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By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - At its Dec. 4 meeting, the Elk Grove Planning Commission approved updates to the Wellington Crossing development and changes to the signage plan for The Village.

Project planner Kyra Killingsworth presented an overview of the modified Wellington Crossing project, which includes 188 attached townhomes with one-, two- and three-bedroom options and a 4,500-square-foot clubhouse with on-site amenities. The townhomes are designed with a single-family residential appearance and follow a Santa Barbara-style architectural theme.

The development is planned for a vacant lot on West Elk Grove Boulevard behind the Stonelake Landing shopping center, where Sky Port Restaurant and Bar is located.

Killingsworth noted that the biggest change since the project was first presented on Sept. 15, 2022, was the removal of studio-sized units. That change also affected the parking design, reducing the originally planned parking per unit requirement.

Commission President Juan Fernandez asked whether the lot adjacent to the project site was included in the plans. Killingsworth confirmed that the northern lot is a separate, vacant commercial property and will not be part of the project. She added that a trail will run along the property line to separate the lot from the new buildings and driveway.

"It's going to be the property line, a trail and then the buildings and then the driveway," Killingsworth said.

Commissioner Sandra Poole asked about parking for the clubhouse, noting that no additional spaces would be available if it were rented for events. The developer clarified that the clubhouse will only be used by residents for personal events, meaning no extra parking will be needed. The commission approved the project on a 5-0 vote.

The commission next considered signage for The Village, a new 15-acre

Keeping Students Warm, Housed and Fed

Story and photos by Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - As colder days set in, staying warm becomes especially important for students facing increased vulnerability during the winter months. To help meet that need, the basic needs care center at Cosumnes River College hosted a warm clothing drive to support students throughout the season.

The drive helped support the two-day Share the Warmth Bazaar, held Nov. 24 to 25 at the Hawk Cares Center, giving students the chance to pick out new or gently worn winter clothing donated by the community for free.

Racks of jackets, coats and sweaters lined the center's outdoor space, along with bins filled with gloves and beanies, allowing students to put together warm outfits for the colder weather.

Ethnic Studies assistant professor Ricky Gutierrez Maldonado was present



Pictured is Cosumnes River College student Fariz Khan in the lounge area of the Hawk Cares Center on Nov. 25.

the day of the event, bringing his students to learn about the resources available from center staff. He said it's important for him as an instructor to ensure

students are aware of the basic needs services on campus.

"It's really sort of the basic resources that every student needs in order

to sustain themselves, to be able to find a sense of space, support, of community so they can do well in their classes," Maldonado

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City Scholarship Supports Future Community Leaders

City of Elk Grove News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The City of Elk Grove is proud to offer a \$1,000 scholarship to help local students take the next step toward a career in public service. Applications are now being accepted through the Elk Grove Regional Scholarship Foundation. This opportunity is open to high school seniors who reside within Elk Grove city limits and plan to attend a four-year university or community college as a full-time student.

Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 GPA, be actively involved in school and community activities and demonstrate a commitment to civic engagement.

As part of the application, students will submit a two-page essay describing their role in local government and why strong local government matters to the community. Financial need is not a requirement for this scholarship, just a passion for leadership and service.

To apply, visit bit.ly/4p71hUG (case sensitive).



In its latest newsletter, the City of Elk Grove announced that it is offering local high school students a \$1,000 scholarship for those interested in pursuing a career in public service. Photo courtesy of City of Elk Grove

Help Save 'The Camp'

Fitness Center Faces Closure; Owners Seek Support

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove community members are rallying to support The Camp, a local fitness center that has grown into more than just a place to work out. For many, it has become a second home, offering a safe environment to reach health goals while celebrating the successes of its members.

Owners Randy and Lori Reid launched a GoFundMe campaign at the beginning of December to raise funds to keep the center operating.

Randy Reid told the Elk Grove Citizen that after two years in business, the center has yet to break even or turn a profit. He said he and his wife, a respiratory therapist and intensive care unit nurse, both continue to work full-time, and rising expenses have made keeping the center open increasingly difficult.

"We always found a way to get them (clients) their program at a price they could handle, but by doing so, I want to say we've undervalued ourselves," he said.

Amid these financial pressures, the local community the couple has built has stepped up to help sustain the business. Reid noted that loyal clients have contributed through donations or by choosing higher-rate programs.

"They've really come together as a community, so as Elk Grove goes, we love Elk Grove," Reid added.

However, reaching their \$15,000 goal to sustain operations and preserve what they've built requires greater awareness



The Camp Elk Grove, a locally owned fitness center on Elk Grove Florin Road, is seeking community support to remain open. Photos courtesy of The Camp Elk Grove

to continue providing this valuable resource to residents.

The Camp Transformation Center is a franchise with more than 100 locations nationwide, known for six-week weight loss challenges, group training and nutritional guidance.

The couple opened their business at 9675 Elk Grove Florin Road in 2023 after experiencing a center in Livermore, near their home, Reid said. As healthcare providers, they believed in the program and wanted to bring their expertise to provide additional support, introducing The Camp to Elk Grove and the surrounding Sacramento community.

The center's six-week program features detailed nutrition plans



Pictured is Christine Cornejo, celebrating a 10.4-pound weight loss in The Camp Elk Grove's six-week program.



Six-week program participant Jennie Romero of The Camp Elk Grove holds a sign showing a 12.9-pound weight loss.

and regular InBody scans to monitor muscle and fat composition. Reid explained that while weight changes may not always appear immediately

on the scale, participants often experience positive shifts in muscle development and overall body composition.

"We don't give medical

advice, but from our 20-plus years of experience in the hospital, we've seen and worked with patients on all kinds of medications..." Reid said. "I feel

like we have the ability to speak to a lot of things and connect on a patient level, saying, 'Yeah, I've seen patients like this.'"

Over the years, Reid said he has seen remarkable success stories that showcase both the effectiveness of their programs as well as the center's strong sense of support.

"I've had a few clients come in and a month and a half or two months into our program they're like, 'Oh, my God; you've saved my life. I was literally contemplating suicide,'" he said.

Reid added that many participants at The Camp Elk Grove form lasting friendships, and he has seen individuals gain confidence that helps them to navigate difficult periods in their lives.

"Knowing everybody's story is pretty amazing, and that's what we really got into the business for, was helping people," Reid said.

He explained that reaching the fundraising goal will help keep the center open and support additional programs, including pulmonary and cardiac rehabilitation for patients who have completed related medical treatments.

"We're trying to develop some other programs that are even above what The Camp franchise offers because there's a set population out there that definitely needs a place to go and have exercise that fits what they feel they can do," Reid said.

Those interested in supporting The Camp Elk Grove can make donations through their GoFundMe at bit.ly/3Y78JnD (case sensitive).

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Keeping Students Warm, Housed and Fed



Hawk Cares Student Ambassador Akash Singh poses for photo during the second day of the Share the Warmth Bazaar on Nov. 25.

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Since beginning his position about a year ago, Maldonado said he has made it a point to bring students to the center so they know where it is and how to access its services.

"The 'community' at a community college is all a part of a student's education, and resources like the Hawk Cares Center and other resources on campus are important for a student's journey to succeed, to grow and achieve their personal, professional goals," he said.

The Hawk Cares Center offers a wide range of support services for enrolled students, including food assistance through the Hawk Cares Market, study space and light refreshments at the Hawk Cares Lounge, professional attire for interviews through the Hawks Closet and housing assistance through Homes for Hawks, which includes a dedicated housing specialist.

The center now also



Hawk Cares Director Oscar Mendoza Plascencia poses in front of the Share the Warmth Bazaar setup outside the basic needs center at 8401 Center Parkway, Portable 48, on Nov. 25.

offers laptops that students can check out and use on site, a service Maldonado described as a valuable addition that has served many of his students well.

Student Fariz Khan said he has visited the center regularly throughout the semester and has used both the housing resources and the professional clothing closet. He also noted the center's efforts to increase grocery support during the government shut-down and its turkey drive to help provide food for

students' families during the holidays.

"They provide hygiene kits which I used to use; they also provide, well, pretty much anything you need," Khan said. "And if they can't provide anything then they'll definitely help put you onto something that can provide those services that you need."

To learn more about the Hawk Cares Center, 8401 Center Parkway/Portable 48, visit crc.losrios.edu/campus-life/hawk-cares-center. ★

Chamber of Commerce Announces 74th Annual Gala

Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce announced on Dec. 18 that its 74th Annual Recognition & Board Installation Gala will take place Thursday, Jan. 16 at District56 (8230 Civic Center Drive).

As one of the chamber's most anticipated and prestigious events of the year, the gala brings together leaders, elected officials, community partners, entrepreneurs and more to celebrate excellence in the local business community.

The chamber is seeking event sponsors to partner in this high-profile evening, which will officially launch the chamber's 74th year of service to Elk Grove. Sponsorship opportunities provide businesses with meaningful visibility and direct engagement with decision-makers and community influencers.

Reservations are \$95 per person and can be purchased at elkgroveca.com. Tables of eight can be reserved for a discounted price of \$700 per table. The event will be held inside the main hall of District56, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Suite #100, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Highlights of the event include installation of 2026 Board Chair Amy Labowitch; recognition of incoming and outgoing chamber board members, including Oscar O'Con of The 13 Fold Foundation and Robert Rhymes of Access Remedy LLC; honoring outstanding chamber volunteers; a formal dinner and networking experience with local leaders.

The chamber will also be celebrating



and rewarding the Business of the Year Awards recipients including Business of the Year, ISSE Services; Small Business of the Year, SacTown's Finest Vinyl and Print; Rookie Business of the Year, AnyThyme Catering; and Nonprofit of the Year, Sacramento Splash.

Sponsorship levels range from Friends of the Gala (\$250) to Gold Sponsor (\$2,500), with benefits including program recognition, social media promotion, website visibility, reserved seating and dinner packages.

Businesses sponsoring the gala align themselves with one of Elk Grove's most respected and influential organizations while demonstrating their commitment to the community's economic vitality. This is a marketing opportunity that Elk Grove businesses do not want to pass up.

Businesses interested in sponsoring the gala are encouraged to submit their sponsorship commitment by Jan. 9. View Gala Sponsorship Flyer at bit.ly/4pbPJ2i (case sensitive). ★

Commission OKs Townhomes, Signage at Shopping Center

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commercial development under construction between Big Horn and Elk Grove boulevards.

The proposal requested approval for one additional freestanding monument sign along Wymark Drive.

Earlier this year, the commission approved seven freestanding signs and city staff recommended adding an eighth to provide more signage opportunities for

tenants.

City project manager Antonio Ablog said the lighting design for the signs was selected to minimize potential glare. He explained that the push-through style signs will use internal illumination with a halo effect, similar to those at The Ridge Shopping Center, rather than bright digital displays that could create glare issues.

The Planning Commission approved the amended signage plan by a 5-0 vote. ★



AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Jeremy DeLaRosa


Jeremy has been in the banking and financial services industry for over 23 years. Jeremy started his career with Banner Bank in 2018 when he moved to the Elk Grove Area with his daughter Savannah. In 2022, he became the Branch Manager of Banner Bank in Elk Grove. He is an active community member involved with several local nonprofits including Elk Grove Youth Sports, Heart of JB, Elk Grove youth girls' softball, Marayah Cares Foundation, Invictus, Junior Achievements of Sacramento, and several Sacramento based foundations. He is a dedicated father to his young daughter Savannah, enjoys being involved in his community and giving back to make a difference.

Jeremy was born and raised in Berkeley, California. In early 2000 he started his banking career in Marin County. Jeremy left California for almost 10 years and eventually made his way back into California in late 2014.

"California will always be my home although my family are spread out in several states. The oldest of three siblings I make sure my priority is my family and of course my community." (Jeremy DeLaRosa)







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When Shopping This Holiday Season, Don't Forget to Get Health Insurance for 2026

By Covered California

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The holidays are upon us, and for many, that means rushing to shop for all the things that make this time of year special. While looking for deals, don't forget to pick up health insurance for 2026.

Finding the right plan amidst all the holiday action may feel overwhelming. Am I getting the right coverage for my family? What's a deductible versus a copay? Will I have coverage for my pre-existing condition?

Covered California can help you navigate the complexity of health insurance. It's a free service that helps you explore your options and find the plan that meets your needs — and your budget. With Covered California's Shop and Compare Tool at CoveredCA.com, you simply enter some basic information, like your ZIP code and income, to see prices for a variety of health and dental plans from brand-name insurance companies.

This year, the state of California is offering extra help paying for your plan. Individuals with annual incomes under \$25,800 and families of four with incomes under \$53,000 can get a Silver plan for \$0. These subsidies are only available through Covered California.

"As we get closer to year-end holidays and family celebrations, health insurance may be one of the last things you're thinking about — but being insured is one of the best ways to protect the physical, mental and financial health of you and your family," said Covered California Executive Director Jessica Altman.

"To ensure that you have coverage for all of 2026, you need to sign up by Dec. 31, and Covered California is here to help you every step of the way."

No matter where you get health insurance, being covered is critically important. Research shows that people without health insurance have worse health outcomes, are more likely to be hospitalized for avoidable health issues and face more financial hardships while accessing care. In fact, medical costs are the leading reason for bankruptcy in the United States.

It's safe to say that having some kind of health insurance is better than having none at all.

"Without [health insurance], I could be looking at huge, huge, huge medical bills," said Melanie, a Covered California enrollee



Research shows that people without health insurance have worse health outcomes, are more likely to be hospitalized for avoidable health issues and face more financial hardships while accessing care. Photo courtesy Freepik

and early retiree from Orange County.

"There's just peace of mind that if you have a really bad year, maybe you're going to pay seven or eight thousand dollars, but you're not going to pay 700 or 800 thousand dollars."

In the Sacramento area, a 45-year-old couple earning around \$43,000 could get a Bronze plan for \$0 for 2026. Compare that to the estimated \$1,800 penalty the California Franchise Tax Board would charge them for not having

insurance, and the value is clear.

While looking for health insurance, it pays to shop around. Using the Shop and Compare Tool, households renewing their Platinum plans can find another plan through their current insurer with 23 percent lower premiums per month. Those in Gold plans can sign up with their same insurer with 23 percent lower premiums per month. People with Silver 70 and 73 plans can find a new plan through their

current insurer with 39 percent lower premiums per month.

Every plan offered through Covered California includes free preventive care, including annual checkups and screenings, mental health and substance abuse services, and even free children's dental insurance.

"We know that when people are insured and get the health care they need, they're healthier and they're able to be more successful in work, school and life," said Dr. Monica Soni, chief medical officer for Covered California.

"As we head toward the end of the year, make sure to put health insurance on your holiday list, because you can't use your health insurance if you don't get health insurance. A Covered California plan ensures that you receive a free, annual preventive care checkup to get a head start on a healthy 2026."

Learn more about your options by visiting CoveredCA.com, where you can easily find out if you qualify for financial help and see the coverage options in your area. You can also keep up to date on important changes to health insurance.

Those interested in learning more about their coverage options can also get free and confidential assistance over the phone, in a variety of languages, from one of more than 14,000 certified agents and community-based organizations throughout the state.

Have a certified enroller call you and help you for free.

Call Covered California at (800) 300-1506.

Additionally, those who qualify for Medi-Cal may enroll on CoveredCA.com year-round.

Get a jump start on healthy living in 2026 by finding a comprehensive health insurance plan through Covered California. To get coverage for all of 2026, you need to sign up by Dec. 31. Covered California is here to help all Californians find the right plans, answer your questions, and connect you to the care you need.

"Whether you sign up for a platinum or a bronze plan, you get high-quality coverage from brand-name insurance companies, at a price that fits most any budget," said Altman.

"As we get closer to the end of the year, now is the time to shop and compare plans to make sure you and your family get the coverage 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.

Events at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

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.

The church has 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.

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.

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 or visitSMGCC.net.

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 at 7 p.m. Fridays 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. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



As the vaunted Houston Rockets entered Golden One Arena Sunday night with a gaudy 17-8 record was there anyone that could have conceived the Sacramento Kings would outrebound the Rockets 55-47? You would be hard pressed to find someone, but that's exactly what the Kings did, resulting in a hard fought 125-124 win!

Sitting just behind the Kings bench I was saddened by the number of empty seats that I gazed upon, and I found myself wondering why so many fans made the decision to stay home just days before Christmas.

Why not take the family out and celebrate the great careers of players like Russell Westbrook and DeMar DeRozan, leading the team to a holiday victory? That's exactly what they did, and coming back from a double deficit hole in the fourth quarter the Kings ended regulation on a torrid 17-2 frenetic scoring stretch that sent the game into overtime.

Future hall of famer Russell Westbrook hit a 3-pointer with just seconds left in regulation to put a hard-fought contest into overtime, much to the delight of Golden One holiday crowd.

DeMar DeRozan led the Kings with 27 big points while teammate Russell Westbrook added 21 points of his own to go with 13 monster rebounds. Yes, Kings fans, the veterans came to play and, on this night, they came to win!

All knotted at 112 apiece the Kings would end their losing streak after suffering back-to-back losses to the Portland Trailblazers, and it was an unlikely 3-pointer from Dennis Schroder with 2.2 seconds left on the clock that would propel the Kings to victory.

Kevin Durant's 20-footer with one second remaining would miss the mark sending home a jubilant Sacramento Kings crowd. No one seemed to mind the rain as fans made their way to their cars, because on this night, the hometown ballers put on a show.

Doug Christie's decision to finally focus on the young players is starting to pay dividends, but his reluctance to play Devin Carter and Keon Ellis is a mystery to me.

Rather than give minutes to Devin Carter, the organization sent this 1st round draft choice to the G-league where he will get

all the minutes he wants. While I agree that court time is what Carter needs, I believe real NBA talent is what he needs to be up against.

If the Kings want to see what the team's youth have to offer let's put them all out there. Both Carter and Ellis represent the defensive presence that coach Christie has been barking about, so why not let them show what they can do. Finally, put together a real plan of attack and get the message out there. Let the veterans do what they do, while giving substantial minutes to the young players at the same time.

Most of all, find a rotation that makes sense and not something new every game. Putting Malik Monk of the bench for two and three games at a time makes absolutely no sense, and it belittles a talent that took considerably less money to stay in Sacramento. Malik showed where his heart is, now show Malik that you value his skills.

Once again, the inability to access talent accurately rises to the top, and this coaching staff needs to get it together.

Games like this victory over the Thunder do not have to be an aberration if this coaching staff will find rotations that make sense. It's not rocket science, so do it!

Without question this team misses Domantas Sabonis and apparently, he is not returning anytime soon, so use your veterans wisely and play the legs off the youngsters.

Fans have their favorite players, and if the messaging coming from Kings is correct, some of your favorite players may soon be taking up residence elsewhere. I for one, hope Domantas Sabonis remains a foundation piece and Sacramento fans can witness his high intensity style of play for years to come.

In the meantime, remember this: The Sacramento Kings have proven on any given night this team can defeat any NBA team in America. The talent is here, and now is the time to come and see future hall-of-famers in action. Get out and support this team because they are playing hard!

Keep the faith Kings fans and have a very Merry Christmas!

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

Newsom's \$18 Billion Budget Gap Has Roots in Pandemic Aid Ending



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When Gov. Gavin Newsom unveils his first draft of the state's 2026-27 budget next month, he'll reveal whether he intends to deal squarely with its chronic, multi-billion-dollar deficit or punt the shortfall to his successor.

Legislative Analyst Gabe Petek, the Legislature's independent fiscal advisor, estimates the state faces an \$18 billion gap between projected spending and likely revenues next year and, if left unaddressed, the deficit will grow to \$35 billion a year.

Meanwhile, Petek says, the state has rung up \$21.6 billion in off-the-books debt to cover deficits in recent fiscal years.

Petek and others have warned about the possibility of a serious recession afflicting the national economy which would exacerbate the budget's imbalance and strain California's emergency reserves, which have already been tapped to cover shortfalls.

Even without a recession, California's economy is, in Petek's words, "sluggish." Jobs are shrinking, and at 5.6% of the labor force, California's unemployment rate remains the highest of any state.

The recent history of papering over deficits with gimmicks and borrowed money is not an encouraging

signal of a forthright approach. However, perhaps Newsom will opt to balance California's books before embarking on a near-certain presidential campaign.

Unfortunately, the state is not alone in being plagued by yawning gaps between income and outgo. Throughout California, school districts, cities, counties and other units of local government are facing deficits rooted in the same dynamics that led to red ink in state finances – immense injections of federal relief funds during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It's been estimated that the feds pumped as much as \$600 billion into California through state and local governments to counteract the pandemic's economic impacts, not counting many other billions that businesses and individuals received directly.

The federal aid gave officials cash to spend with few safeguards and fueled a short-lived jolt of taxes, particularly income taxes.

The Newsom administration interpreted the windfall as a permanent increase in revenue that led the governor to declare, in 2022, a \$97.5 billion surplus. He and the Legislature immediately ramped up spending. But the surplus never materialized, and eventually the administration acknowledged that it had over-estimated revenues by \$165 billion four years.

By then, however, the additional spending, especially for an expansion of medical care, was lodged in state law, and the state was left with what is termed a "structural deficit" in the \$20 billion range.

Meanwhile, local governments and school districts were using their pandemic

aid to satisfy the demands by employee unions for salary increases, which often could not be covered once the federal aid vanished. Inflation in living costs ratcheted up union salary demands even further.

A new report by the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team, which monitors California school district finances, examined the chronically troubled Sacramento City Unified School District and described how federal aid led to its financial quicksand.

The report catalogued the district's history of over-spending revenues and said, "This (federal) funding masked the district's existing structural deficit, delaying the necessary actions to be taken to address it."

Even after the federal aid stopped, the district continued to sign union contracts calling for raises that it could not afford. And it failed to implement the cost-saving steps it had pledged to balance its budget, the analysis found.

The budget problems in other school districts – Oakland Unified is a notorious example – and in local governments such as the City of Los Angeles have a similar ring. School trustees and city council members, elected with union support, squandered federal aid. Then they approved unsustainable contracts and blamed the resulting deficits on insufficient revenue.

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Social Security Matters

Why Won't Social Security Give Me My Benefits?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I called the Social Security office, as well as went with my husband when he went to collect his Social Security. Because I work full-time (at about \$800/week), they said I could not file for my Social Security. Yet I seem to read articles all the time about people doing so.

My husband just filed for his benefits and is now collecting them. Out of the two of us, his Social Security will be larger. Please advise me. **Signed: Wanting my Benefits**

Dear Wanting my Benefits: If you have not yet reached your SS full retirement age (FRA) and you are working full time, you are likely being affected by Social Security's Annual Earnings Test, which limits how much you can earn while collecting Social Security prior to your FRA. Your FRA is somewhere between 66 and 67, depending on when you were born. The annual earnings limit for those collecting

SS benefits prior to FRA in 2025 is \$23,400 (changes yearly) and, if that is exceeded, Social Security will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. If you applied for your benefits and are still working, and were denied, it's likely because Social Security determined that your current annual earnings considerably exceed the earnings limit and, thus, you cannot collect benefits. That's because the penalty for exceeding the limit would be more than your benefit amount. FYI, the earnings limit will go away when you reach your full retirement age so, after FRA, you can claim your benefits even if you are still working. Or if you stop working before your FRA you can collect your SS benefits at that time.

None of this means you are losing money, because your monthly SS payment will continue to grow until you later claim (e.g., after you stop working, or only work part-time), or until you reach 70 years of age. When you later claim, your monthly benefit will be higher and, depending on your longevity, you may recover what you didn't get now because you are working. And that includes both your own SS retirement benefit and any spousal boost from your husband.

So, my suggestion is this: as long as you are working full time

and exceeding Social Security's annual earnings limit, continue to wait to claim your Social Security. Then, when you reach your full retirement age (again, between 66 and 67, depending on the year you were born), or if you stop working before that, go ahead and apply for Social Security again. At that time, your application will be approved and you will be awarded your own earned SS retirement amount plus any additional amount you may be due as your husband's spouse. To be entitled to a spousal boost from your husband, your own FRA entitlement must be less than 50% of your husband's FRA entitlement. But the amount you get will be reduced if you claim before your full retirement age.

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President Trump likes putting his name on things, so maybe it was inevitable he'd get his own corollary to the Monroe Doctrine. Truth be told, what the president's just-released national security strategy sets out as a new proposition is really a restatement of the Lodge Corollary, named after Senator Henry Cabot Lodge in 1912. That proviso prohibited any foreign power or interest -- not just European governments -- from gaining "practical power of control" in the Western Hemisphere.

Naming rights aside, the treatment of our hemisphere is a strong element of the strategy. The so-called Trump corollary aims to assert U.S. preeminence in the hemisphere and keep non-hemispheric actors from creating threats or controlling strategically vital assets here. It is, in the words of the strategy, "a common-sense and potent restoration of American power and priorities, consistent with American security interests."

We should, by all means, breathe new life into a Monroe Doctrine that in recent decades has become a museum curiosity. The precipitating crisis for the making of the doctrine was an 1821 declaration by the Russians that they'd prohibit foreign shipping within 115 miles of their holdings on the Pacific coast. Secretary of State John Quincy Adams rebuffed the edict in terms anticipating the doctrine.

The bigger issue was that the Spanish empire was disintegrating. The end of its

Yes, Revive the Monroe Doctrine

grip in the Western Hemisphere catalyzed the birth of Latin American republics and presented the risk of interventions by ambitious, illiberal continental Europeans states.

What to do? The British, who didn't want to get locked out of Latin American markets by other European countries and viewed the U.S. as a potential partner, suggested a joint declaration that continental powers should steer clear. We strung the Brits along and then President Monroe issued, on his own, what would become his eponymous doctrine in an annual message to Congress in 1823.

He asserted that "the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers."

New European footholds in the Western Hemisphere were thought to represent not just security, but territorial, demographic and ideological threats. Metternich, the Austrian statesman, took great umbrage. He called it an "act of revolt," and pronounced it "fully as audacious" and "no less dangerous" than the American Revolution. Tsar Alexander said that "it merits only the most profound contempt." But Russia backed off its 1821 power play.

Initially, we weren't close to being militarily capable of contesting European encroachments and we relied on the British, in effect, to enforce our declaration. Still, the Monroe Doc-

trine became a predicate of American geopolitical power by avoiding major challenges to our hegemony in our own hemisphere. When we had the means, we enforced it ourselves. Once we were no longer distracted by the Civil War, we pressured France to end its intervention in Mexico in the 1860s. We got Germany to stand down during the Venezuela crisis of 1902 (this event led to the Roosevelt Corollary, named after President Teddy Roosevelt, stipulating the U.S. could deploy "an international police power" when Latin American countries were failing).

Since the 1990s, though, we've let down our guard. China is now Latin America's second-largest trading partner after the United States, and has expanded its influence in the region on all fronts. Russia has relationships with Venezuela, Nicaragua and Cuba, and has increased its covert operations in Mexico. Hezbollah has a notable presence in Latin America.

Trump's focus on countering these malign actors could be seen in his successful effort earlier this year to get Panama to pull out of China's Belt and Road Initiative, and is evident now in his pressure campaign against a Maduro regime in Venezuela that is aligned with China, Russia and Iran.

Trump's actions often feel new and different, but here, his strategic departure is returning to a traditional American approach to our side of the Atlantic.

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Kathleen Boyte and Jeffrey Boyte, 8935 Ely Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hooray Yard Cards Elk Grove" 8935 Ely Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2025
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Patricia A. Sosa, 8792 Mannington Street, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "My Bedding Cove" 8792 Mannington Street, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2025
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Wei-Shi Chen, 8607 Sona Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fuze Realty" 8607 Sona Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 12, 2025
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Lunar Band LLC, 8957 Bramblewood Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Alex Bosson Drums" 8957 Bramblewood Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 3, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08702
Melina Nunez Garcia and Anthony Robert Garcia, 991 Blair Street, Hood, CA 95639 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MN Distributor" 991 Blair Street, Hood, CA 95639. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 1, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08411
Ikramallah Jiddi, 9673 McKenna Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Service Medical" 9673 McKenna Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08570
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08428
CAP S1 LLC, 8234 Laguna Boulevard #140, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SAVI Mexican Grill" 8234 Laguna Boulevard #140, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2025
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2022-03252
The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: W Squared Search, 1601 R Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95811.
W Squared LLC, 5924 Bar Harbour Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758.
The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on April 26, 2022 in the County of Sacramento.
Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: April 26, 2022.
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2023-02893
The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Wanderlust4joy, 5924 Bar Harbour Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758.
W Squared LLC, 5924 Bar Harbour Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758.
The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on April 14, 2023 in the County of Sacramento.
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WANDER 1-2-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV029915
Brittney Ann May has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Brittney Ann May to Brandon Lee May.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 26, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: December 12, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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MAY 1-16-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
CAITLIN INGRAM MACCALLA
AKA CAITLIN I. MACCALLA AND CAITLIN MACCALLA
CASE NO. 25PR003881
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of CAITLIN INGRAM MACCALLA also known as CAITLIN I. MACCALLA and CAITLIN MACCALLA.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by MARY AMANDA MACCALLA, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, The Petition for Probate requests that MARY AMANDA MACCALLA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows January 7, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Elizabeth Thompson, 1615 Bonanza Street, Suite 305, Walnut Creek, CA 94596; 925-935-5566
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The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Gina L. Lera, Lera Tiberini PC, 2110 21st Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95818; 916-403-5180
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JEFFREY CHARLES RABE
CASE NO. 25PR004104
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Jeffrey Charles Rabe.
A Petition for Probate has been

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

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(UCC SEC. 6105)
ESCROW NO. 15944E
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: CA CARING HANDS INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 8797 TWINBERRY WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95624
Whose chief executive office is: 3071 BEARD RD, FREMONT, CA 94555
Doing Business as: CA CARING HANDS (Type - CARE HOME)
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE
The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: HARMINDER SINGH AND/OR ASSIGNEE, 5512 BRAMPTON WAY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95835
The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL and are located at: 8797 TWINBERRY WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95624
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the anticipated sale date is JANUARY 14, 2026
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be JANUARY 13, 2026, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
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The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL and are located at: 8797 TWINBERRY WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95624
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[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be JANUARY 13, 2026, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
Dated: NOVEMBER 17, 2025
HARMINDER SINGH, Buyer(s)
4524411-PP
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 12-26-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(UCC SEC. 6105)
ESCROW NO. 15944E
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: CA CARING HANDS INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 8797 TWINBERRY WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95624
Whose chief executive office is: 3071 BEARD RD, FREMONT, CA 94555
Doing Business as: CA CARING HANDS (Type - CARE HOME)
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filed by Rebekah Muñana, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Rebekah Muñana be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows January 21, 2026, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Elizabeth Thompson, 1615 Bonanza Street, Suite 305, Walnut Creek, CA 94596; 925-935-5566
Publish: December 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026
RABE 1-9-26

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 1/8/2026 at 1:30 PM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 6/21/2022 as Instrument No. 202206210882 in book ///, page /// of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: BIGTIME HOUSING, LLC, A(N) CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, as Trustor RIVERBEND FUNDING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Outside the East Main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: LOT 57 AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF "PLAT OF VALLEY HI GREENS", IN THE CITY OF ELK GROVE, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FILED ON MAY 9, 1967, IN BOOK 80 OF MAPS, MAP NO. 26, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9425 S WALES WAY ELK GROVE, CA 95758. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$1,658,590.33 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election of Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 12/9/2025 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCE', VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "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 on 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. 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To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE) 12/19/2025, 12/26/2025 01/02/2026
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 01-02-26

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TOT Grant Program Available for Local Non-Profits

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors is continuing its commitment to supporting local non-profit organizations through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT) Grant Program. A total of \$1 million in grant funding will be available to eligible non-profit organizations operating in Sacramento County.

Since 2017, the Board of Supervisors has allocated Transit Occupancy Tax grant funds to organizations delivering community-based programs and services

in the areas of economic and workforce development, arts and culture, community development, and health and human services. This marks the eighth consecutive year of investment and strengthening local communities through this initiative.

The application period opens Jan. 5, 2026, at 8 a.m. and closes Feb. 6, 2026 at 5 p.m. Applications must be submitted online via the TOT Grant Portal (www.grantinterface.com/Home/Login?urlkey=sacco).

It's important to note that late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applicants will receive an electronic confirmation upon successful submission.

A grant workshop will be held via Zoom (registration required) from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 20, 2026. Register at: saccounty-net.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/4yp340UwSomN-zkfyG25pw#/ registration

The topics covered will be program overview and eligibility, insurance requirements, application content and guidance, a submission timeline and live Q&A.

From Feb. 9 to 20, 2026, county staff will review applications for completeness and compliance with minimum eligibility requirements. Applicants will be notified electronically if proposals do not meet the minimum qualifications and will not continue the

evaluation process.

From Feb. 23 to May 13, 2026, qualifying applications will be reviewed, evaluated, and ranked. The Board of Supervisors will establish funding allocations for each application according to its ranking. Allocations will be determined in alignment with established evaluation criteria, and the strategic priorities of the Board. This process will help demonstrate the greatest potential impact.

In June 2026, final award decisions will be made by the Board of Supervisors during a public hearing. Applicants will be notified of the hearing schedule and final decisions electronically within five business days of Board approval.

In July 2026, county staff will begin drafting and executing grant agreements with selected organizations.

The TOT Grant Program is funded by revenue generated from the County's Transient Occupancy Tax, which is collected from guests staying in hotels, motels, and other short-term lodging within unincorporated areas of Sacramento County.

For more information, including eligibility criteria and application instructions, please visit the TOT Grant Program website.

For eligibility and grant program questions, contact: SacCountyTOTAdmin@saccounty.gov ★

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TRUSTEE SALE

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 cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and

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accepted. Trustor: Reddy Associates, a California Limited Liability Company Duly Appointed Trustee: The Money Man Corporation, a California corporation Recorded 2/29/2012 as Instrument No. in book 20120229, page 1387 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 1/20/2026 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: East main entrance to County Courthouse 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$78,029.90 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 5201 Laguna Oaks Dr #27 Elk Grove, CA 95758 Legal Description: Please See Attached Exhibit "A" The undersigned Trustee dis-

claims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. 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If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (877) 440-4460 or visit this Internet website www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case 250903745. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (877) 440-4460, or visit this internet website www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case 250903745 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. When submitting funds for a bid subject to Section 2924m, please make the funds payable to "Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Holding Account". If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 12/12/2025 Mortgage Lender Services as agent for The Money Man Corporation, a California corporation 10505 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 125 San Diego, CA 92121 Phone: 866-535-3736 Sale Line: (877) 440-4460 By: Rachel Seropian, Trustee Sale Officer Exhibit "A" Legal Description A Condominium Estate Composed Of: Parcel One: Unit 27 In Building 3, As Described, Defined And Depicted In The Condominium Plan Recorded March 7, 2006, In Book 20060307, Page 824, Official Records (Plan) And In The Covenants, Conditions And Restrictions (CC&R'S) Recorded March 7, 2006, In Book 20060307, Page 823, Official Records, Being A Portion Of Lots 1, 2, 3 And 4, As Shown On The Map Entitled, "Laguna Oaks Condominiums, Subdivision No. 04-789", Filed For Record March 7, 2005, In Book 348 Of Maps, Page 2. Parcel Two: An Undivided 1/201st Interest In The "Undivided Interest Common Areas" As Described And Defined In The Plan And The CC&R'S. Excepting And Reserving From Parcels One And Two Above The Following: (A) All Units Depicted, Described And Defined In The Plan And The CC&R'S. (B) All Exclusive Use Common Areas, Exclusive Use Association Common Areas Depicted, Described And Defined In The Plan And The CC&R'S. (C) Non-Exclusive Easements For Access, Ingress, Egress, Support, Maintenance, Repair, Use, Enjoyment And Other Rights Through, Under, Over And Upon The Common Area, Appurtenant To All Units As Said Easements And Rights Are Described And Defined In The CC&R'S. Excepting Therefrom An Undivided 50% Interest In And To All Oil, Gas And Minerals Below A Depth Of 500 Feet Below The Surface Of

Said Real Property As Reserved By Edwards A. Franklin And Katherine A. Franklin, Husband And Wife In That Certain Deed Recorded April 29, 1975, In Book 750429, Page 219, Document No. 39695, Official Records. Also Excepting Therefrom An Undivided 50% Interest In And To All Oil, Gas, Minerals And Hydrocarbon Substances Existing Below A Depth Of 500 Feet Below The Surface Of Said Real Property As Reserved In Deed From Lloyd Pedersen And Jean Pedersen, Husband And Wife, To Bruceville Farms, A Limited Partnership, Dated June 8, 1979, Recorded July 13, 1979, In Book 790713, Page 514, Official Records. Also Excepting Therefrom All Oil, Gas And Other Hydrocarbon Substances, Inert Gases, Minerals And Metals Lying Below A Depth Of 500 Feet From The Surface Of Said Land And Real Property, Whether Now Known To Exist, Or Hereafter Discovered, Including But Not Limited To The Right To Explore For, Develop And Remove Such Oil, Gas And Other Hydrocarbon Substances, Inert Gases, Minerals And Metals Without, However, Any Right To Use The Surface Of Such Land And Real Property Or Any Other Portion Thereof Above A Depth Of 500 Feet From The Surface Of Such Land And Real Property For Any Purpose whatsoever As Reserved By Sacramento Savings And Loan Association, A California Corporation, Et Al., In That Certain Deed Recorded June 30, 1986, In Book 860630, Page 729, Official Records. Parcel Three: Non-Exclusive Easements For Access, Ingress, Egress, Support, Maintenance, Repair, Use, Enjoyment And Other Rights Through, Under, Over And Upon The Common Area, Appurtenant To The Unit In Parcel One Above As Said Easements And Rights Are Described And Defined In The CC&R'S. Parcel Four: The Exclusive Use Association Common Area Designated (P Consisting Of A Patio), (D Consisting Of A Deck) As Described, Depicted And Defined In The Plan And CC&R'S And Shown As Appurtenant To The Unit In Parcel One Above. Parcel Five: The Exclusive Use Association Common Area Designated For A Detached Garage No. DG-193 And As Depicted, Described And Defined On The Plan And CC&R'S
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City of Elk Grove - Planning Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, January 15, 2026 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:

TRIOLOGY MEDWASTE WEST (PLNG25-020) - EGMC TITLE 23 TEXT AMENDMENTS AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

The Trilogy MedWaste Project consists of a request for a Text Amendment to Elk Grove Municipal Code (EGMC) Title 23, Zoning to amend the following:

1. Add the use "Medical Waste Transfer Facility" to Chapter 23.27 (Allowed uses and Required Entitlements);
2. Add an associated description to EGMC Section 23.26.050;
3. Allow a "Medical Waste Transfer Facility" use upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in the Heavy Industrial (HI) zoning district;
4. Add minimum parking requirements for "Medical Waste Transfer Facility" to EGMC Table 23.58-2; and
5. Add definition of "Medical Waste" to EGMC Section 23.100.020 (General definitions).

The Project also includes a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operations of a new medical waste transfer facility in an existing tenant space in an industrial building on the Project site. No exterior improvements are proposed as part of the Project.

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| PROPERTY OWNER: | PROJECT APPLICANT: |
| STEPHEN VENINGA AND KRISTIN ANN TOLLENAAR 155 CADILLAC DRIVE, SUITE 100 SACRAMENTO, CA 95825 | TRIOLOGY MEDWASTE WEST, LLC CHAD PLATA 3 RIVERWAY #1050 HOUSTON TX 77056 |
| LOCATION/APN: | 9168 Survey Road/APN 134-0510-026 |
| ZONING: | Heavy Industrial (HI) |
| GENERAL PLAN: | Heavy Industrial (HI) |
| ENVIRONMENTAL: | No Further environmental review is necessary under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan or Zoning) 15162 (Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations) and Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulation |
| PROJECT PLANNER: | Kyra Killingsworth, Senior Planner, 916.478.3684 or killingsworth@elkgrove.gov |

Dated/Published: December 26, 2025

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| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call (916) 627-3270 or amireleztrejo@elkgrove.gov or TTY 888-435-6092. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangement to ensure accessibility.</p> | <p>Elk Grove Citizen 12-26-2025</p> |
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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 **JANUARY 13, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. P.ST.** for:

RFP# 820-25/26 Student Attendance Intervention Software Solution

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

Bids will not be opened or read publicly and will be opened in accordance with the procedures set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 20118.2 and 1601.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids received in whole or part, to waive any irregularities in the bids or bidding, and to be the sole judge of the suitability of products and services being offered.

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

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

Elk Grove Citizen 12-26-2025 and 1-2-2026

PROPERTY NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND NOTICE OF INTENDED FORFEITURE

Property was seized pursuant to California Health and Safety (H&S) Code section 11469, *et. seq.* in the following cases and the District Attorney of El Dorado County has instituted proceedings to forfeit this property:

0271714. On or about August 19, 2025, \$269,758.72 in US Currency and \$20,000.00 in precious metals, was seized from 8439 Bader Road, Elk Grove, CA in connection with a violation of H&S Code Section 11351.

Pursuant to section 11488.4 and 11488.5 of the H&S Code, procedures to forfeit the above-listed property are under way. If you claim an interest in this property, you must, within 30 days of the last publication of the Notice of Seizure and Administrative Forfeiture, file a verified claim in the Superior Court Clerk's office located at 2927 Meder Road, Cameron Park, CA 95682. You must also provide an endorsed copy of the claim, stating your interest in the property, to the office of the El Dorado County District Attorney, 778 Pacific Street, Placerville, CA 95667. The claim must refer to the specific item of property listed in this notice. If your claim is not timely filed, property described in the Notice will be forfeited pursuant to H&S Code section 11489.

If your claim is properly filed, the District Attorney will decide whether to file a Petition for Forfeiture with the Superior Court to contest your claim. In the case where a Petition is filed and a contested hearing is held you will have the following rights which include but are not limited to: you have the right to use the subpoena powers of the court and order witnesses to attend, you have a right to testify on your own behalf, submit evidence showing the legitimacy of the seized assets, and a right to cross examine the petitioner's witnesses. This is a civil action, you have the additional right to represent yourself or hire your own attorney, and there is no right to appointed counsel in this case. If no claim is properly filed within the time allowed, the property will be ordered forfeited to the State, to be disposed of according to law.

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Continuing through Dec. 31

American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program Applications Accepted – Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 will sponsor an American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – A Constitutional Speech Contest on Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, District 56, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove 95757.

The American Legion Oratorical Contest started in 1938 to encourage high school students to develop a deeper knowledge of the U.S. Constitution. It is a progressive contest that starts at a Post level with winners advancing up to a national competition. The first place National Competition winner receives more than \$25,000.

We encourage high school students to look into this scholarship opportunity. Your high school counselors may have been provided contest information. The public is welcome to join us and observe the contest. Contact Susan Mason, chair, Post 233 Oratorical, at freedom9115@1791.com for more information. Applications accepted until Dec. 31.

Monday, Dec. 29; Tuesday, Dec. 30; and Friday, Jan. 2

Kid Central Holiday Camp – all day at the Youth Center. This winter camp is filled with fun games, arts and crafts, sports, science, playground time, and special events based on our awesome holiday themes. A morning and afternoon snack will be provided. Register at cosumnescd.gov. 9922 Elk Grove Florin Road.

Wednesday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Gala – 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites. The Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. invites you to step back in time to the "Golden Age of Hollywood" and ring in 2026. This elegant fundraising gala supports our chapter's vital programming serving Elk Grove, South Sacramento, Natomas and Yolo County.

Your attendance helps us continue our mission of public service, scholarship support, and community empowerment. Tickets and more information at exploreelkgrove.com/events. 9175 W. Stockton Blvd.

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, Jan. 17. 8986 Elk Grove Blvd.

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

Rotary Club of Elk Grove – every Wednesday for lunch at noon, The Park at Laguna Springs, 9670 Laguna Springs Drive. More information at elkgroverotary.org.

Sunday Pop-Up Market at HomeGrown Inc. – every Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the HomeGrown Inc. Farmer's Market "store." Enjoy music, delicious food, fresh baked goods, local shopping, and health & wellness vendors – there's something for everyone. 9120 Elk Grove Blvd.

Widowed Persons Social Club – Dec. 26, 10 a.m. Variety game day at Elk Grove UMC, 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, Jan. 3 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 nonprofits: 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, Dec. 26: Explore and learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Join us for a variety of arts, crafts and activities, meet new people and enjoy the library. All skill levels are welcome. Light refreshments will be available. (EG)

Saturday, Dec. 27: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) STEAM for kids, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (VH)

Tuesday, Dec. 30: 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)

Wednesday, Dec. 31: Explore and learn, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH)

Thursday, Jan. 1: Libraries closed for New Year's Holiday.

Friday, Jan. 2: Explore and learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. (EG)

Saturday, Jan. 3: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (NW) Volunteer social and information session, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come meet new people and learn about volunteering for the library. Light refreshments and activities will be provided. (VH) Teen advisory board, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Don't miss your chance to make your voice heard at your library. (VH) STEAM for kids, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EG)

Veterans Meetings

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

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – fourth Thursdays, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road. Dinner 6 p.m. Next meeting January 2026; no meeting in December.

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturdays, 9 a.m., Mimi's Café. For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

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

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursdays; dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursdays; dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. ★



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POLICE LOGS

Dec. 14

12:35 a.m., Grant Line Road/Freeman Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Kiarah Keo, 23, on DUI/drug charges.

7:46 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Jacori Smith, 31, on petty theft with priors charges.

7:56 p.m., Bruceville Road/West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested James Lutz, 24, on warrant charges.

8:11 p.m., 2700 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Rickey Hatch, 62, on DUI charges.

8:39 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested a female juvenile, 17; and a female juvenile, 15, on shoplifting charges.

9:52 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Juan Regalado, 41, on domestic violence and assault with a deadly weapon charges.

10:55 p.m., Waterman Road/Bond Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Johnson Nguyen, 42, on negligent discharge of firearm, felon in possession of firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, carrying a concealed weapon, carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle, carrying an unlicensed weapon, carrying a loaded firearm, hit-and-run/non-injury, DUI alcohol/drugs, resisting arrest and warrant charges.

Dec. 15

1:59 a.m., confidential

location, Elk Grove Police arrested Kalia Thao, 18, on domestic violence charges.

4:18 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Elizabeth Guillen-Singh, 32, on domestic violence and child endangerment charges.

7:35 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Shari Sing, 44, on violation of restraining order charges.

12:55 p.m., Blue Maiden Way/Power Inn Road, Grove Police arrested Gabriel Britschgi, 25, on DUI/drugs, possession of cocaine or heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia, under influence of drugs and warrant charges.

Dec. 16

1 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Grove Police arrested Christopher Marciano, 53, on shoplifting, possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

8:20 a.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Allen Buchman, 32, on warrant charges.

10:15 a.m., Lewis Stein Road/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Tomas Jauregui, 32, on open container in public charges.

2:35 p.m., 10000 block of Dynamic Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Shaniqua Johnson, 35, on driving without owner's consent charges.

6:20 p.m., 8800 block of

Calvine Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Christian Lugo, 24, on petty theft with priors charges.

6:43 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Cody Ralston, 41; and Dayounte Hastings, 31, on petty theft, petty theft with priors and criminal conspiracy charges.

6:44 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Greg Mayo, 64, on domestic violence charges.

8:09 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Thomas Brink, 57, on possession of drug paraphernalia and petty theft with priors charges.

9:51 p.m., Bond Road/Terra Linda Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Ramandeep Kaur, 43, on DUI charges.

Dec. 17

8:26 a.m., 7500 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Grove Police arrested Monique Redlon, 42, on shoplifting, shoplifting with priors and trespassing charges.

12:08 p.m., 7600 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Breanna Martin, 32; and Olivia Calloway, 37, on shoplifting, shoplifting with priors, criminal conspiracy and giving false identification charges.

7:16 p.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Yssela Guarderas, 21, on shoplifting charges.

8:04 p.m., 8100 block of

Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Nalani Hughes, 37, on shoplifting charges.

9:18 p.m., 9400 block of Winding River Way, Grove Police arrested Amritpal Dhaliwal, 33, on DUI/drug and driving while on DUI probation charges.

11:45 p.m., 9400 block of Harbour Point Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Rebecca Wong, 56, on DUI/drug charges.

Dec. 18

4:06 p.m., 8800 block of Calvine Road, Elk Grove Police arrested a female juvenile, 16, on shoplifting charges.

4:39 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Sean Mclean, 45, on providing tobacco to a minor charges.

5:14 p.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Monique Holloway, 42, on shoplifting, shoplifting with priors and warrant charges.

4:16 p.m., 8200 block of Sheldon Place Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested a female juvenile, 16, on possession of marijuana and resisting arrest charges.

8:16 p.m., 9160 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Brittany McCluskey, 25; and Luis Villasenor, 32, on robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, making criminal threats, criminal conspiracy, violation of restraining order and probation violation charges.

10:02 p.m., 8100 block of Geneva Pointe Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Christina Casarez, 39; and Gaspar Valencia Torres, 33, on possession of methamphetamine for sale, transportation or sale of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, probation violation, identity theft, giving false identification to a police officer and warrant charges.

Dec. 19

1:40 a.m., Auberry Road/Power Inn Road, Elk Grove Police arrested

Michael Butler, 45, on possession of controlled substance, felon in possession of a stun gun and possession of burglary tools charges.

9:07 a.m., 9200 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Kobena Anaman, 32, on shoplifting and shoplifting with priors charges.

10:17 a.m., 8900 block of Grant Line Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Vivian Stanley, 31, on possession of cocaine or heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

7:18 p.m., Grant Line Road/Wilton Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Joseph Chandler, 41, on DUI/drug, hit-and-run/no injury and vandalism charges.

7:22 p.m., 9600 block of Railroad Street, Elk Grove Police arrested Christopher Contreras, 32, on public intoxication charges.

10:24 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Naudiah Xayavong, 24, on violation of restraining order, kidnapping, child endangerment and evading an officer charges.

11:10 p.m., Grant Line Road/Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jose Penalzoza Flores, 34, on DUI/drug, carrying a concealed weapon, carrying a loaded firearm, not-registered owner in possession of a firearm and possession of a large-capacity magazine charges.

11:32 p.m., Ravenna Way/Bellaterra Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Tabitha Roybal, 39, on DUI/drug charges.

11:35 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Henry McNeill, 28, on domestic violence and vandalism charges.

Dec. 20

1:26 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Brian Wilson, 34, on possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

11:40 a.m., 6000 block of Falling Rain Court,

Elk Grove Police arrested Bharpur Brar, 32, on assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury and child endangerment charges.

3:14 p.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Paul Ciraullo, 41, on shoplifting charges.

4:06 p.m., 10000 block of Sheldon Woods Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Richard Johnson, 34; and Rudy Hader, 45, on burglary charges.

5:41 p.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Christian Hale, 47; and Gwendolyn Kendrick, 44, on shoplifting and criminal conspiracy charges.

6:56 p.m., Seasons Drive/Laguna Green Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Reynold Barker, 39, on warrant charges.

7:41 p.m., Bond Road/East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Eric Brooks, 20, on DUI/drug charges.

Dec. 21

12:38 a.m., 8500 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Leslie Vang, 32, on DUI/drug charges.

1:37 a.m., Bruceville Road/Terrazzo Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Kinteeda West, 35, on DUI/drug and hit-and-run/non-injury charges.

11:56 a.m., Bond Road/East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Michael Heath, 40, on vandalism charges.

6:37 p.m., Elk Grove Police arrested Jose Perez, 43, on trespassing charges.

7:45 p.m., 9500 block of Snowy Springs Circle, Elk Grove Police arrested Jaylenn Lang, 33, on making criminal threats and resisting arrest charges.

9:10 p.m., 8600 block of Hummingbird Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Samuel Smoke, 37, on battery charges.

10:32 p.m., 8400 block of Tropical Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Samuel Pearce, 35, on warrant charges. ★

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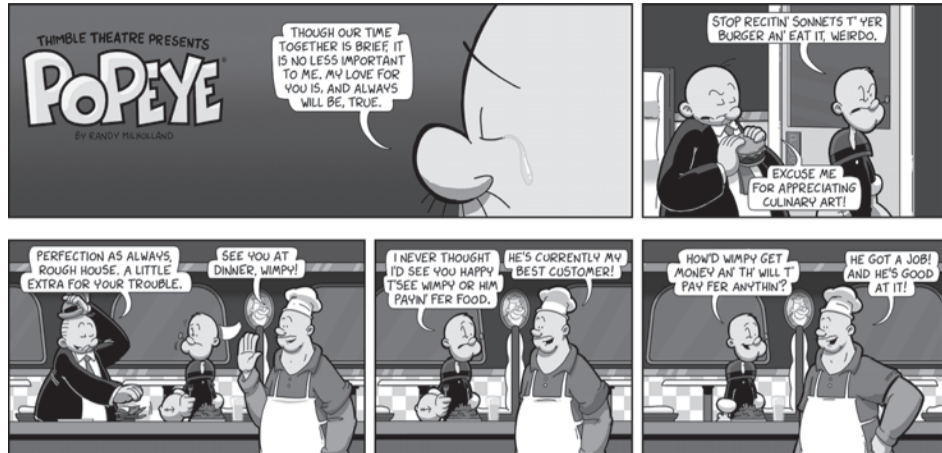
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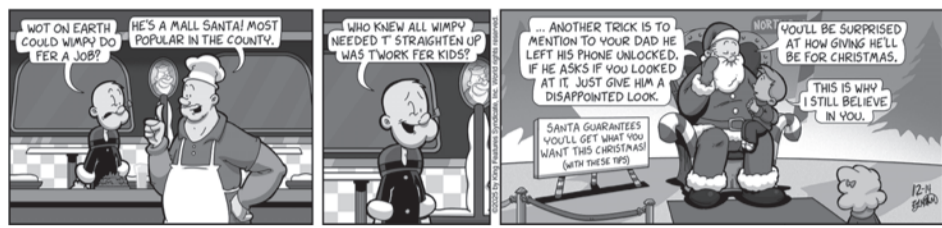
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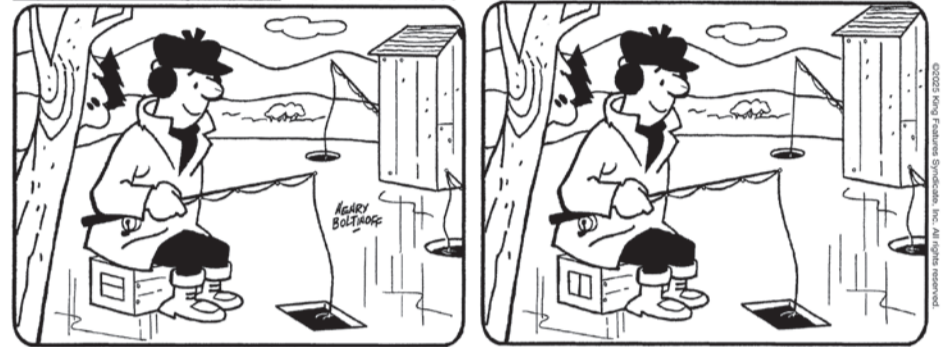
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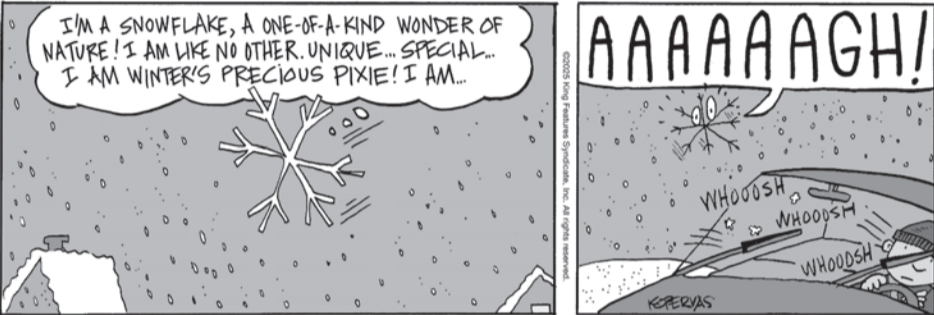
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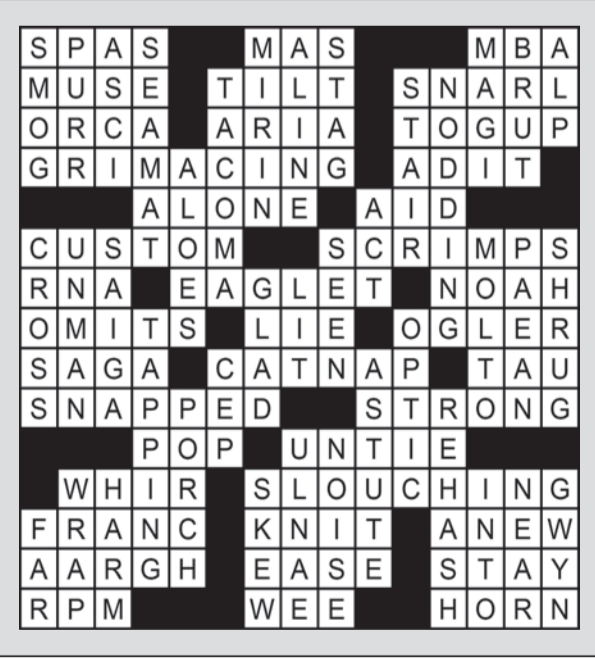
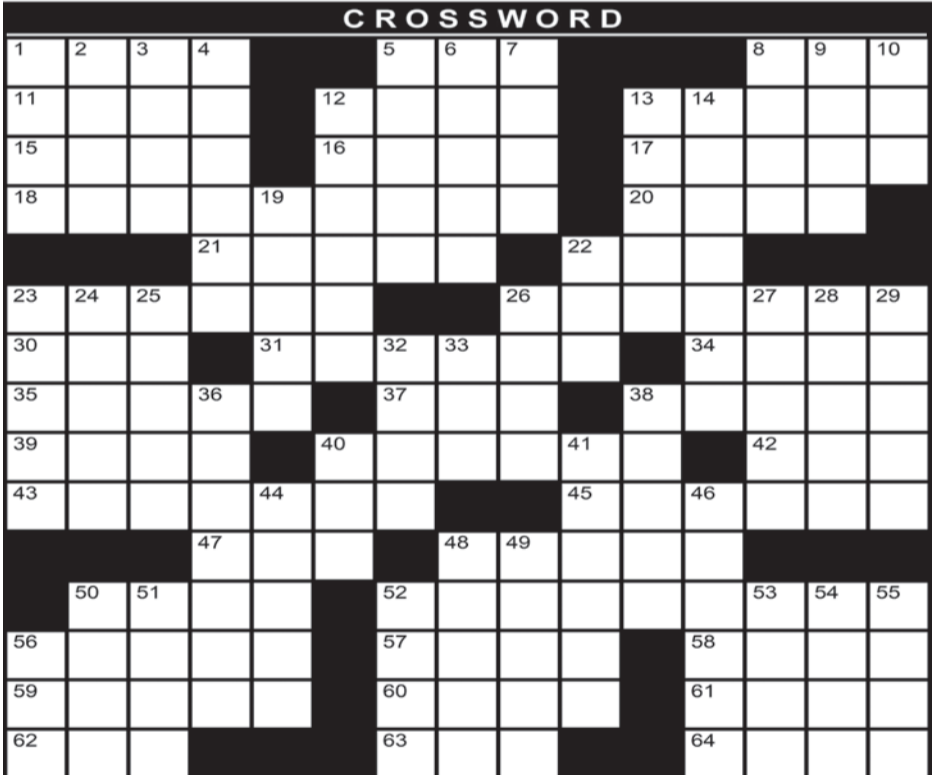
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Sheldon Soccer Makes Second-Half Push to Beat Pleasant Grove

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Sheldon Huskies boys soccer team traveled to Pleasant Grove on Friday, Dec. 19 to play the Eagles during rainy conditions.

Sheldon was coming off a 4-1 victory over Kennedy High School on Dec. 16. The Huskies had a record of 2-1-1 going into their first league game. The Eagles were 2-2-1 on the season and had started a two-game win streak they were looking to extend. They also beat Liberty Ranch 2-1 on Dec. 11 and Laguna Creek 5-0 on Dec. 17.

The game started with the Huskies applying pressure on the Eagles, but they were not giving anything up. The Eagles played great defense and prevented the Huskies from gaining any sort of advantage.

They even switched the momentum of the game. The Eagles took the ball from the Huskies and proceeded to go down the field and score a goal, taking the lead with more than half-way gone in the first half of the game.

Sheldon continued to apply pressure, but

Pleasant Grove stayed strong and shut them down through the first half and into halftime.

Going into the second half, both teams still applied pressure, with both teams making attempts on goals, but being stopped.

More than halfway through the second half, Sheldon was able to get a free kick attempt. Junior Uriel Martin kicked the attempt and scored through the Pleasant Grove defense, tying the game 1-1.

The Eagles continued to make attempts on goals but were coming up empty with the Huskies playing tough defense.

The Huskies were able to take advantage of a late opportunity that was given by the Eagles. Junior Arash Rafiqui was able to score in the last minutes of the game on a fast-break push.

Pleasant Grove continued to make last-minute pushes to tie the game but Sheldon was able to prevail, beating the Eagles 2-1, coming back in the second half to win their first league game of the season.

The Huskies are now 3-1-1 in the early season and starting 1-0 in league play.



Pleasant Grove senior Grady N. McFaddin (No. 2) splits a Sheldon double-team.



Sheldon sophomore Jaime Torres Cardenas (No. 20) outruns Pleasant Grove defenders to push the ball upfield.



Sheldon junior Arash Rafiqui (No. 5) kicks the game-winning attempt past the closing goalkeeper.

They continue their league play in the New Year as their next game is home against Laguna

Creek High School on Jan. 7.

The Eagles fall to 2-3-1 on the season and are 1-1

in league play. Their next game is an out-of-league game against Valley High School.

Both teams will continue to make improvements as they play each other again later in the season. ★

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Alonzo Carter Named as Head Football Coach

Will be the 14th Coach in Sacramento State Program History

Sacramento State News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State Director of Athletics Mark Orr announced Alonzo Carter as the program's 14th head football coach.

"We are thrilled to welcome Alonzo Carter as our next head football coach," Orr said.

"Coach Carter is a proven leader who has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to developing student-athletes on and off the field. His history of success in recruiting, constructing teams and producing results at all levels of football makes him an ideal fit for Sacramento State. We look forward to welcoming him and his family back to his native Northern California and having him as part of the Sacramento community for years to come."

Known for his recruiting ability and deep roots in Northern California, Carter is coming home and most recently served as the assistant head coach and running backs coach at the University of Arizona. Additionally, he has experience as a head coach at the high school and junior college levels.

"Being named the head football coach at Sacramento State is truly an honor and a dream fulfilled," Carter said.

"I want to thank President Luke Wood and Athletics Director Mark Orr for giving me the opportunity to return to Northern California and lead this program. Every stop in my career has prepared me for this moment. Sacramento State deserves a program built on discipline, effort and pride. We're here to raise the standard and represent this University the right way."

Carter has spent the past nine seasons working under Brett Brennan at San Jose State and at the University of Arizona. He joined the Spartans football coaching staff in January 2017 as the running

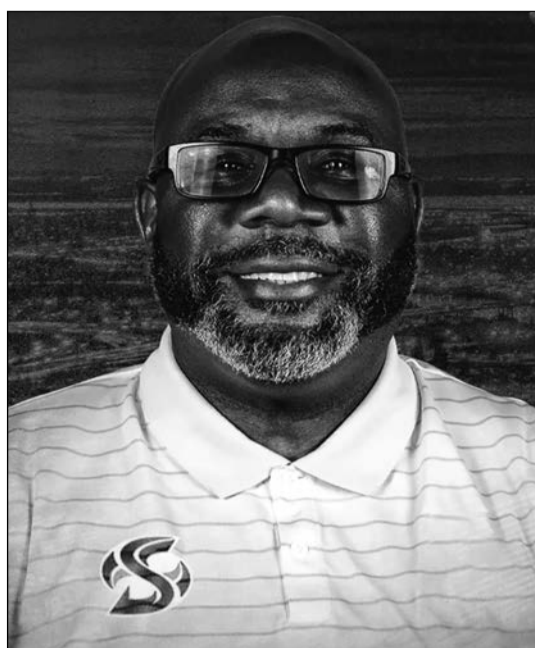
backs coach and added the duties of assistant head coach in 2021. After a successful run at SJSU which included three bowl appearances, he joined the Arizona staff prior to the 2024 season.

This season, the Wildcats went 9-3 in the regular season and will play in the Trust & Will Holiday Bowl on Jan. 2. The team rushed for 2,143 yards and 20 touchdowns and was led by Ismail Mahdi who had 826 yards and four scores. That effort helped Mahdi earn all-Big 12 Conference honors.

In his role as assistant head coach, he aided in the administration of the program, led practices and meetings in the head coach's absence and represented the team at campus and community events.

During Carter's final season at San Jose State (2023), running back Kairee Robinson finished second in the Mountain West Conference with a career-high 1,194 rushing yards and led the conference with a career-high 18 rushing touchdowns.

Carter's running backs played a large role in helping the Spartans go 7-1 overall in 2020, win the Mountain West title and end the season ranked 24th in the AP Poll. The San Jose State backs averaged 4.5 yards per rush and became one of the first two teams in NCAA Football Bowl



Pictured is Alonzo Carter, Sacramento State's 14th head football coach. Courtesy photo

Subdivision (FBS) history to complete a season without losing a fumble by a ball handler on offense, defense, and special teams.

As a head coach at Contra Costa JC from 2010-16, Carter led the team to four conference titles and a pair of bowl victories. In 2012, his team won the Bay Valley Conference, he was named the league coach of the year as well as the CCCFA Region II Coach of the Year. He added a second BVC title the following season and then won Pacific 7 Conference titles in 2014 and 2015. The team advanced to win the Living Breath Foundation Bowl in 2012 and 2014.

Prior to that position, Carter was the head coach at McClymonds High School in Oakland, Calif., for seven years (1999-06) where he won three CIF Oakland Section titles. He was also the head coach at Berkeley HS for three seasons (2007-09) and the head track and field coach at McClymonds High School for 13 years. Overall, he owns a 129-69-3 record as a head coach.

During the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic and up to the start of the delayed season, Carter became a national figure through his West Coast Zoom clinics — weekly sessions involving

hundreds of football coaches. Rooted in listening, learning and networking, he relied on his professional connections and hosted engaging ZOOM calls lasting up to seven hours, either once or twice a week. For his use of the Zoom technology platform, he received a 2020 Zoomtopia award for innovation — emphasis on diversity: bridging the divide.

In August 2020, he was named to the National Coalition of Minority Football Coaches (NCMFC) executive committee. The organization's goal is to identify and groom coaches of color and create a list of coaching candidates for upward mobility. The NCMFC recognized his organizational commitment through his recruitment of more than 100 new members, providing mentoring, and mock interview sessions with its MVP Advocate Award for 2020. Since August 2020, he assisted 26 NCMFC members that advanced to coaching positions of greater responsibility or visibility.

Carter was inducted into the African American Ethnic Sports Hall of Fame in 2001, and the Contra Costa JC Hall of Fame in 2025. He holds coaching certifications from the American Football Coaches Association, the California Interscholastic Federation and the California Community College Athletic Association. Carter was selected to participate in the Bill Walsh NFL Diversity Coaching Fellowship program in 2017 with the San Francisco 49ers.

Carter graduated from Cal State East Bay with a degree in African American studies in 2016. He was a member of the Pioneers' football and track and field teams while the school was known as Cal State Hayward. Carter is the father of four children: Alonzo Carter II, Alona Carter, Anthony Carter, and Kennedie Carter. ★

Republic FC Reinforces Roster with Pierre Reedy

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The club announced Dec. 17 the signing of midfielder Pierre Reedy. Reedy will be added to the team's roster, pending league and federation approval. Per club policy, the terms of the contract were not disclosed.

"Pierre is a well-rounded player who can have an impact on both ends of the pitch," said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins. "He brings a mentality and work rate that make every team he's a part of better. We're looking forward to having him join our fight for silverware."

Reedy added, "It's an honor to be a part of this club. I'm looking forward to this new challenge and giving everything I have for this club and our fans."

Reedy spent the last two seasons with USL League One club Spokane Velocity, where he helped the expansion team reach back-to-back appearances in the league Final. Across all competitions, he recorded 35 appearances, four goals and five assists. Earlier this year, the Pennsylvania native was selected as the Player of the Week after adding a goal and two assists against Westchester.

He previously featured in USL Championship for Charleston Battery in 2023. He joined the Eastern Conference team midway through the season and helped them close out the campaign in strong form to finish third in the table,



Sacramento Republic FC announced on Dec. 17 the signing of midfielder Pierre Reedy. The 2026 season officially kicks off on March 7. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

a nine-point improvement from the previous year. Charleston would go on to claim its first-ever Eastern Conference Championship.

In 2022, he signed his first professional contract for Real Monarchs. He made 18 appearances MLS NEXT Pro appearances and was also called up to Real Salt Lake on a short-term loan that included two appearances. At the end of the 2022 season, Reedy trialed with Scottish Championship side Dundee FC before earning a contract for the second half of the season. He went on to make four appearances to help Dundee earn promotion back to the Scottish Premiership.

Before attending Penn State, Reedy was a member of New York Red Bulls youth academy. The three-year captain recorded 70 appearances, nine goals and 15 assists for the Nittany

Lions, earning five All-American selections. In 2021, he was awarded the Big Ten Medal of Honor, one of the most prestigious student-athlete awards in the country. He also featured for USL League Two side Reading United FC from 2016 to 2018 and helped them reach the 2018 National Championship Final.

Republic FC's 2026 season officially kicks off on March 7 when the club hosts FC Tulsa at Heart Health Park. Season ticket memberships are on sale now, offering a range of benefits including discounts on merchandise and access to exclusive fan experiences, as well as priority seat selection in the new Republic Stadium at The Railyards. For more information, or to purchase a membership, visit SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships. ★

Chip Maxson 2025 MiLB Executive of the Year

Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento River Cats are proud to announce that President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) Chip Maxson has been named the "Baseball America" 2025 Minor League Baseball (MiLB) Executive of the Year.

Just two months after earning an honor of similar namesake from (MiLB), Maxson has been chosen as the top executive of all 120 MiLB affiliates by Baseball America, the website and print magazine company that has developed into one of the premiere baseball outlets in the country. Under Maxson's leadership, Sutter Health Park undertook the unprecedented challenge of hosting two baseball teams and embarked on an ambitious eight-month renovation prior to the season.

"This recognition from Baseball America in addition to the honor from MiLB are a testament to the passion, dedication, and hard work of our entire team," said Sacramento River Cats President and COO Chip Maxson. "Every member of our staff plays a vital role in creating unforgettable experiences for our fans and I'm proud to share this honor with our entire organization and the Sacramento community."

Following the April 4, announcement that the Athletics would temporarily share Sutter Health Park, significant upgrades were made to meet Major League Baseball™ (MLB) standards. Among those included the installation of a state-of-the-art natural grass field equipped with AirPAT technology to enhance turf health, optimize moisture, temperature control, and ensure year-round playability. Six premium club and hospitality spaces underwent modifications, including the Jackson Rancheria Legacy Club, Sky River Casino Solon Club and Diamond View Dugout Club.

During the 2025 season, Sutter Health

Park hosted a total of 151 combined (Major League Baseball) MLB and MiLB contests in just 180 days. The ballpark recorded a 157 percent increase in announced attendance, welcoming nearly 1.1 million fans across all events.

Since joining the organization in 2012, Maxson has guided the River Cats through transformative growth. Among Maxson's immediate actions in 2013 was the addition and construction of the Jackson Rancheria Legacy Club, the first major project at Sutter Health Park since the stadium had been opened in 2000. Maxson's tenure includes leading the affiliation change to the San Francisco Giants in 2015, securing a new stadium naming rights deal in 2019, and overseeing the team's third Triple-A National Championship - the first MiLB franchise in history to reach that milestone.

This is the second time in franchise history that the River Cats have earned this distinct honor from Baseball America. The first to do so was Sacramento River Cats President & General Manager Alan Leford following the 2006 season.

Sacramento continues its string of post-season honors over the past two seasons, as following the 2024 calendar year the River Cats were honored as 2024 Bob Freitas Award winners by Baseball America, given annually to the top team from each of MiLB's three classification levels.

Sutter Health Park is the West Sacramento home of the three-time Triple-A Champion Sacramento River Cats, proud affiliate of the three-time World Series Champion San Francisco Giants. Memberships, mini-plans, and suites and hospitality spaces for the 2026 season may be purchased now by calling the River Cats Ticket Office at (916) 371-HITS (4487), emailing tickets@rivercats.com, or visiting www.rivercats.com. For information on other events at Sutter Health Park, visit www.sutterhealthpark.com. ★



A's Agree to Terms with RHP Mark Leiter Jr. on One-Year Contract

Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Athletics have agreed to terms with right-handed pitcher Mark Leiter Jr. on a one-year contract for the 2026 season, the club announced Dec. 17.

Leiter went 6-7 with two

saves, 14 holds and a 4.84 ERA in 59 relief appearances for the New York Yankees last season. He struck out 54 batters in 48.1 innings and walked 17 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.17. The 34-year-old right-handed pitcher appeared in 50 or more games for the third consecutive

season and his six wins were a career high.

Leiter has pitched for four teams in six seasons in the majors and is 16-29 with nine saves and a 4.60 ERA in 270 career appearances with the Phillies (2017-18), Blue Jays (2018), Cubs (2022-24)

and Yankees (2024-25). He was originally drafted by Philadelphia in the 22nd round in 2013 and did not pitch in 2019 and 2020 due to "Tommy John" surgery and the pandemic. Leiter returned to the majors in 2022 and appeared in a career-high 69 games

for Chicago in 2023 when he logged a career-low 3.50 ERA. He is the son of Mark Leiter, who pitched 11 seasons in the majors from 1990-2001, and the nephew of Al Leiter, who played 19 seasons from 1987-2005 and was a two-time All-Star. ★