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Elk Grove's Latest Openings and Business Updates



Pictured is Interlude Kitchen & Bar, the latest addition to the city bringing an elevated culinary concept centered on wood-fired cooking. Owned by Elk Grove locals Allen Kou and Won Trinh, the restaurant occupies the former Romano's Macaroni Grill site at Laguna Boulevard and Laguna Springs Drive.

Story and photos by Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Entering 2026, Elk Grove residents will see a mix of long-anticipated openings and new additions that continue to shape the city's growing and diverse local economy.

Several developments closed out 2025 and are carrying momentum into the new year; here are some of the latest updates shaping Elk Grove's retail and dining scene.

Interlude Kitchen & Bar

A familiar restaurant site has been given new life at the corner of Laguna Boulevard and Laguna Springs Drive, replacing the former

Romano's Macaroni Grill with a new dining concept, Interlude Kitchen & Bar.

The restaurant is described as offering an elevated modern American dining experience built around a wood-fired cooking. According to its website, the menu draws French and Italian influences while following a "farm-to-fork philosophy," and lists Prelude Kitchen & Bar and Zinfandel Grille as its sister restaurants.

Diners can also expect curated wine pairings and handcrafted cocktails, with featured entrees including Wood Grilled Prime Ribeye, King Salmon and Bucatini Carbonara.

Interlude Kitchen & Bar is located in the Laguna Gateway shopping center, alongside anchors such as T.J. Maxx and Home Depot, and held its

soft opening in late December.

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen was among the city leaders who welcomed the opening and shared details in a social media post on Dec. 19, noting the restaurant is owned by Elk Grove natives Allen Kou and Won Trinh. She also highlighted Interlude Kitchen & Bar as a recipient of the city's breweries, restaurants and wineries program, known as the BReW program.

"The BReW program is designed to support businesses that bring elevated culinary concepts to Elk Grove, strengthen our local economy and enhance our community's sense of place," Singh-Allen wrote. "Interlude is a perfect example of that vision in action."

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New Laws Aim to Improve Road Safety Across State



A new law requires electric bicycles to have a red reflector or a solid or flashing red rear light with a built-in reflector during all hours of operation. Photo by u_d7hddm5o via Pixabay

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - New public safety laws approved during the 2025 legislative session will take effect Jan. 1, the California Highway Patrol announced in a Dec. 26 news release. The changes address school zone and highway speed limits, electric-powered bicycles and motorcycles, vehicle storage and crime prevention.

According to the California Highway Patrol, the update aims to inform drivers, promote safer decision-making and improve roadway safety as transportation technologies continue to evolve.

Several of the new laws focus on pedestrian and traffic safety, particularly speed limits.

Assembly Bill 382 allows local authorities to lower school zone speed limits from 25 to 20 miles per hour through Jan. 1, 2031. After that date, 20 miles per hour will become the standard in school zones where signs are posted.

Another traffic safety measure, Assembly Bill 1014, authorizes the Department of Transportation to reduce highway speed limits by five miles per hour and requires warning citations during the first 30 days after a reduction.

Assembly Bill 390 expands California's "slow down and move over" law to include highway maintenance vehicles and any stationary vehicle using flashing hazard lights, lights, cones or flares. Drivers must change lanes when possible or slow to a safe speed when approaching such vehicles.

Several new laws address electric bicycles and electric motorcycles. Assembly Bill 544 requires electric bicycles to have a

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Applications to Open for City Grant Programs



The city announced three grant programs supporting local nonprofits will open Friday, Jan. 9. Applications are available at elkgrove.gov/grants. Photo courtesy of City of Elk Grove

City of Elk Grove News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The online application period for three city grant programs supporting local nonprofit organizations will open Friday, Jan. 9 for funding allocated in next fiscal year (FY 2026-27).

The Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Community Service Grants (CSG) programs offer funding for public

service activities, housing programs and public facility improvements.

The Community Development Block Grants program, supported by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, funds housing and community development activities that primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Since 2003, the city has used Community Development Block Grants funds to partner with community-based

organizations to expand and enhance critical services for income-qualified residents. Funded activities have included senior nutrition programs, case management, youth services, landlord/tenant and fair housing counseling, accessibility improvements and emergency and transitional housing, among others.

The Community Service Grants program is a locally funded grant

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City Earns Statewide Recognition for Livability, Affordability

City of Elk Grove News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove continues to gain statewide recognition as a city that offers an exceptional quality of life for residents at every stage of life.

Recently, WorldAtlas named Elk Grove one of the 8 Best Cities to Retire in California, and Redfin recognized the city as one of the 20 Most Affordable Cities in California to Buy a Home; two accolades that underscore what residents already know: Elk Grove is a great place to put down roots.

For retirees, Elk Grove offers a welcoming mix of



safety, walkable neighborhoods, quality health care access, parks and trails and a strong sense of community. For homebuyers, the city stands out for its relative affordability compared to other California markets, paired with strong schools, convenient access to jobs throughout the region, and ongoing investment in infrastructure and amenities.

These recognitions benefit everyone who already

calls Elk Grove home. A city that attracts new residents and long-term homeowners supports a stable housing market, strengthens local businesses and expands the tax base that helps fund public services, parks, roads and community programs. Thoughtful growth also reinforces Elk Grove's ability to plan for the future while preserving the character and quality of life residents value.

Whether you are planning your next chapter or building one here now, Elk Grove's recent accolades reflect a community designed to thrive today and for generations to come. ★

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program that supports a wide range of public service and arts related activities serving Elk Grove residents. Funding from this program has provided emergency food distribution, services for residents experiencing homelessness, operational support for senior and youth programs, and other activities.

Both grant applications will be due on Feb. 9.

Event Sponsorship Grants (ESG) are available for organizations planning special events in Elk Grove that have city-wide significance between July 1 and June 30, 2027, and that benefit the Elk Grove community. This program provides assistance through direct funding, city facility use, in-kind services or a combination of these options. Event Sponsorship Grant applications will be due Feb. 20.

A technical assistance webinar will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 12:30 to

2:30 p.m. to assist applicants for CDBG, CSG and ESG programs. City staff will provide an overview of the eligibility requirements and application process and offer technical assistance to prospective applicants. Register at bit.ly/4qKkOeN (case sensitive) to attend.

Applications for all grant programs will be accepted exclusively through the city's online application process. More information and a link to the applications can be found at elkgrove.gov/grants. Amounts awarded for FY 2026-27 are subject to funding and city council approval through the annual budget process.

If interested in receiving automated email alerts for all city nonprofit funding opportunity announcements, sign up to be added to the contact list. For questions, assistance or more information, contact Management Analyst Housing & Public Services Alicia Tutt at 916-627-3735 or atutt@elkgrove.gov. ★

Next Phase Greenlit for Sheldon Park Estates

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - At its final meeting of the year on Dec. 18, 2025, the Elk Grove Planning Commission reviewed a single agenda item related to the Sheldon Park Estates project, a long-planned rural subdivision at the northeast corner of Waterman Road and Sheldon Road.

City staff recommended approval of changes to the project's original design review and subdivision map, which would allow the 30-acre parcel to be divided into residential lots.

Staff noted that construction activity has already begun on the site.

Project manager Antonio Ablog told commissioners the project was first approved in 2014, when the commission granted a rezone and tentative subdivision map covering phases one through three. The Dec. 18 request focused on phase four, referred to as Unit 4, since the original tentative map expired before Sheldon Park Estates Unit 4 could move forward.

The applicant requested approval of a new tentative subdivision map to allow Unit 4 to proceed.

Ablog said the proposal remains largely consistent with the original approval, including the nine residential lots ranging from approximately 2 to nearly 3 acres. A

remainder lot would be dedicated for trail purposes, with access provided by a new private road.

In response to questions about utilities, staff confirmed that the nearest water and sewer lines are located roughly half a mile to a mile from the site and said that all homes will be served by private wells and septic systems based on its rural location designation.

Commissioner Sandra Poole asked why certain conditions from earlier phases didn't carry over to Unit 4. Ablog explained that conditions applicable to phases one through three have already been satisfied and completed. Only

conditions specific to the remaining phase would apply to the new map.

"This is just an extension of a previously done map; we concur with staff and accept all of the conditions that they recommend," applicant Brian Wilson said during public comment.

Following discussion, commissioners unanimously approved the updated subdivision map, allowing the next phase of Sheldon Park Estates to move forward.

The Planning Commission also canceled its Dec. 31 meeting in observance of New Year's Day and confirmed the next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 15 at 8400 Laguna Palms Way. ★

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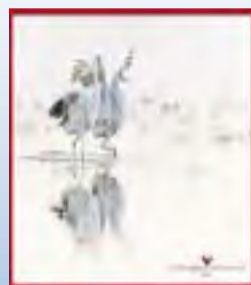
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More information, including the full menu and reservations, is available at interluderestaurant.com.

Planet Fitness Opening Soon

In May 2025, the Elk Grove Citizen reported that Planet Fitness would expand into Elk Grove with a new location at Laguna 99 Plaza, taking over the space formerly occupied by outdoor patio retailer California Backyard. The new gym is expected to offer a more convenient option for local members, who currently travel about 15 minutes to the nearest Planet Fitness on Mack Road in Sacramento.

As the new year begins, signage has been installed and interior renovations appear near completion, though an official opening date has not been confirmed. A status update on Google indicates the gym is expected to open in January. Some prospective members have expressed concerns online about being billed before the facility opens.

“I have signed up; I was charged for the month of January, but the gym is still closed? I cannot use other locations,” wrote user Baryalai Wazeen in a Google review.

The Elk Grove Citizen reached out to Planet Fitness for an official opening date but received no response from the contact listed on its website. The location is offering pre-sale membership deals at planetfitness.com/gyms/elk-grove-ca.

Marshalls at The Ridge

A major retail addition is coming to The Ridge Shopping Center at Elk Grove Boulevard and Bruceville Road.

Marshalls, an off-price retailer in the T.J. Maxx and HomeGoods family, was announced as a future tenant at the southeast corner of the shopping center.

As reported by the Sacramento Business Journal in November 2025, Marshalls will occupy a 20,000-square-foot space near Nordstrom Rack and Club Studio gym. The Ridge is anchored by Costco and Amazon Fresh and is home to businesses including Sephora, In-N-Out, Buffalo Wild Wings, Olive Garden and Crumbl.

Elk Grove Village Center New Retail Underway

Retail activity is picking up at the Elk Grove Village Shopping Center. Last spring, The Citizen reported that Asian supermarket chain SF Supermarket would take over the Big Lots space on Elk Grove Boulevard.

A few months later, Brixton Capital, the real estate group that owns the CVS Pharmacy in the same plaza, announced it had acquired the Elk Grove Village Shopping Center for \$10.6 million.

In a news release, the group noted the plaza is fully leased with long-term tenants including Arby’s, Macque’s BBQ, Plaza del Sol restaurant and Papa Murphy’s Pizza.

New Retail and Restaurants at The Village

Looking ahead, one of Elk Grove’s largest commercial projects is moving closer to opening.

In November, Pappas Investments, the company overseeing The Village project at Elk Grove and Big Horn boulevards, released an online brochure indicating that Barnes & Noble would be joining the lineup of incoming tenants.

The Village Shopping Center is expected to bring 110,000 square feet of new retail, dining and grocery space to the area.

Previously announced businesses included Whole Foods as the anchor tenant, along with Mendocino Farms, Yard House, Shake Shack, Philz Coffee and an additional Chick-fil-A location. The project will also include a SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union.

According to a news release from a contractor on the project, the shopping center is expected to open sometime this year.

Victoria’s Secret

Victoria’s Secret and PINK opened in November 2025, taking over the former Kirkland’s space at the Laguna Crossroads shopping center at Laguna Boulevard and Bruceville Road. The store is between Bob’s Discount Furniture and Mattress Store and Total Wine & More.

The retailer is a major women’s lingerie and intimates brand and also offers clothing, accessories and fragrances. ★



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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@gracechurche.org. Visit GraceChurchEG.org. ★

MEETING MINDERS

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

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

The Elk Grove Planning Commission has its meetings at 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month.

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

The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors has in-person meetings at 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

It governs the Cosumnes Fire

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

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

The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

This meeting is in-person at the Robert L. Trigg Education Center Board Room, 9510 Elk Grove Florin Road.

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

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

Places of Worship

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MEMORIAL

BETTY MARTELLO • 02/26/1933 – 12/20/2025

Betty Martello, 92, of Elk Grove passed away on December 20, 2025, with her daughter and grandson at her side. She was born on February 26, 1933, in Norfolk, Nebraska, to Martha and Glenn Lawson.

Betty's family moved to Florin when she was a young girl. Betty attended Elk Grove High School, where she once served as the school's newspaper editor, sang in the chorus, and played softball.

She met Frank Welsh at the Sacramento Army Depot and the couple married in 1951. They had two children, Sue and Glenn. Later in life Betty, married Donn Martello and the two lived in South Sacramento, where

they enjoyed boating on the Sacramento River on their 'Queen Bee'.

Betty also meticulously tended a garden that was the envy of every visitor. She worked, and later retired from, the Florin County Water District. She and Donn attended Point Pleasant United Methodist Church in Elk Grove, where Betty created and led the Chancel Guild and was a faithful member of the choir.

She is survived by her children Sue (John) Navest and Glenn Welsh; grandchildren Matt (Jennifer) Navest, Luke (Deanna) Navest, Sarena (Ben) Button, and Shelby (Dustin) Robben; great-grandchildren Kaylie,

Avery, Jade, AJ, Spencer, Maverick, and Charleigh; brother Jerry (Phyllis) Lawson; nephews Jerry Lawson Jr. and Timothy Wanner, and niece Debbie Osborne. Betty is preceded in death by her parents; sister Brenda Wanner; husband Donn Martello; daughter-in-law Kara Welsh; and great-grandson Benjamin "Moose" Button.

Funeral services will be held at Point Pleasant United Methodist Church on Monday, January 19, 2026 at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, Betty's family invites donations to be made in her honor to her beloved Point Pleasant United Methodist Church.

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Your Rights After a Gym Equipment Accident

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Understand that faulty or poorly maintained gym equipment can cause a wide variety of serious accidents. These aren't just minor slips and bumps; they are often catastrophic failures that lead to long-term injuries. Common defects include:

- Treadmills that suddenly accelerate or stop without warning.
- Exercise bikes improperly assembled or designed that break or collapse while in use.
- Weight machines with fraying belts, broken pulleys or improperly set "dead-stop" safety mechanisms.
- Ellipticals and other devices with faulty wiring that can result in electrical shock.

When a piece of equipment fails, the results can be devastating and may lead to fractures, head injuries, soft tissue damage and in extreme cases may even be fatal.

Who Is Responsible for Your Injuries? When you're hurt by a defective or poorly maintained device, your injury claim may target one or both of the responsible parties:

- The Equipment Company: A product liability lawsuit can be brought against the manufacturer, distributor or retailer of the equipment. This claim focuses on the product itself being defective. A defect can be in the design (it's not as safe as a consumer would expect), the manufacture (the finished product varied from the intended design), or the marketing (a failure to adequately warn users of known risks). In these cases, the company can often be held strictly liable, meaning you don't have to prove their negligence, only that the defect caused your injury.
- The Gym or Fitness Center: You may also be able to bring a negligence lawsuit against the facility. Gyms have a duty of care to their members. They can breach this duty by failing to properly install, maintain or inspect the equipment, or by not providing adequate warnings about known, non-obvious hazards.

Many gyms require a liability waiver intended to protect them from negligence claims. However, these are not a guaranteed shield. They may be legally unenforceable, or your case may fall outside the scope of the waiver. You may be able to sue if your injuries were caused by the gym's gross negligence, recklessness, intentional misconduct or illegal acts. If you've been injured, your priority should be on healing.

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By V.G. Harris



New Year May Entertain Political Junkies, but Sluggish Economy Deserves the Spotlight



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

As the new year begins, there's no shortage of political trends to keep Californians preoccupied, entertained or perhaps appalled — particularly the state's transcontinental feud with President Donald Trump.

There is Gov. Gavin Newsom's all-but-announced campaign for president, centered on his self-appointed role of resistor-in-chief to Trump. As Newsom continues to troll Trump this year we may learn whether it continues to advance Newsom as a White House frontrunner or becomes tiresome and off-putting.

As 2025 ended Axios, a news website, reported that Newsom's potential rivals are ratcheting up efforts to undermine his bid, arguing that, as a California progressive, he's unelectable.

Another point of political fixation is Newsom's successful effort to gerrymander California's 52 congressional seats to help Democrats recapture control of the House in 2026. Whether it works is a question hanging over his presidential ambitions.

Still another is the campaign to choose a successor to Newsom. It so far has attracted a large contingent of Democrats without, as yet, a clear leader. There's a theoretical possibility that with as many as a dozen Democrats in the field, the

two Republicans could finish first and second in the June 2 primary and face each other for the governorship in November, despite the GOP's very weak standing among voters.

This year's election cycle also promises to be another showdown of moneyed interests via dueling ballot measures, with those either increasing or decreasing taxes at the top of the heap.

While political junkies can feed their habits this year, the more profound issue that faces California will be its moribund economy.

Newsom often brags that California's \$4 trillion economy, were it a nation, would rank fourth in the world. However, it has seen zero net job growth since the COVID-19 pandemic ended and recently has experienced employment shrinkage.

More than a million Californians in the labor force are jobless and the state's unemployment rate, currently 5.6%, has been the highest or near the highest of any state for several years.

Employment doldrums have affected even the state's hallmark sectors, most obviously Southern California's withering film and TV production industry and the Bay Area's high technology concentration.

The latter has almost single-handedly propped up the state's economy and generated a huge portion of tax revenues, but layoffs have proliferated as artificial intelligence is increasingly employed — a syndrome that also affects Hollywood.

Stubborn, or even increasing, unemployment makes it more difficult for state and local governments to cover their budget deficits — thus underpinning the

thrust for tax increases on state and local ballots. The sluggish economy also hampers efforts to improve two of the state's most pressing socioeconomic issues, its highest-in-the-nation poverty and homelessness levels.

Even Californians who have homes and jobs are feeling the economic pinch. Combining economic data with polling results, the Public Policy Institute of California recently discovered rising economic angst among California residents.

"California is one of the largest economies in the world, but many working Californians do not feel economically secure (and) they struggle to pay their bills, save for the future, and balance the demands of work and daily life," PPIC reported, adding that polling data "indicate that pessimism about future economic opportunity has become even more pervasive amid recent economic volatility."

As he shifts into presidential campaign mode, Newsom has every reason to keep bragging about the state's economy. But those running to replace him and state legislators should make 2026 the year to recognize that California has serious problems, to bore into the underlying causes and to do what they can to once again make California thrive.

History tells us that taking prosperity for granted — think Detroit — is an invitation to economic ruin.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

On Dec. 27 the Sacramento Kings treated the hometown fans to a post-Christmas treat with a stirring 113-107 victory over the visiting Dallas Mavericks. It was a reminder that although Dallas is a notable team with playoff intentions, the Kings have the talent to match up nightly with any team in the NBA. They have demonstrated this repeatedly, but the conundrum has been a complete lack of consistency as it relates to game over game results.

Why, you ask? The singular question that begs for an answer.

Injuries have played a role to be certain, but every NBA club must contend with injuries.

If I had to answer this question as honestly as I could, I would turn to the one player on this year's squad that has the greatest impact and that is none other than Domantas Sabonis. Over the past 3 ½ seasons Domantas hasn't just led the NBA in rebounding and double-doubles, he's been the singular stabilizing influence on a team that needs a leader like none-other. Sabonis' nightly consistent reinforcement of the fundamentals in playing the paint the old-fashioned way, gives every player on the floor a boost of confidence.

Domantas has a motor that just won't quit, and his enthusiasm for the game of basketball is simply contagious. Players want to play with this guy, and former King Jonas Valanciunas was vocal in his admiration for Sabonis and his desire to play alongside the Kings big man.

Unfortunately, the Kings did not value the talent that Valanciunas brought to the floor and allowed him to walk out the back door. Denver did not hesitate to provide their multiple MVP center Nikola Jokic with a resplendent backup, and Valanciunas has thrived this season in his new role.

The number one problem the Kings have had to face this season is not having Domantas on the floor, and their record shows it. 8 wins in 35 contests matches the worst start for an NBA season in the Sacramento Kings franchise history, and this is not a record you want to be a part of. Getting Sabonis back on the floor will be the first step in establishing what this year's team really is, but the Kings face a real dilemma.

GM Scott Perry is making noises that this year's team is about to receive a complete face lift, and Domantas Sabonis name has been mentioned or at least rumored in possible trade rumors. That would be mistake of herculean proportions.

Breaking news, the grass is not always greener on the other side.

Do you not remember what the organization did just one year ago when it inexplicably sent face of the franchise DeAaron Fox to the San Antonio Spurs?

DO NOT trade Domantas Sabonis. Draw a line in the sand, NOW, and build around a player that gets fans on their feet every game!

Stop trading away talent that makes other NBA teams stronger such as Davion Mitchell, DeAaron Fox, Issac Jones, and Boston Celtic starting center Neemias Queta. Yes, Neemias Queta, that the Kings had the good sense to draft 39th overall in the 2021 NBA draft and then send him to the G league where he thrived.

Fans saw something in this raw rookie and gave him more votes than any other King when it came to All-star voting that season.

The front office saw things differently and waived Queta in August 2023, and he was immediately scooped up by the Boston Celtics. Signed to a 2-way contract, Queta went on to help Boston win and NBA championship that same season and has since worked his way up to become this year's starting center. In the recent 120-106 loss to the Celtics, Queta provided the Kings with an up front and personal look at why their decision to let him go should have been reconsidered. Queta held down the paint efficiently all night, while posting 13 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 big blocks.

Simply stated, the Sacramento Kings must stop giving away valuable NBA talent and find someone in the organization that can effectively grade players and determine who is and who is not a viable NBA player.

Stay tuned Kings fans because Domantas will hopefully return soon, and then we can see what this team can do with a true NBA center on the floor.

Happy New Year Kings fans and by all means do not give up hope! ★

Social Security Matters My Wife Believes She Can Get a Spouse Benefit While I'm Still Alive; Can She?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: A friend of my wife told her, and she believes, she could receive a Social Security benefit based on my SS benefit that I'm currently receiving while I'm still alive. I told her she could only receive spouse survivor benefits. Is there any truth to what she now believes? Would you settle this issue for us please? Thank you.

Signed: Uncertain Husband

Dear Uncertain Husband: Well, surely don't want to get in the middle of your marital discussion, but I'll be happy to explain Social Security's rules about your wife's eligibility for spousal benefits while you are both still living. And just for awareness for both of you, the rules about spousal benefits are one of the most confusing areas of Social Security.

Per Social Security's rules, a spouse (e.g., your wife) can receive a "spousal boost" from you — while you are still living — if the SS retirement

benefit she is personally entitled to at her full retirement age (FRA) is less than 50% of the SS retirement benefit you are (were) entitled to at your FRA (full retirement age amounts are used to calculate living spouse benefits, regardless of when each of you actually claimed your Social Security).

So, if your FRA entitlement benefit amount is more than twice your wife's FRA entitlement benefit amount, she can, indeed, get a "spousal boost" from your record while you are both still living. The spousal boost is added to her own SS retirement amount and will be based on the difference between her FRA entitlement and half of your FRA entitlement. Thus, in this discussion, your wife may be correct - she may be able to get a spousal boost from you while both of you are living, depending on how your personal FRA retirement amounts compare. The best way for your wife to find out is to contact Social Security on 1.800.772.1213 to inquire, and if she's eligible, also make an appointment to apply for her spousal benefit.

And to clarify your wife's options as your possible widow, a surviving spouse can also get a survivor benefit if their marital partner passes away, but only if the deceased spouse's current benefit (at death) was more than the surviving spouse is already

receiving. The surviving spouse receives the higher amount, instead of their own smaller Social Security retirement benefit.

But here is an important thing to know: Whenever any Social Security benefit (including a spousal or surviving spouse benefit) is claimed before the recipient's full retirement age, the payment amount is permanently reduced (both spousal and survivor benefits do not reach maximum until the recipient's full retirement age). And just to complete the picture for survivor benefits, a surviving spouse is also entitled to a one-time, lump-sum death benefit of \$255 if their marital partner dies, in addition to any other benefit they are entitled to.

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No, the USS Liberty Incident Wasn't Israeli Treachery

stroyer escort, which was denied, and orders to the Liberty to withdraw about 100 miles from the front were delayed in a communications tangle.

That morning, an ammunition dump ignited in the coastal city of El-Arish in the Sinai, and the Israelis (wrongly) believed the location had been shelled by Egyptian ships. The Israeli navy spotted the Liberty heading toward Egypt and (wrongly) concluded it had been one of the attackers. Two Israel Mirage jets saw no identifying markings on the Liberty (a later U.S. inquiry speculated that the flag might not have been visible for lack of wind) and strafed the ship. More Israeli jets napalmed the Liberty.

The absence of return fire puzzled the Israelis, who paused to ensure they weren't hitting an Israeli vessel. Assured it wasn't one of their own, they renewed the assault.

Still uneasy, they looked for identifying markers again. They saw no flag, but made out Latin, not Arabic, letters on the hull. That strongly suggested the vessel wasn't Egyptian.

Yet, a squadron of Israeli torpedo boats determined that the Liberty's silhouette matched an Egyptian supply ship. A request for identification from the Liberty received no affirmative reply.

The Liberty's captain ordered his men not to shoot at the torpedo boats, but one gunner briefly fired and there were further discharges from exploding ammunition. Believing

they were taking incoming from an Egyptian ship, the torpedo boats requested permission to fire and got reluctant assent. A torpedo slammed into the Liberty, blowing a hole 24 feet tall by 39 feet wide and killing more than two dozen sailors.

Eventually, an Israeli torpedo boat picked up a raft from the Liberty with U.S. naval markings and the Israelis realized their tragic error. They apologized instantly to U.S. naval attaché Ernest Carl Castle, and an Israeli helicopter attempted to take him out to the Liberty (the effort was foiled by darkness). The Israeli torpedo boats offered assistance to the Liberty, which was rebuffed.

As Michael Oren points out in his history of the Six-Day War, none of the common conspiracy theories makes sense. There was no way that Israel -- desperate for U.S. support and wary of Soviet enmity -- was going to make an act of war against a friendly superpower. Nor did Israel need, as is sometimes posited, to hide its gains in the Sinai from the U.S., or its plans to hit Syria. It hadn't executed Egyptian POWs, so that didn't justify a murderous cover-up, either.

Both official Israeli and U.S. investigations determined that the attack was a friendly fire incident, but for Israel and the Jews in the current environment, the truth is no defense.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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POLICE LOGS

Dec. 22

6:08 a.m., Laguna Boulevard/Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Isaiah Rehberg, 27, on DUI/drug charges.

11:07 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Elena Mardar, 46, on assault with a deadly weapon, domestic violence and child endangerment charges.

3:35 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested a female juvenile, 16, on shoplifting charges.

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

5:42 p.m., 8400 block of Camino Vista Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Teengh Hergh, 62, on DUI/drug charges.

6:53 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Rey Rodriguez Pinales, 26, on grand theft charges.

Dec. 23

12:30 a.m., Orchard Loop Lane/Power Inn Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Albert Gracia, 42, on warrant charges.

4:51 a.m., 10000 block of Sheldon Woods Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Christopher Therrell, 46, on burglary and warrant charges.

9:07 a.m., 9200 block of Survey Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Brandin Turner, 39, on battery charges.

10:13 a.m., 5200 block of Percheron Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Teodoro Delatore Mercado, on vandalism and felon in possession of ammunition charges.

12:23 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Elvis Henriquez Lopez, 37; and Tiffany Grimes, 44, on resisting arrest and warrant charges.

3:46 p.m., 9600 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Colby Callison, 24, on shoplifting charges.

4:20 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Natalya Jamison, 23, on domestic violence charges.

4:48 p.m., 8200 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Philip Ung, 42, on warrant charges.

4:53 p.m., Lewis Stein Road/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Jarrod Frias, 37, on warrant charges.

5:19 p.m., Sheldon Road/Power Inn Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Adrian Keomany, 26; Akintunde Wallace, 25; and Deondre Crump, 25, on engaging in a speed contest charges.

8:05 p.m., 9600 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Elizabeth Bahia, 43, on petty theft with priors charges.

9:40 p.m., 10000 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Gabriel Ortiz, 33, on driving without owner's consent, receiving a stolen vehicle and warrant charges.

10:40 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Muhammad Jabbari, 41, on hit-and-run/non-injury charges.

Dec. 24

1:11 a.m., 8300 block of Tarak Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Israel Maldonado, 29, on warrant charges.

1:54 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Edwin Perez Vallecillo, 28, on domestic violence charges.

8:31 a.m., 6800 block of Raycroft Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Elmer Gurmai, 66; and Mathew Caldwell, 47, on battery charges.

9:43 a.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Angiza Sharam, 21, on shoplifting charges.

12:21 p.m., Highway 99/Grant Line Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Desiray Bailey, 28, on driving without owner's

consent, receiving a stolen vehicle, probation violation, possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

1:22 p.m., 9100 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Alanah Harding, 23; and Laura Chao, 73, on elder abuse and battery charges.

2:11 p.m., 9400 block of Canmoor Circle, Elk Grove Police arrested Vipine Narr, 34, on public intoxication charges.

2:57 p.m., Sheldon Road/Cherrington Lane, Elk Grove Police arrested Bradley Burkhardt, 31, on DUI/drug charges.

4:35 p.m., 7700 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Kimberly Nechaldas, 27, on robbery charges.

5:08 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Shelni Chandra, 29, on shoplifting charges.

11:33 p.m., Bruceville Road/Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jorge Melendrez, 34, on DUI, hit-and-run/non-injury and warrant charges.

Dec. 25

12:05 a.m., 5500 block of Bellaterra Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Makalah Edwards, 21, on warrant charges.

12:21 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Jhellies Banaag, 33, on domestic violence, assault with a deadly weapon, child endangerment and battery charges.

10:21 a.m., 9400 block of Canmoor Circle, Elk Grove Police arrested Vipine Narr, 34, on battery charges.

11:42 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Alexander Peach, 37, on domestic violence charges.

Dec. 26

2:55 a.m., Frank Greg Way/Franklin High Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Chadwich White, 40, on DUI/drug and hit-and-run/non-injury charges.

4:56 a.m., Elk Grove

Boulevard/Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Lyudmila Tarasov, 40, on DUI/drug, driving on the wrong side of the road and driving with an open container charges.

11:29 a.m., 2700 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Patrick Hudspeth, 32, on resisting arrest and parole violation charges.

8:25 p.m., 7000 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Luz Chavez, 40, on arson, criminal threats, elder abuse, vandalism and possession of controlled substance charges.

Dec. 27
12:47 a.m., Bruceville Road/Mashpee Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Pardeep Singh, 36, on giving false identification to a police officer and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

3:34 p.m., 10000 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Roger Mucha, 46, on warrant charges.

3:38 p.m., 7700 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jesus Deanda, 35, on public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

6:10 p.m., Calvine Road/Center Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Nigel Patterson, 22, on warrant charges.

11:23 p.m., 10000 block of Promenade Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Hollea Roman, 47, on possession of methamphetamine charges.

Dec. 28

12:24 a.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/Halverson Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Zachary Bryant, 42, on DUI/drug charges.

12:22 p.m., 8400 block of Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Hunter Lindsey, 31, on brandishing a firearm and vandalism charges.

2:20 p.m., 5900 block of Witt Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Suhrab

Ghazi, 29, on criminal threats and parole violation charges.

5 p.m., Franklin Boulevard/Millstone Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Edwin Cruz, 33, on public intoxication charges.

5:39 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Williamson Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested George Ribet, 53, on DUI/drug charges.

Dec. 29

7:24 p.m., Big Horn Boulevard/Descendant Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Angelo Calderon, 22, on resisting arrest, possession of cocaine or heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

Dec. 30
12:48 a.m., 9200 block of Franklin Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Egypt Morgan, 24, on false impersonation and warrant charges.

1:16 a.m., 8600 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Nam Nguyen, 34, on assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury and probation violation charges.

11:18 p.m., 7600 block of Cosby Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Andrew Jackson, 31, on vandalism and warrant charges.

Dec. 31

2:48 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Jonathan Moreno, 36, on domestic violence charges.

3:52 a.m., 8800 block of Tethys Lane, Elk Grove Police arrested Jarrel Bolds, 43, on resisting arrest charges.

12:52 p.m. Elk Grove Police arrested Lovell Lewis, 47, on elder abuse and false imprisonment charges.

11:18 p.m., 7600 block of Cosby Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Andrew Jackson, 31, on vandalism, failure to display license plate and warrant charges.

8:20 p.m., Sheldon Road/West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove

Police arrested Robert Rice, 46, on receiving a stolen vehicle and warrant charges.

Jan. 1

1:47 a.m., 8300 block of Dandelion Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Jaspreet Hayer, 41, on public intoxication charges.

2:08 a.m., Devon Crest Way/Eastpointe Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Talor Fitzgerald, 19, on DUI/drug and underage DUI with a BAC of 0.05 or higher charges.

4:14 a.m., Lotz Parkway/Kammerer Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Alicia Martinez, 19, on DUI/drug charges.

2:55 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Dale Johnson, 43, on trespassing charges.

2:59 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Racquel Solis, 21, on assault with a deadly weapon, brandishing a weapon, elder abuse and child endangerment charges.

9:58 p.m., 9970 block of Falcon Meadow Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Laine Tafoya, 26, on assault with a deadly weapon and vandalism charges.

Jan. 2

12:32 a.m., Highway 99/Grant Line Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Mister Padilla, 29, on resisting arrest, felon in possession of a firearm, receiving a stolen vehicle, possession of burglary tools, unlawful use of tear gas, carrying a concealed weapon, possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving without owner's consent and warrant charges.

6:59 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Tiffany Richards, 39, on domestic violence and warrant charges.

5:08 p.m., Calvine Road/Waterman Road, Jesse Silos, 44, on DUI/drug charges. ★



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\$\$ Open Games 9:00	\$\$ Zumba Gold 10:00	\$\$ Chair Exercise 9:00	Open Artist Studio 9:00	\$\$ Mahjong 9:30
\$\$ Chair Exercise 10:00	\$\$ Guitar Workshop 11:00	\$\$ Chair Exercise 10:00	\$\$ Zumba 30/30 10:00	\$\$ Chair Exercise 10:00
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\$\$ Aerobics 11:30	\$\$ Hawaiian Hula No Class 01/06 01/13 01/20 01/27 1:00	\$\$ Ukulele Practice 10:30	Scrabble 12:00	\$\$ Bridge 1:00
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\$\$ Bridge 1:00	\$\$ Genealogy 2:00	\$\$ Book Group Wk 2 & 4 11:00	\$\$ Rock Painting Wk 1 & 3 1:00	
\$\$ Writing Group 1:00	\$\$ Mindfulness & Meditation 2:00	\$\$ Chair Pilates No Class 01/21 11:00	\$\$ Men's Talk Group 1:00	
\$\$ Intermediate Hatha Yoga 1:30		\$\$ Aerobics 11:30	Grief Support Group Wk 2 & 4 2:00	
		\$\$ Chair Yoga No Class 01/21 12:15	\$\$ Line Dancing No Class 01/08 01/15 01/22 01/29 2:00	
		\$\$ Zumba Chair 12:30		
		\$\$ Bingo 12:45		
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Ayamudin Waziri, 9701 Little Harbor Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elite Black Rides Company" 9701 Little Harbor Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2025
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Clint Lipscomb, 9609 Hickory Rail Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tidy Up Cleaning Service" 9609 Hickory Rail Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09088
Steven B. Hansen, D.C. A Chiropractic Corporation, 9792 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Murieta Spine and Disc Clinic" 7248 Murieta Parkway Suite

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Ruby Michelle Andres Riego, 10048 Schuler Ranch Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blank Story Creative Studio" 10048 Schuler Ranch Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 18, 2025
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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV029915

Britney Ann May has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Britney 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
Publish: Dec 26, Jan 2, 9, 16, 2026
MAY 1-16-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

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 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
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TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 250903745 Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No.: N5278TO Order No. 95532252 APN: 119-2120-002-0019 Property Address: 5201 Laguna Oaks Dr #27 Elk Grove, CA 95758 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 2/3/2012. 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 now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. No cashier's checks older than 60 days from the day of sale will be 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 disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (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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ELK GROVE CITIZEN 01-09-26

T.S. No.: 2025-01511-CA A.P.N.:132-1770-004-0000 Property Address: 10428 CANADEO CIRCLE, ELK GROVE, CA 95757 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/23/2005. 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. Trustor: ALICIA R. BELLAMY, A SINGLE WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 07/01/2005 as Instrument No. --- in book 20050701, page 2479 and further modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded on 03/6/2009, in book 20090306 page 0721 and further modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement 02/14/2013 in book 20130214 page 1125 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 02/03/2026 at 09:00 AM Place of Sale: EAST MAIN ENTRANCE, GORDON D. SCHABER SACRAMENTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 720 9TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 313,381.57 THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED

TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 10428 CANADEO CIRCLE, ELK GROVE, CA 95757 A.P.N.: 132-1770-004-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 313,381.57. Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855)-976-3916, or visit this internet website https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case 2025-01511-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

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

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

T.R. Smedberg Middle School Modernization – Lease-leaseback contract (the "Contract"),

as per the Request for Sealed Proposals/Qualifications ("RFPQ"), drawings, specifications, and other Contract Documents that are available may be obtained at www.egusdplans.com

Proposals will be filed through Dropbox to Michael Bean (mbean@egusd.net), Hannah Dayton (hdayton@egusd.net), and Jennifer Jedlicka (jjedlick@egusd.net) on **February 6, 2026, before 12:00 p.m.** on the clock designated by the Owner or its representative as the bid clock. No proposal will be accepted by the Owner after this time. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the proposal will not be accepted. Proposals may be opened immediately after the above deadline for submittal, or at a later time, within the Owner's discretion. The lowest proposed fee shall be determined from the proposed base fee.

Mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on **January 20, 2026, at 12:30 pm** at the Robert L. Trigg Center, **Room 209**, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Elk Grove, California. Contractors not attending this conference will be disqualified from submitting proposals.

This Contract is subject to prequalification. Prequalification deadline is January 26, 2026. See the Request for Sealed Proposals and Qualifications for details.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the **Valley High School Parking Upgrade and Welcome Center** project at the Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until **12:30 pm, on Thursday, February 5, 2026**, at which time bids will be opened.

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

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on **Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 1:00 pm, at Valley High School, 6300 Ehrhart Ave. Sacramento, CA 95823**. The District's Representatives will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

Project includes the complete removal and replacement of all asphalt parking areas and portions of existing concrete walks with new paving and striping. Work additionally includes improvements to underground water piping, addition of electric vehicle charging stations, site lighting, the upgrade of one primary SMUD electrical service, new steel shade structure, landscape upgrades, and the relocation and alteration of one 24'x40' modular building including a pre-manufactured metal ramp. This project requires a **Class A** license.

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

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

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Sacramento County, California

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

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the **Irene B. West Elementary School Parking Lot Expansion** project at the Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until **2:00 pm local time, on Thursday, February 5, 2026**, at which time bids will be opened.

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

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Irene B. West Elementary School, 8625 Serio Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758**. The District's Representatives will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

This project includes expansion of the existing parking lot and student drop-off facilities directly to the east into an existing turf playfield, expand existing accessible parking and paths of travel, provide new electric vehicle charging stations, modify existing perimeter fencing and gates, modify existing turf and irrigation within the expansion area, replace existing rubberized walking path, upgrade existing and provide new parking lot lighting. This project requires a **Class A** license.

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CITY OF ELK GROVE

NOTICE OF GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2026-27 FUNDS AND APPLICATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WEBINAR

Dated: January 9, 2026

The City of Elk Grove is beginning its planning and application process for the 2026-27 fiscal year, covering the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Service Grant (CSG), and Event Sponsorship Grant (ESG) programs.

Grant Opportunities

Beginning no later than **January 9, 2026**, the City of Elk Grove will be accepting applications for the CDBG, CSG, and ESG programs for FY 2026-27, which covers the period from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. For more information or access to application links, please visit www.elkgrove.gov/grants.

CDBG/CSG Funding

Nonprofit organizations and local governmental entities serving Elk Grove residents may apply for funding for service provision and/or facility acquisition or improvements. Applications, including all required documentation, must be submitted electronically by **February 9, 2026 at 11:59pm** to be considered.

ESG Funding

Nonprofit organizations planning special events with city-wide significance that benefit the Elk Grove community may apply for assistance through direct funding, city facility use, in-kind services, or a combination of these options. Applications, including all required documentation, must be submitted electronically by **February 20, 2026 at 11:59pm** to be considered.

Application Technical Assistance Webinar

City staff will host a technical assistance webinar to guide applicants through the CDBG, CSG, and ESG application process. All interested applicants are encouraged to attend the webinar, which is to be held on **Tuesday, January 20, 2026, from 12:30 – 2:30pm**. Please visit the City's website at www.elkgrove.gov/grants for participation information including a link to register for the webinar. Registration is required to attend.

A recording of the application technical assistance webinar will be archived and available on the website.

If you need translation services for languages other than English, please call 916.478.2254 for assistance.

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

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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice Laguna Self Storage located at 3000 Dwight Rd Elk Grove CA 95758 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.bid13.com on 1/29/2026 at 10:00 AM. Kenton Fong. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the **Valley High School Black Box Theater Lighting Upgrades** project at the Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until **2:00 pm, on Tuesday, February 10, 2026**, at which time bids will be opened.

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

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 3:00 pm, at Valley High School, 6300 Ehrhart Ave. Sacramento, CA 95823**. The District's Representatives will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

Project includes the **Replacement of existing lighting power and control grid, and miscellaneous equipment upgrades to accommodate the installation of new owner-furnished theatrical lighting components.** This project requires a **Class C-10** license.

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


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

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Missing a Tooth?

Here Are Your Options

By your local dentist Dr. Ashkan Alizadeh, Master at Academy of General Dentistry

Losing a tooth is more common than most people realize, whether it's from decay, gum disease, or an accident.

But even one missing tooth can affect more than your smile. It can make chewing more difficult, lead to shifting of nearby teeth, and even change the shape of your face over time.

The good news is, there are several ways to replace missing teeth. Understanding the options can help you make the best decision for your health and comfort.

1. Do Nothing (Not Recommended)

While it may seem easier to leave the space empty, this can cause nearby teeth to drift, throwing off your bite and leading to more tooth wear or jaw pain. Once teeth move out of proper alignment, it becomes harder to clean, increasing the risk of cavities and gum disease. It also becomes more challenging to replace the teeth if you wait too long to replace the teeth, so it's best not to wait too long.

2. Removable Partial or Full Denture

A removable denture is a simple and affordable way to replace one, several, or all missing teeth. These appliances are taken out at night and cleaned daily. While they can restore your smile and chewing function, they tend to cover a large portion of the mouth and can sometimes feel bulky or less secure.

3. Fixed Bridge

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

4. Dental Implants

Dental implants are the most advanced and long-lasting option. An

implant is a small titanium post that replaces the root of a missing tooth and supports a crown, bridge, or even a full denture. Implants look, feel, and function like natural teeth, and they help preserve the jawbone beneath the gums. Implants aren't for everyone, though. Factors like bone quality, health conditions, and medications can affect whether they're the right choice. Your dentist can take X-rays and discuss if implants are a good fit for you.

The Bottom Line

Replacing missing teeth is about more than appearance. It's about maintaining good oral health, proper chewing, and a confident smile. Whether you need to replace one tooth or a full set, there's a solution that can fit your needs and lifestyle.

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New Laws Aim to Improve Road Safety Across State

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red reflector or a solid or flashing red rear light with a built-in reflector during all hours of operation.

The bill also allows the California Highway Patrol's online electric bicycle safety and training program to satisfy safety course requirements for minors cited for helmet violations.

Senate Bill 586 defines an off-highway electric motorcycle, known as an eMoto, as a vehicle designed primarily for off-highway use that is powered by an electric motor, has handlebars, a straddle seat and two wheels and does not have pedals.

The bill classifies eMotos as off-highway motor vehicles, subjecting them to existing regulations including helmet requirements and DMV-issued identification plates.

Vehicle storage and removal provisions are addressed in Assembly Bill 875.

The law allows officers to impound a vehicle for

at least 48 hours if it has fewer than four wheels, does not meet the definition of an electric bicycle, can exceed 20 miles per hour and is operated by an unlicensed driver.

It also applies to class 3 electric bicycles operated by riders under 16. A safety course may be required before release when a child is involved.

Assembly Bill 289 establishes the State Highway Work Zone Speed Safety Program, authorizing a pilot program that uses radar or laser systems to detect speeding in work zones. The system will photograph license plates and issue citations to registered owners, with procedures for review and appeal.

The California Highway Patrol also highlighted laws approved during the 2024 legislative session that take effect this year.

Beginning Jan. 1, Senate Bill 1271 strengthens safety standards for electric bicycles, powered mobility devices and lithium-ion batteries. The

law requires testing by accredited laboratories, compliance labeling and prohibits the sale or lease of noncompliant devices. Starting Jan. 1, 2028, renting noncompliant devices will also be prohibited.

Self-driving cars, autonomous vehicles (AVs), oversight expands under Assembly Bill 1777.

Once Department of Motor Vehicles regulations are adopted, officers may issue notices of autonomous vehicle noncompliance to manufacturers for traffic violations.

Beginning July 1, self-driving cars operating without a human driver must also include two-way communication devices for first responders.

Crime prevention measures include Assembly Bill 486, which makes it a misdemeanor to possess key programming devices, key duplicating devices or signal extenders with intent to commit burglary. Penalties include up to six months in county jail, a \$1,000 fine or both. ★

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Saturday, Jan. 10

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

Constitutional Speech Contest – 1 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, District 56. This progressive contest for an oratorical scholarship starts at our local American Legion Post 233 level and winners advance to a national competition, where the first-place national winner receives more than \$25,000. The public is welcome to join us to watch this first local step with our own high school students. For more information, contact Susan Mason, chair, Post 233 Oratorical, at freedom9115@1791.com.

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Saturday, Jan. 17 MLK Community Breakfast 2026 – doors open at 8:30 a.m., program and breakfast at 9:30 a.m. at The Center at District 56. Join us for this premiere regional celebration of Dr. King's legacy. This highly anticipated annual gathering – known to sell out – unites civic leaders, corporate partners, educators, faith leaders and community members for an inspiring morning of reflection, fellowship and action, honoring Dr. King's vision. Tickets and more information at Eventbrite.com. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

Bufferlands Owls in the Afternoon – 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Join us for a walk of up to 1.5 miles to look for Barn Owls, Burrowing Owls, and hopefully an early Great Horned Owl nest. Portions of the walk may be in areas that are wet and muddy, and we will provide those who register with updated site conditions. Advance registration is required for this free event as space is limited; contact conardc@sacsewer.com to register. Location details will be emailed to registered participants ahead of the event.

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, Jan. 9: 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, Jan. 10: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F)

Wednesday, Jan. 14: Explore and learn, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH) STEAM for kids: make a flashlight shadow projector, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (NW) Teen space, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (EG) Comic Cafe, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Teens and tweens are invited to attend and enjoy snacks, fun activities and games, and space to talk with other teens about comics, manga, anime and graphic novels. (F)

Thursday, Jan. 15: Family story time, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (EG) 1-on-1 Financial Coaching, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The City of Sacramento's Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) offers free professional financial coaching and student loan counseling for residents of Sacramento who are 18 and older. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit the FEC website linked

at cityofsacramento.gov. (VH) Adult space, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (VH) Loteria, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (NW)

Friday, Jan. 16: Explore and learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. (EG) Tween book group, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. We'll be discussing "The Cardboard Kingdom" by Chad Sell. Copies will be available at the front desk prior to the meeting. (EG) Teen space, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (VH)

Saturday, Jan. 17: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F)

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 and wellness vendors; there's something for everyone. 9120 Elk Grove Blvd.

Widowed Persons Social Club – Jan. 9, 10 a.m.: Hand and Foot card game at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Gerri at 916-698-1940.

Jan. 14, noon: No-host lunch followed by beginners' Pinochle at Original Mike's, 9139 E. Stockton Blvd. Contact Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

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; dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road. Family Breakfast – first Saturdays, 9 a.m., Mimi's Café.

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

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

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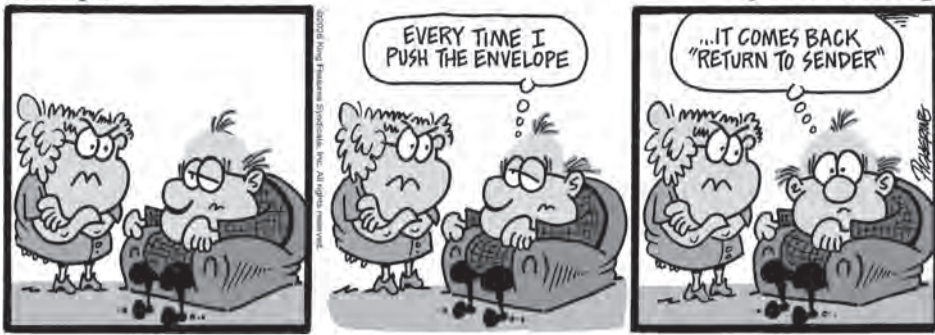
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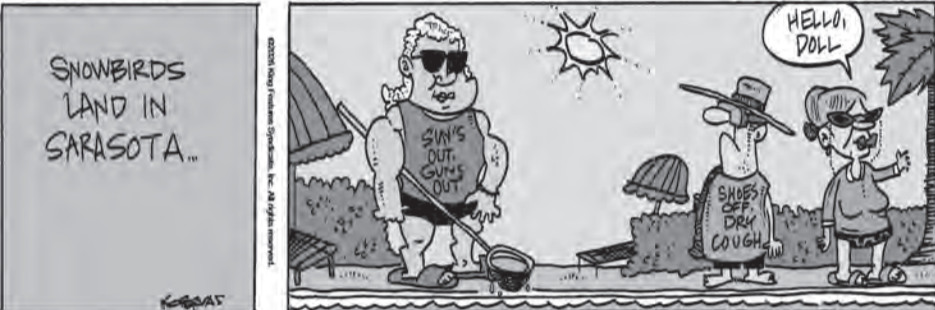
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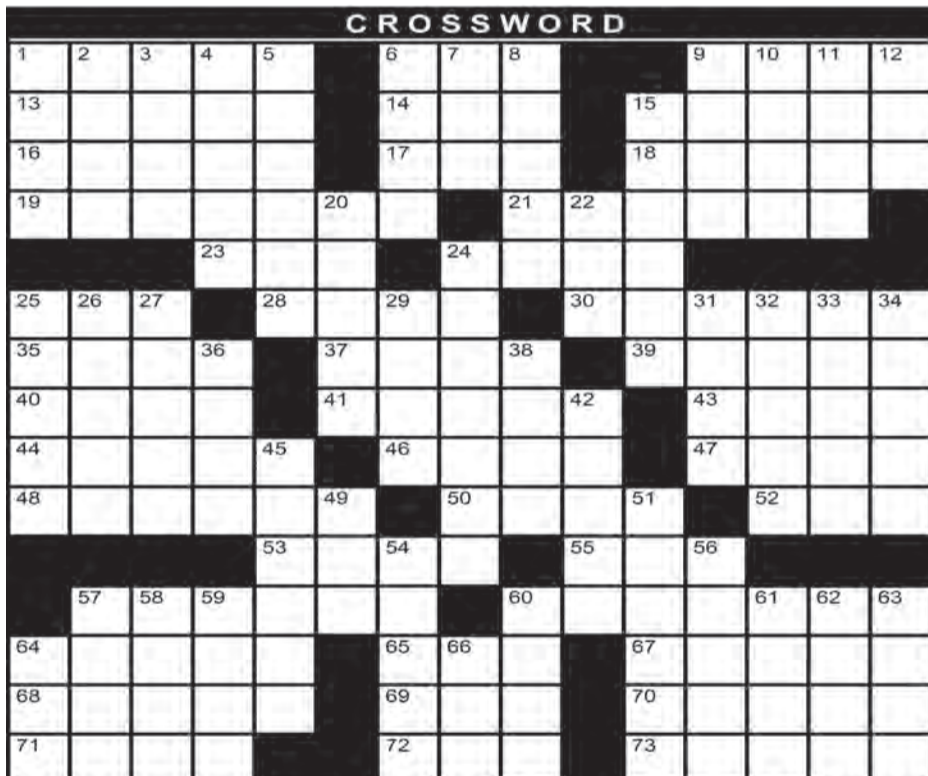
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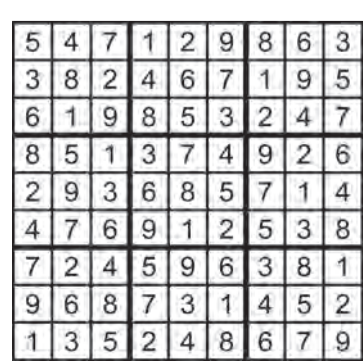


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Republic FC Adds Two Local Standouts on USL Academy Contracts

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

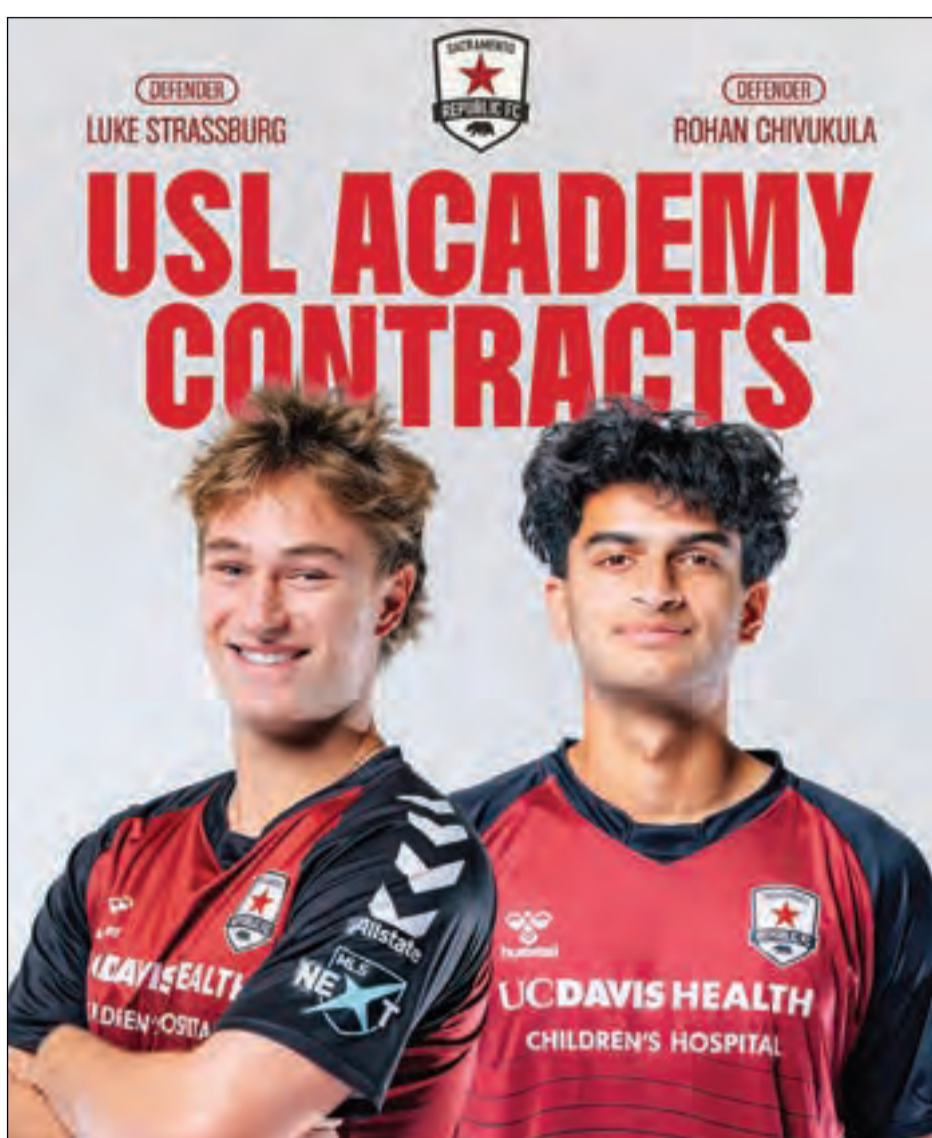
SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Republic FC announced Dec. 19 the addition of academy players Luke Strassburg and Rohan Chivukula to the club's first team roster. The defenders have signed USL Academy contracts, pending league and federation approval and will be eligible to play in first team matches in 2026.

"These signings reflect the strength of our pathway and commitment to developing local talent," said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins. "Bringing academy players into the first team environment prepares them for the next level and we have no doubt that Luke and Rohan will continue to represent the academy well during training camp and throughout the season."

Strassburg and Chivukula both currently play for Republic FC's U-19 academy team, which has opened up the 2025-26 campaign with an impressive 9-1-1 record.

Eighteen-year-old Rohan Chivukula joined Republic FC's academy in 2024 to take the next step in his development. He quickly became a key piece of the U-19's backline and in Chivukula's first year, the squad posted an overall record of 16-3-3 and won the Northwest Division of MLS NEXT before advancing to the Round of 32 in the postseason. The Folsom High School graduate previously featured for El Dorado Hills Soccer Club and Sacramento United, and will play at the collegiate level for American University in the fall of 2026.

Strassburg is a longtime member of the Indomitable Club. The Elk Grove native joined at the U-13 level in 2020



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and has since featured in every age group in the last five years. He has been a part of some of the top teams

in club history, reaching MLS NEXT Cup each season. During the 2023-24 season, Strassburg and the U-16

team went undefeated in 29 straight games from September in April, and in 2025 his U-17 team claimed three wins in the MLS NEXT Cup Playoffs to advance to the Semifinals – the best finish by a Republic FC squad since 2022. He has also received multiple invitations to U.S. Soccer ID camps and training camps. Prior to joining Republic FC, Luke played for the San Jose Earthquakes' youth academy and Sacramento United. He has committed to play at San Diego State in the fall of 2026.

USL Academy contracts allow academy players the chance to train and compete with the first team in professional matches while retaining their NCAA eligibility. Since its inception in 2015, Republic FC's Academy has created a strong, local pipeline of youth players ready for professional-level competition, with over 40 players earning the opportunity to join the first team on USL Academy contracts and over 25 going on to sign professional contracts with Republic FC or other clubs. In 2024, players from Sacramento's youth academy combined for 80 gameday roster selections, 56 appearances, and over 3,000 minutes.

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 today, visit SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships. ★

Carter Begins Assembling Staff with Initial Round of Hires

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State head coach Alonzo Carter named several assistant coaches and staff personnel to his staff, it was announced Dec. 30. The hirings include offensive coordinator Eric Kiesau, defensive coordinator Adam Clark, associate head coach Angus McClure and general manager Jon Osterhout. Carter also retained Kris Richardson as the offensive line coach/run game coordinator, Bobby Fresques as the quarterbacks coach/pass game coordinator and Josh Brown as the safeties coach. In all, the staff will feature over 300 years of cumulative coaching experience.

Kiesau has served as the offensive coordinator at Fresno State, Boise State and Auburn during his lengthy collegiate career. He spent the past three seasons as an offensive quality control coach at Florida.

His offensive staff will include Richardson and Fresques who return for their eighth year with the program and have seen the team qualify for the NCAA FCS Playoffs four times. Richardson has mentored several FCS All-Americans, including current Tennessee Titan Jackson Slater. This past season, his group paved the way for a rushing attack which ranked third in the FCS with 365.4 rushing yards per game. In his time leading the Sacramento State quarterbacks, Fresques has guided FCS All-Americans Kevin Thomson and Asher O'Hara, as well as Jake Duniway and Carson Conklin.

Former Sacramento State offensive lineman and assistant coach Angus McClure will return to campus as the associate head coach and work with the offensive line. Since leaving Sacramento



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State, McClure has had stints at Nebraska, Buffalo, UCLA, Nevada and Kansas.

Eric Scott will serve as the team's wide receivers coach. Scott has spent the last two seasons as the head coach at West LA Junior College. Prior to taking that position, Scott was the wide receivers coach and passing game coordinator at San Jose State from 2021-23 where he worked alongside Alonzo Carter.

On defense, Adam Clark will come to Sacramento State after leading the defense at Northern Arizona for the past two seasons. In his first season, NAU ranked second in the Big Sky and 12th in the FCS in interceptions. The unit also led the league in pass defense and was second in total defense.

Brown will shift to coach the safeties in 2026 after leading the team's linebackers this past season. During the year, he overcame several injuries to his position group to have three players rank among the top five on the team in total tackles.

That included Oscar Moore who led the team with 69 total stops. Brown has also coached at McNeese, UTEP, Hawaii, Nevada, Cal Poly, Kansas and Arizona State during his career.

Kenwick Thompson will coach the linebackers and brings experience as an FCS defensive coordinator as well as a position coach at the P4 level. Thompson was the defensive coordinator at Florida A&M in 2025 and was previously on Jeff Tedford's staffs at Cal and Fresno State as well as stints at San Jose State, Vanderbilt, East Carolina, UNLV and UAB.

Dakari Monroe will follow Carter from Arizona to Sacramento State and will coach the Hornet corners. Monroe was a defensive graduate assistant for the Wildcats the past two seasons and helped the team advance to the Trust & Will Holiday Bowl against SMU. He played four seasons at San Jose State where he twice led the team in interceptions before a stint with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Milo Austin will serve as Sacramento State's special teams coordinator. Austin has held the same role at Elon since 2022 where he has coached an FCS All-American kicker, punter and kick returner. He has also been the special teams coordinator at Texas Southern, Delaware State and Morehead State.

The team's personnel efforts will be led by former Sacramento State All-American Jon Osterhout who returns to campus as the general manager following a great career as the head coach at American River JC. With the Beavers, Osterhout led the team to an 88-39 overall record and took the team to seven postseason appearances, including six trips to the state playoffs. Osterhout was a four-year starter for Sacramento State on the offensive line where he garnered All-America honors while leading the way for Charles Roberts' record-setting rushing efforts.

Chris Parry, who has been on staff since 2019, will continue to serve as the assistant general manager. Parry has been a part of player evaluation, roster construction and scholarship management during the program's run of success since his arrival.

Record-setting receiver Otis Amey has been named the director of player development. Amey was an All-American for Sacramento State and still owns nearly all the career receiving records. Following his time as a Hornet, he played with the San Francisco 49ers as well as stops in the Arena League and UFL.

Kenny Macklin will remain at Sacramento State and take the position of Chief of Staff. CJ Pollard will also return as the Director of Recruiting.

The additions are the first to the staff for Carter who became the 14th head coach in school history on Dec. 15. ★

A's Agree to Terms with LF Tyler Soderstrom

Athletics News Release

LAS VEGAS, NEV (MPG) - The Athletics have agreed to terms with left fielder Tyler Soderstrom on a seven-year contract through the 2032 season with a club option for 2033, the club announced Dec. 29.

Soderstrom batted .276 with 25 home runs, 93 RBI and an .820 OPS in 158 games last season with the A's after combining

to hit .204 with 12 home runs, 33 RBI and a .636 OPS in 106 games over his first two seasons. He began the season as the A's starting first baseman, moved to left field (where he had not played professionally) when Nick Kurtz was promoted on April 23, moved back to first base while Kurtz was on the injured list from May 25 to June 8, and returned to left field after that. Soderstrom had a team-leading 93 RBI, which were the most

by an A's player 23 years old or younger since Eric Chavez had 114 in 2001. He had 11 outfield assists, which tied for third in the majors, and ranked fourth among left fielders in defensive runs saved (10).

Soderstrom is a .250 career hitter with 37 home runs, 126 RBI and a .754 OPS in 264 games in three seasons in the majors. He was the A's first round selection in the 2020 First-Year Player Draft out of Turlock High School

and was primarily a catcher in his first pro season in 2021. The 24-year-old left-handed hitter split his time between catcher and first base in 2022-23, played mostly first base in 2024 and saw his most action in 2025 as an outfielder.

Soderstrom is one of three players under contract through at least the 2028 season, when the A's are scheduled to open their new ballpark in Las Vegas. He joins Lawrence Butler, who inked

a seven-year deal through the 2031 season with a club option for 2032 on Mar. 10, 2025, and Brent Rooker, who signed a five-year contract through 2029 with a club option for 2030 on Jan. 23, 2025. ★



Thundering Herd Basketball Pulls Out Narrow Victory Against Northgate



Junior Josiah Anderson drives to the hoop to pass to an open teammate.

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Northgate High School traveled from Walnut Creek to Elk Grove to play the Elk Grove Thundering Herd basketball team on Saturday Jan. 3.

Going into this game the Thundering Herd was 7-6 coming off a 61-53 victory against Vacaville High School on Dec. 30. Elk Grove was looking to continue its momentum going into league play after this game with a two-game winning streak.

Northgate came into this game with an even 5-5 record. The Broncos' last

game was a double-overtime 77-73 victory against American High School. They also were looking to start a small win streak before going into league play.

Northgate was able to jump to a quick 5-0 lead when the game started. Elk Grove was able to fight back and started to cut into that small lead.

But Northgate was able to put constant pressure on Elk Grove throughout the first quarter and was able to keep the five-point lead going into the second quarter.

However, this was where Elk Grove was able to swing the momentum in

its direction. The Herd had made an emphasis to attack the basket while aiming to find the open man with an extra pass if needed on offense, while continuing to contest shots to force misses on defense.

The Thundering Herd was able to grab a three-point lead going into halftime, successfully gaining the momentum of the game and forcing Northgate to make changes now that it was down.

Coming out of halftime, Elk Grove continued to apply pressure as it did in the second quarter. The Herd continued to hit shots and play great defense, eventually taking

a double-digit lead halfway through the third quarter.

Northgate was able to stop Elk Grove's momentum during the second half of the third quarter, even cutting the lead to just two points.

But the Thundering Herd was able to keep the momentum from fully being controlled by Northgate throughout the fourth quarter.

The Thundering Herd was able to persevere, keeping the lead for the whole second half and ultimately winning the game 64-60. That win pushed Elk Grove to 8-6 on season before heading into league play.



Junior O'Shea Heffeman blocks a shot attempt.



Junior Mathias MacPhail, No. 13, hands the ball off to junior Josh Wilks, No. 0, to get around the Northgate defense.

Now each team in the Delta League will play the others twice for the remainder of the season, which will be 12 games.

The top four teams of the league will earn a spot in the Section Championship Playoffs based on the division of the school. ★



Freshman Anabella Rodriguez, No. 10, gets physical for a ball in the air.

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch High School girls soccer team traveled up from Galt to play the Monterey Trail High School girls soccer team on Friday Jan. 2. The game started at 6:30 p.m. with windy weather, making it difficult to direct a ball when it is kicked in the air.

Coming into the game the Liberty Ranch Hawks had a staggering 9-1-1 overall record, with a 3-0 league record. The Hawks looked to continue a four-game win streak they had started after tying with Colfax High School, 0-0, on Dec. 8.

The Mustangs were 4-3-5 on the season, with a 1-0-1 league record. They were looking to get back into the win column after taking a 1-0 loss to West High School in Tracy on Dec. 30.

Although both teams were fighting the wind, both went back and forth applying pressure while on offense, only to come up short due to both defenses making blocks on shot attempts, and clearing the ball to get their offense started. With just above six minutes left in the first half, Liberty Ranch was able to attack down the field and score the first goal of the game.

Soon after, the clouds started to open up. The Mustangs continued to fight for

Monterey Trail Girls' Soccer Falls to Liberty Ranch



Senior Cianna Bounsavang, No. 8, fights for possession.

the duration of the first half, putting themselves in scoring opportunities but not being able to convert and going into half-time down by one.

Going into the second half, the Mustangs applied pressure to make the Hawks focus on defense. But the Hawks were able to constantly stop the Mustangs' attempts on goals, then clear the ball out of their half of the field.

The Hawks had their fair share of attempts on goals but were stopped by the Mustangs' defense and goalie, keeping to only one goal.

Knowing the numbers of attempts to score were going down for the Mustangs to tie the game, they were playing as fast as they could, looking for more scoring opportunities. They even pulled their goalie from the box in attempts to help on

offense, but that was not enough.

Liberty Ranch won the game 1-0, pushing them to 10-1-1 on the season and dropping Monterey Trail to 4-4-5 on the season.

The Mustangs are still looking to get back into the win column as they finish the rest of the season playing Delta League teams. ★

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-FREDDIE, Cook

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-SHIRLEY, EVS (Cleaner)

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