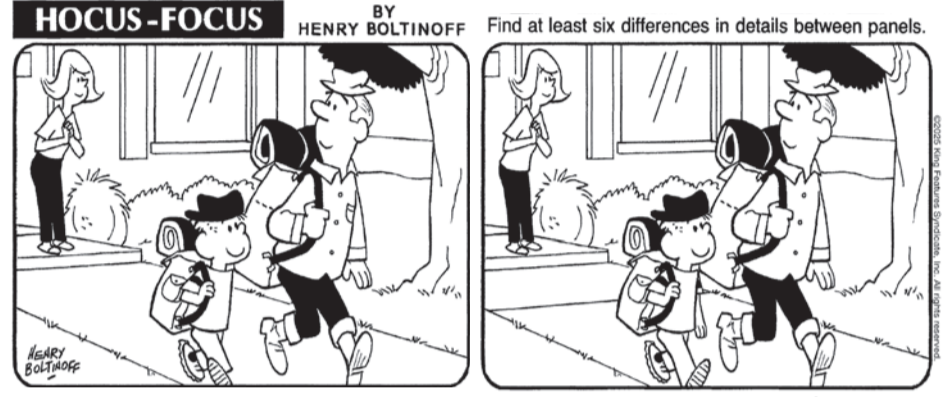
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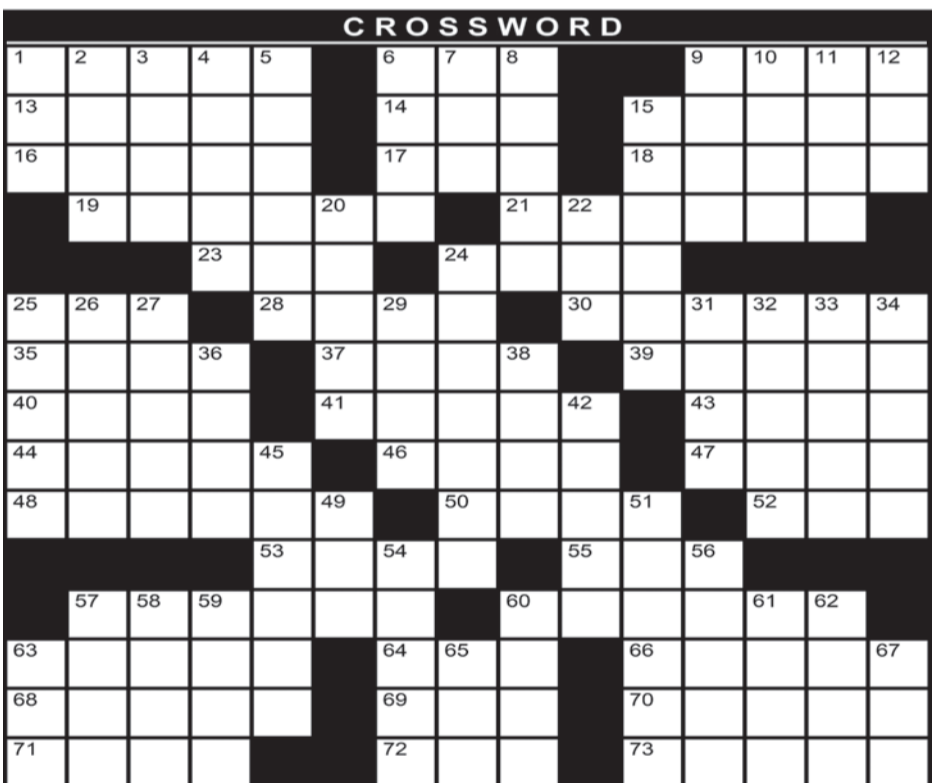
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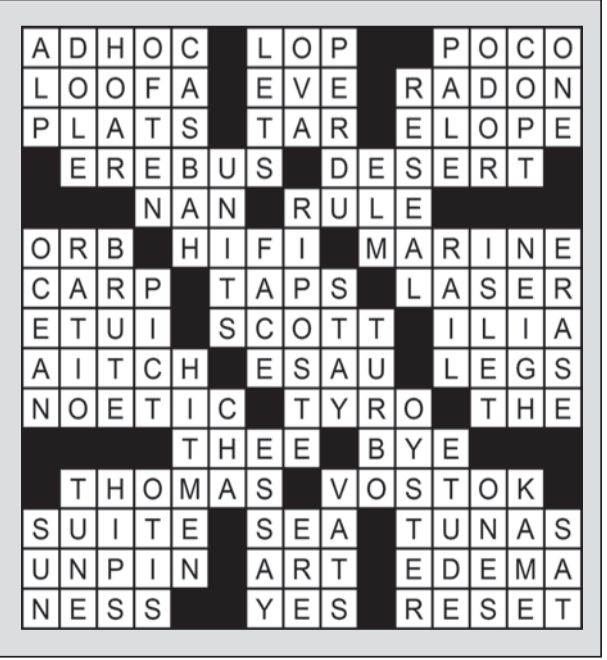
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Snoopy Has Landed in Sacramento

Aerospace Museum of California Unveils Freeway Sign, Traveling Snoopy Exhibit

Story and photos by Seth Henderson

NORTH HIGHLANDS, CA (MPG) - Snoopy Flying Ace traveled to the Aerospace Museum of California as the organization opened its "Snoopy and the Red Baron" exhibit to the public on Oct. 18 and announced the pending placement of a sign for Interstate 80 to promote the museum.

The traveling exhibit is on display in the museum until Dec. 31, complimenting the array of artifacts from World War I and memorabilia on display in partnership with the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center in Santa Rosa. Schulz was the creator of the character, Snoopy, in addition to the Peanuts characters and some of the comic strips or artifacts at the exhibit were signed by him.

Tom Jones, the president and CEO of the aerospace museum, said during the VIP opening ceremony on Oct. 17 that Snoopy and the Red Baron was one of Schulz's most popular personas of Snoopy and that Sacramento is quite fortunate to have this exhibit during Snoopy's 75th anniversary.

"Who doesn't love Snoopy? And then the kids see Snoopy and all of his different adventures that he goes on and his different personas that he assumes," Jones said. "I just think it's a fabulous way for kids to connect not only to Snoopy, but with aviation and aerospace."

Out of Schulz's nearly 7,000 comic strips, Jones said that he grew up reading those comics and some of the funniest ones were enlarged to be viewed at a distance. He said that the collaboration between the two museums was meaningful and allowed the aerospace museum to tie in other artifacts from World War II, showing how far Snoopy's influence had spread.

"We've got great photo stations and all kinds of fun ways to engage with this exhibit," Jones said. "Bring your kids, bring your grandkids, you know, just come see the museum. It's a beautiful space and it's super engaging for kids from 2 to 102."

Jones said that the museum was able to incorporate artifacts from famed aviator Clay Lacy, who is actively encouraging aviators and a donor to the aerospace museum. The museum's collection also featured artifacts from other aviators, such as Bud Anderson, Vicky Benzin and others.

Lacy flew his P-51 Mustang with a giant Snoopy in the cockpit, Jones said, winning the Reno Air Races in 1970, encouraging youth to become involved with aviation. He said Anderson, as a Boy Scout in 1934, became a World War II Triple Ace nine years later because of what he had learned. Artifacts depicting Snoopy's tenure as a Beagle Scout pay tribute to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and military members.

The Aerospace Museum of California also celebrated the approval of a new sign to be placed on Interstate 80 by way of legislation that Jones wrote to define how museums are categorized with



Awaiting the real sign, weather permitting, the Aerospace Museum of California celebrates the approval of a highway sign for the museum on Interstate 80.



City Councilman Roger Dickinson poses with Snoopy at the opening ceremony of "Snoopy and the Red Baron," a traveling exhibit making a pit stop at the Aerospace Museum of California on Oct. 16.



President and CEO of the Aerospace Museum of California, Tom Jones (left), stands with Mika Klinsmann from Senator Roger Niello's office, holding a certificate commemorating the museums approval of a highway sign on Interstate 80 on Oct. 16.

Caltrans. Jones said that museums were previously categorized with locations such as the Golden One Center or Levi's Stadium, making the museum slightly beyond the scope of allowing signage on the interstate.

Jones said Assemblymember Josh Hoover asked him to write a piece of legislation, which became Assembly Bill 1320 and was unanimously approved by the state assembly. Jones said that not a word was changed from what he originally wrote.

"Governor Newsom signed it into law about two and a half years ago and then we thought, 'OK, great. We're going to get signs now,'"

Jones said. "But Caltrans had to change its manual."

Before the aerospace museum's inception, City Councilmember Roger Dickinson said that he has been involved with the organization, as he was the county supervisor for the area at the time. Dickinson helped get signs placed on Watt Avenue.

"This has been an outstanding facility with tremendous offerings and great programs for kids, particularly in STEM subjects," Dickinson said. "But as you can see by the location, it's a little hidden, so I think the significance of the freeway sign in particular is to let people know that it's here and what

direction to go to get here."

Dickinson said that the aerospace museum is a great opportunity to honor Sacramento's aviation and military history, as well as everything that goes along with it. He said it is one of those wonderful assets that the city has to help inspire young people to think about science, technology, engineering,

museum years ago because of its wheelchair accessibility.

Bernau said he is glad to see how much it has grown, including partnerships with schools or other organizations to keep children motivated. He said that a museum as high quality as the Aerospace Museum of California deserves a sign on the freeway.

"There's so many things competing with people's time today," Bernau said. "And so to have that sign for going up and down the freeway, and it's like, 'Oh, what's that? I've never been there before. I didn't even know that existed.' So that's a big deal to have that."

The Aerospace Museum of California is located at 3200 Freedom Park Drive in McClellan Park and was founded in 1986. The organization is a nonprofit organization and features a 40,000 square-foot exhibit hall with 40 aircraft and rockets, as well as a four-acre outdoor air park. The museum is also a Smithsonian Affiliate and a member of the North American Reciprocal Museum Association.

The "Snoopy and the Red Baron" exhibit at the museum will feature special weekly pop-up activities for visitors of all ages that bring Snoopy and the other Peanuts characters to life, according to the museum.



A young guest at the "Snoopy and the Red Baron" exhibit poses for a photo with Snoopy at his doghouse during the exhibit's opening day at the Aerospace Museum of California on Oct. 16.

arts and math (STEAM), such as the California Railroad Museum or the Crocker Art Museum.

Being exposed to the different facets of life through opportunities such as the aerospace museum, philharmonic or the symphony are experiences that help shape a person's development, Dickinson said.

Sherrie Everhart, the owner of Hart 2 Hart wineries, made a sizable donation to the Aerospace Museum of California, providing funding for high quality display cases. Jones said that he was friends and members with Sherrie's husband Jim Everhart, a member of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Air Squadron. Jones said that Jim Everhart unfortunately died suddenly a few years ago.

El Dorado Hills resident Jerry Bernau said that he was friends with Jim Everhart and attended the VIP opening ceremony in honor of his friend. Bernau said he has a handicapped son who enjoyed visiting places such as the aerospace

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays to Sundays and admission to the Snoopy exhibit is included in the museum's general admission. General admission is \$15 and to purchase tickets online, visit <https://www.aerospaceca.org/purchase/p-adult-general-admission>.

To learn more about the museum, visit its website at <https://www.aerospaceca.org> or call 916-643-3192 for more information.

The Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center is at 2301 Hardies Lane in Santa Rosa. The museum's website is <https://schulzmuseum.org/> and its phone number is 707-579-4452. Follow the museum online at @schulzmuseum.

"I don't think there has been an animal character in a long time that has done the different things that Snoopy has done," Schulz once reflected. "He's an attorney. He's a surgeon. He's the World War I Flying Ace." ★

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High School Football Closes Out Regular Season

Story and photos by
Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The last of the regular season high school football games were played on Oct. 30 and 31. Not only were they the last regular season games, they were the last of the senior night games as well. Pleasant Grove High School traveled to play Laguna Creek, Elk Grove went to play at Monterey Trail and Franklin went to Cosumnes Oaks.

Franklin was coming off a BYE week before playing Cosumnes Oaks, while the Wolfpack was looking to finish the season with a victory after losing to Monterey Trail the week before.

The Wildcats were able to score twice in the first quarter to take the lead 14-0, along with shutting down the Wolfpack offense. Franklin was able to extend its lead in the second quarter by scoring another touchdown. However, Cosumnes Oaks was able to return the following kickoff for a touchdown, showing the Wolfpack was not done fighting with the score at 22-8 at halftime.

Once the second half started, both teams traded scores in what seemed to be a positive second half for both of them.

But the second quickly started to turn sour for the Wolfpack as Franklin started to pull away with the game. The Wildcats' offense kept scoring and their defense was able to shut down the Cosumnes Oaks offense, ending the game 48-14.

Elk Grove was looking to have the same success in



Laguna Creek is looking to score.

ruining a senior night like Franklin, but Monterey Trail had shown why they are the best team in the Delta League.

The Mustangs' defense put the Elk Grove offense in a box the whole game, not allowing the Herd to score. Monterey Trail's offense was able to do what they needed to do: score multiple touchdowns in the first half.

Coming into the second half, the Thundering Herd defense was able to wake up and not allow any more points. However, the damage was done, and the Elk Grove offense could not get anything going.

The game ended with Monterey Trail winning 20-0.

The game between Pleasant Grove and Laguna Creek was played on Thursday Oct. 30, instead of Friday.

This game began with an offense-filled first half, with Laguna Creek striking first with a touchdown, then having its PAT attempt

be blocked by the Eagles.

Pleasant Grove in response was able to score two touchdowns before the end of the first quarter. During the second quarter both teams were able to score two touchdowns each, bringing the score to 28-20 before halftime with Pleasant Grove ahead.

Once the second half had started, both defenses emerged and limited the others' offense. But the Cardinals were able to score to tie the game at 28-28 before the fourth quarter.

After battling during the last quarter, Pleasant Grove was able to kick a field goal to take the lead, but also gave Laguna Creek a chance to either tie or win the game.

However, the Eagles defense was able to close with a game-winning interception, ending the game 31-28.

While two of the three games ended with a spoiling of senior night and the ending of the regular



The captains for Laguna Creek and Pleasant Grove face off on the field.



Laguna Creek senior Kaden Harris, No. 8, walks out with his family.

season, five teams of the Delta League will have postseason games.

Pleasant Grove, Elk

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