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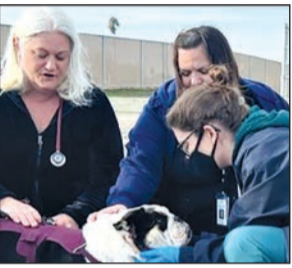
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Teen Poet Writes to Inspire Girls

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - A local seventh-grader is using her poetry to inspire other young girls by promoting personal growth, self-love and encouraging them to embrace who they are.

Twelve-year-old resident Elizabeth Grace, who will turn 13 in the coming months, recently became a self-published author with her debut poetry collection titled "Uniquely You." Inspired by her own journey toward self-acceptance, Grace hopes her writing reminds other girls that they are never alone.

"What truly inspired me to start writing poetry was the desire to share my story so other young girls know there is hope," Grace said. "I was deeply moved by the idea that words could make someone feel less alone."

As a young author, writer's block has been the least of Grace's challenges. Using poetry to process her emotions, she draws on personal experiences to

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Pictured is Elizabeth Grace, the 12-year-old author behind "Uniquely You," a poetry collection meant to uplift girls through exploring themes of self-love, emotional growth and confidence in oneself. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Grace

Council Approves Medical Waste Transfer Facility Location



By John McCallum

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The City Council voted unanimously at its Feb. 25 meeting to amend sections of its zoning code to allow operation of a medical waste transfer facility in an existing commercial building on Survey Road. Council also approved a resolution establishing a conditional use permit (CUP) for the facility proposed by Trilogy MedWaste West, headquartered in Houston, Texas, but locally based in Fresno

The ordinance passed by council amending Title 23 of the code adds "Medical Waste Transfer Facility" as a use along with a description, allows for the use with a CUP in the "Heavy Industrial Zoning District," and adds minimum parking requirements and a definition of medical waste, which is the same established under California Health and Safety Code Section 117690. The resolution approving the CUP sets conditions of use for the facility.

The Trilogy MedWaste facility will be located in a two-suite commercial building at 9168 Survey Road, across the road from the proposed site of Elk Grove's new homeless shelter. Trilogy would occupy Suite B, a total of 3,500 square feet with 3,200 square feet of storage/supply space, including a biohazard transfer storage area.

According to the staff report, the facility would employ five people Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. There are spaces for parking box trucks used in daily medical waste pickup as well as a location for a long-haul truck that would transfer waste to the storage facility every seven days.

"There will be no disposal at this Elk Grove location," city senior planner Kyra Killingsworth told the council.

Under the amended city code establishing medical waste transfer facility as an allowed use in the heavy industrial zone, language for this type of use "means a facility where medical wastes are loaded, unloaded or stored during

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'Running of the Elk' to Mark 15th Year



The 15th annual Running of the Elk 5K, 10K and Kids' Fun Run in support of the Elk Grove Youth Sports Foundation will take place Sunday, March 29 at District56, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Photo courtesy of Running of the Elk

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove residents can lace up their shoes once again in support of local youth sports during the 15th annual Kaiser Permanente Running of the Elk 5K, 10K and Kids' Fun Runs, set for 8 a.m. Sunday, March 29.

The event raises funds for the Elk

Grove Youth Sports Foundation, a nonprofit that provides scholarships to local children, ensuring they can participate in recreational sports regardless of their financial means.

Event sponsors include the City of Elk Grove, Wilton Rancheria, Elk Grove Rotary Club, Elk Grove Lions Club, xHope, Inc., Elk Grove School of Rock, Elk Grove Food Bank and

Runnin' for Rhett, among other community organizations.

Races will start and end at District56, 8230 Civic Center Drive. The Kids' Fun Runs begin at 8 a.m. and include a quarter-mile race for children 6 and under and a half-mile race for ages 7 to 12. The 5K and 10K runs follow at 8:30 a.m. The

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Celebrating Two Years of PAWS: Keeping Pets and People Together



PAWS, which stands for Pets Aid & Wellness Services, was created to remove barriers to veterinary care. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

Two years ago, PAWS started with a simple but powerful belief: loving your pet should not depend on your housing situation or your income. What began as an idea has grown into something Sacramento County truly depends on. We are now celebrating two years of PAWS and the real impact it has made on pets and the people who love them.

PAWS, which stands for Pets Aid & Wellness Services, was created to remove barriers to veterinary care. Instead of expecting people to come to us, this mobile veterinary program brings care directly into the community. It meets people where they are, offering compassion, respect and real solutions.

Access to veterinary care can be the difference between keeping a beloved pet or facing an impossible decision. PAWS focuses on prevention, basic medical treatment, vaccinations, microchipping and wellness support so pets can stay healthy and at home. In just two years, it has become a trusted and essential resource for families who may not otherwise have access to care and the growth has been undeniable.

In 2023, PAWS provided 158 total exams and spay and neuter procedures. In 2024, that number surged to 1,573. In 2025, PAWS delivered 1,506 services, sustaining the significant growth achieved in year two.

Wellness services increased from just 67 visits in the first year to more than 1,000 annually. What once averaged 17 wellness visits per month

now averages more than 90 per month.

These are not just numbers. They represent pets vaccinated against preventable disease. Animals treated before minor conditions become emergencies. Litters that will never be born into homelessness. Families who did not have to choose between surrendering a beloved companion or going without care.

For someone living without stable housing, a pet is often their closest source of comfort, safety and emotional stability. When that pet becomes sick or injured, the fear is overwhelming. PAWS reduces that fear. It provides reassurance. It preserves dignity.

For the shelter, every spay and neuter surgery prevents future intake. Every vaccination reduces disease risk. Every wellness visit strengthens

community trust. PAWS is not just a mobile clinic. It is prevention in motion.

This anniversary is not just about looking back. It is about building what comes next.

PAWS has already raised \$200,000 toward a new medical trailer and needs \$100,000 more to make it a reality. That trailer will allow the team to travel farther, reach more neighborhoods, and serve even more pets in need.

There is also a goal to raise \$20,000 for expanded spay and neuter support. Preventing unwanted litters reduces shelter intake and helps families avoid unexpected medical costs. It is one of the most effective ways to create lasting change.

An additional \$50,000 will go toward lifesaving dental care. Dental disease is painful and often overlooked, yet it affects a pet's entire quality of life. Funding

these procedures means more pets can eat comfortably, live without chronic pain, and stay with the people who love them.

In just 24 months, PAWS has grown from a vision into a lifeline. It has strengthened families, supported responsible pet ownership, and created measurable impact across Sacramento County. The progress is real, and the need continues.

As we celebrate two years, we are focused on ensuring PAWS can keep moving forward. With continued community support, the next chapter can reach even more pets and people.

Ready to make an impact? Help us continue this lifesaving work by supporting PAWS today. Every dollar helps us reach more pets and people across Sacramento County.

To donate visit LicensePet.com/SacramentoDonation. ★

Wilton Rancheria Endorses Matsui for Re-Election

Wilton Rancheria News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)

Wilton Rancheria announced on Feb. 26 its endorsement of Doris Matsui for California's 7th Congressional District Seat.

As the Capital Tribe, Wilton Rancheria works alongside leaders at every level of government to advance the well-being of Sacramento and the surrounding region. The Tribe values the wisdom and guidance of those who lead with vision, compassion and strength, qualities long revered in its cultural traditions.

"Congresswoman Matsui has consistently

embodied our values, serving as a steady voice for Sacramento and all the communities that call this region home," said Chairman Jesus Tarango. "She has been a champion not just for one neighborhood or constituency, but for everyone who shares this land, uplifting voices that have been historically overlooked and ensuring that progress reaches every corner of our region."

Wilton Rancheria is Sacramento County's only federally recognized tribe, with more than 1,000 citizens. The tribe has established itself as a leader in sustainable development, cultural preservation and community partnership. Wilton

Rancheria proudly operates Sky River Casino, holds majority ownership of Sacramento Republic FC and continues expanding its influence in regional economic development.

The tribe is proud to stand with Doris Matsui and support her continued leadership on behalf of California's 7th Congressional District.

Doris Matsui currently represents California's 7th Congressional District, which, following Proposition 50, will see its boundaries shift, retaining areas such as downtown Sacramento, Elk Grove, Galt and Rancho Murietta, while adding parts of Lodi, El Dorado Hills and Placerville. ★

'Running of the Elk' to Mark 15th Year

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competitions are stroller and dog friendly.

All participants will receive a T-shirt, a finisher medal, post-race entertainment, pancakes and fruit and free photo downloads, as well as access to games and vendor booths.

Overall male and female winners in the 5K race will earn special awards, while the top three finishers in each age group receive custom honors, with second- and third-place age-group finishers also taking home unique elk-themed prizes.

Registration for the 5K and 10K is \$51.56 for adults and \$40.91 for youth, while the Kids' Fun Run for ages 1 through 12 is \$22.80. All ticket prices shown are before taxes and



Youth take the course first at the 15th annual Running of the Elk, with Kids' Fun Runs beginning at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K and 10K races at 8:30 a.m. on March 29 at District 56 (8230 Civic Center Drive). Photo courtesy of Running of the Elk

fees. To register or donate to the Elk Grove Youth Running of the Elk, visit Sports Foundation, visit the Elk Grove Youth RunningoftheElk.com. ★

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AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Ryan Lowery

Ambassador of the Year 2025

Ryan and his parents moved to Elk Grove in 2000, he then graduated from Elk Grove High school in 2002 and attended Sacramento State shortly after to study Business. Over the years Ryan worked a few different jobs from bartender, to delivery driver to sales representative. Ryan's true passion is working with local Elk Grove residents and hearing their unique stories.

Ryan married his high school sweetheart Sarah who is currently a teacher for CAVA in 2007 and they just celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary. Ryan and his family moved to Fallbrook in 2017 to establish his roots in east Elk Grove. They have 2 daughters, Abigail who goes to Pleasant Grove High School and is captain of the JV Soccer team, and Eliza who goes to Albani Middle School and plays NPL for IR soccer club. Ryan's free time consists of competitive soccer with his 2 daughters, movies with the family and playing with his dog Kali.

Ryan joined the Brooks Painting team in 2023 as an estimator. Brooks painting is a residential and commercial painting company that specializes in exterior, interior, cabinets, epoxy and miscellaneous other coatings. When Brooks joined the chamber in 2023, they immediately saw the benefits and only months later Ryan decided to go a step further to join the Ambassador team. Ryan truly looks forward to working with the Elk Grove Chamber and the Ambassador team to make Elk Grove the best community it can be!

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How to be 'Uniquely You'

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create work meant to connect with others. The most difficult part of the process, Grace said, has been getting her book into readers' hands.

"After putting so much time, effort and heart into writing and publishing, it can be discouraging to think that the work might go unnoticed," she said.

Grace said becoming a new author taught her the value of patience in building recognition.

After weeks of waiting to hear back from bookstores and organizations she contacted about carrying her book, Sacramento-area bookstore Avid Reader responded.

"That moment reminded me that progress takes time, and it reassured me that with persistence, my book can find its way to the readers who need it," Grace said.

The collection includes personal reflections and inspirational quotes exploring a journey from self-doubt to healing. The poems are intended for girls seeking encouragement during transitional periods of their life and reminders that becoming comfortable with oneself takes time.



The cover of Elizabeth Grace's poetry collection "Uniquely You," which features personal reflections and inspirational quotes intended for girls seeking encouragement and reminders that becoming comfortable with oneself takes time. Photos courtesy of Elizabeth Grace

"The themes of self-love, confidence and emotional growth in 'Uniquely You' were important for me to explore because they closely reflect my own journey of discovering who I am," Grace said.

"Through my poetry, I wanted to show that becoming comfortable with who you are takes time and that growth is an important and meaningful part of that process," she said, adding that living in different cities and

attending new schools growing up helped her learn to embrace change as a source of strength.

Grace said moving to Elk Grove two years ago played a key role in helping her to find her creative voice, and she credits the community for its ongoing support. She also added that the book serves as encouragement not only for others but also for herself.

"Through that discovery, I realized my purpose



A childhood photo of Elizabeth Grace with her pet cat. The local seventh-grade student is the author of "Uniquely You," a recently published poetry collection about self-love.

is to help others by sharing my experiences through writing and poetry," Grace said. "Publishing 'Uniquely You' taught me important lessons about

growth, confidence and believing in my voice."

Grace's poetry collection is available to purchase online via major book retailers such as Lulu.com

at bit.ly/3MGUtjr (case sensitive) and Bookshop.org.

To learn more about the author, visit elizabethgrace-author.carrd.co. ★

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Class of 1981 to Reunite July 25



The Elk Grove High School's Class of 1981 will hold its 45-year reunion on Saturday, July 25 at The Rancho Murieta Inn & Spa, 7337 Murieta Drive. Courtesy photo

Elk Grove High School Class of '81 Reunion Committee News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove High School's Class of 1981 will celebrate its 45-year reunion on Saturday, July 25. The reunion committee has been working non-stop to plan a memorable event and this year is no exception!

The event will be held at The Rancho Murieta Inn & Spa, 7337 Murieta Drive in Rancho Murieta. The evening begins with a no-host bar at 5:30 p.m., followed

by dinner at 7 p.m. There will be dancing, raffle prizes, our favorite tunes and lots of fun!

Those interested in attending are encouraged to register early to get the best price. Early-bird registration will be available from now through June 30 at \$50. From July 1 to 17, registration will cost \$60. No registrations will be taken at the door. Registration is available online at forms.gle/Nrewx1N81R7xx7jPA.

For those who'd like to golf, there will be a separate event on Friday, July 24 at WildHawk Golf

Club, 7713 Vineyard Road in Sacramento.

Sign up for a foursome and spend the morning on the course. Tee time starts at 10:30 a.m. Single golfers

are welcome, and we will find a group for you.

This is not a walk-on event; those interested must register for golf when registering for the reunion.

Stay the night! There are a limited number of hotel rooms available for those who'd like to stay overnight.

Contact the Rancho

Murieta Inn & Spa directly at 916-354-3900 and mention Elk Grove High School Reunion to get a discounted rate (\$220/room). ★

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." ★

RELIGION NEWS

Chabad of Elk Grove Offers Torah Classes

Local community members are invited to attend free weekly Torah Classes offered by Chabad of Elk Grove from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at a private location.

The course, "Flashbacks in Jewish History," will examine how our past informs our future. Rabbi Chaim Groner leads the discussion. For location, call (917) 724-4443.

Field of Hope United Church of Christ's Services

Community members are invited to Sunday worship services at 10:30 a.m. at 9624 Melrose Ave., Elk Grove.

Sunday School and nursery services are available. For more information, visit www.FieldOfHopeUCC.org.

Events at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

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.

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church's Mass Schedule

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church invites everyone to celebrations of Holy Mass at 8700 Bradshaw Road. Mass are at 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon on Sundays. Also Masses at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. For more information, call (916) 647-4538 or visit SMGCC.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 7 p.m. Fridays at 9766 Waterman Road, next to Mel Dogs.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The Losing Streak is Over!

It may only be a footnote in the history of the Sacramento Kings, but fans are thrilled to see a record setting 16-game losing streak finally come to an end.

Rookies Precious Achiuwa and newly discovered Daequon Plowden rose to the occasion and handed the Memphis Grizzlies an unlikely loss by the score of 123-114.

A collective sigh of relief could be heard throughout Sacramento as the Kings showed their loyal fans that there is still talent and fortitude in Kings town.

Coming off the bench was Daequon Plowden, a literal afterthought in the Kings rotation, who put up 19 big points and five rebounds in just 26 minutes of action, and his contribution could not have come at a better time.

Precious Achiuwa had his best game as a pro putting up 22 points and 12 rebounds, and combined with Russell Westbrook's 25 points and seven assists, the Kings were too much for the shorthanded Grizzlies.

Desperately shorthanded with Sabonis, Murray and Lavine sidelined with injuries, Sacramento played with energy and enthusiasm, ending once and for all a losing streak that needed to come to an end.

As veterans are sidelined, coach Christie had little choice but to turn to his bench, and his most recent addition to the floor has shown remarkable results.

Daequon Plowden is not only raising eyebrows, but he also actually helped carry the team in their second win of the week over the Dallas Mavericks. All Plowden did was hit all 10 of his shots from the field, and three being from beyond the arc. Plowden has been riding the pines all season, and his 19 points and four rebounds were a key to the victory.

Once again Precious Achiuwa made his presence felt, adding a new career high 29 points and 12 rebounds. What was even more remarkable was converting of all three of his 3-point shots, and his scoring prowess led the Kings to a 130-121 victory over Dallas.

Although taking a step back in Sunday night's loss to the L.A. Lakers, the Kings will be a welcome sight at Golden One Arena Tuesday night as they face the Phoenix Suns.

With Domantas Sabonis, Zach Lavine and De'Andre Hunter all sidelined for the remainder of the season, Kings fans will get a good opportunity to see what the youngsters on this team can contribute to real NBA action.

The entire franchise has eyes on first-round draft choice Nique Clifford as he continues to get significant playing time, and his results continue to be mixed. No question that he brings a solid defensive presence, but his night in and night out scoring has been a mixed bag. Nique's seven points per game and 40 percent shooting from the field will need to improve if he has any hope of becoming the future starting point guard for the Kings.

As for last year's second-round draft choice Maxime Raynaud, his 10 points and 55 percent from the field this season have people looking in his direction, and many are wondering how high the ceiling can be for this young 7-footer.

At 6'8" and 240 lbs. Precious Achiuwa continues to impress, and this 26-year-old big man needs to get every opportunity the Kings can give him.

Not to be ignored is the first-round draft choice of two years ago, Devin Carter, who after what seems like a season on the bench is finally getting some playing time. Carter is one of the most impressive defensive players on the Kings squad and comes with a bevy of athleticism. Devin needs to be a more consistent scorer, and the Kings will have a nightly performer to recon with.

So, pick out your favorite player who is not injured, and start rooting Kings fans. Now is your opportunity to see what the little used bench players have to offer. If there is a diamond in the rough now is the time to find it.

Hat's off to veterans to De'Mar DeRozan and Russell Westbrook that have played with quality and style, while putting up significant numbers. The young players on this team have a rare opportunity to receive some valuable schooling from future hall-of-famers!

Stay tuned Kings fans, because more wins are just around the corner!

All the best! ★

California's Reading Reforms Drive Push for Better Math Skills in Early Grades



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

Last year, after decades of often bitter debate, California took an important step toward raising the abysmal levels of reading ability among many of its public school students.

The Legislature passed and Gov. Gavin Newsom — who struggles with dyslexia — signed legislation that encourages phonics when teaching reading to elementary school students.

It stopped short of a phonics mandate, which would have been fully justified, to temper opposition from educators still clinging to discredited methods, such as “whole language.”

Rather, Assembly Bill 1454 requires the state to provide training for teachers and instructional materials centered on phonics, or the “science of reading,” to use its current name. It would still allow local schools and their teachers to use other methods.

The Legislature and Newsom acted when the low reading skills of California's kids, as determined by nationwide testing, became too obvious to ignore.

Reading comprehension among California's fourth-graders ranked 37th among the states in the 2024 National Assessment of Educational Progress. Just 29% of the state's students showed proficiency, down two percentage points

from 2022.

Raising reading achievement is vital because it is the precursor to all other forms of learning. Thus, California's low reading levels may be partially responsible for the state's equally unacceptably low ranking on mathematics; just 39% of fourth graders were proficient.

That's why a new effort to upgrade math skills via legislation is — or at least should be — high on the Capitol's must-do list. State Sen. Dr. Akilah Weber Pierson, a San Diego Democrat, introduced Senate Bill 1067, backed by education reformers who supported the phonics bill.

SB 1067 would require local school districts to screen primary school students for difficulty in math skills as a first step toward a statewide effort to upgrade instruction and comprehension.

“California is facing a real and urgent math achievement crisis, and we cannot afford to wait until students are already far behind to act,” the senator told EdSource, an education website that first revealed the new effort. “We know the achievement gap in math is evident as early as kindergarten. We also know that students who miss foundational math skills in grades K through 2 rarely catch up.”

Weber Pierson comes by her interest in improving education naturally. Her mother, Secretary of State Shirley Weber, was a persistent advocate of no-nonsense education while serving in the Legislature, often clashing with the state's entrenched education establishment — even the powerful California Teachers Association.

Weber grew up as a sharecropper's daughter in rigidly segregated Arkansas but moved to California with

her family in 1951, earned a doctorate and was a college teacher before running for the Legislature.

“I don't fear that I'm going to get lynched at night or that someone is going to bomb my house. I don't fear that,” Weber told CalMatters in a 2017 profile. “What my predecessors stood for and fought for was a whole lot harder than what I'm fighting for today.”

Oddly, Southern states have lately been the most active in owning up to their educational deficiencies. Mississippi's success in improving reading skills inspired other states to improve reading. Alabama, meanwhile, has done the same vis-à-vis math skills, beginning with screening students to spot those in danger of failing, as EdSource notes.

Weber Pierson's bill would confront math in the same way. The state Board of Education would appoint a panel to develop a list of screening instruments, leading to statewide adoption of screening.

“Screening is the right first step because you cannot effectively address a problem you have not identified,” Weber Pierson told EdSource.

It's a process that California should adopt for all of its persistent issues, rather than the scattergun approach officialdom tends to take.

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

Social Security Matters

I Lost Money as a Widow

and Ex-spouse by Not Knowing the Rules



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I just found out, as someone who was collecting widow's benefits on my second husband (a very small amount) for some time, that I was, all along, entitled to divorce benefits from my first husband which are much more. I thought I had to wait until my first husband passed before I could collect anything from him. Now I learned I have the right to collect as a divorcee. All of these years I have been missing out on a bigger benefit because I didn't know this. Please make this clear and stress it for others in my position. **Signed: Lost Benefits**

Dear Lost Benefits: I am truly saddened that you lost out on benefits from your first husband for such a long time. Although you could not collect an ex-spouse benefit from Husband #1 while you were married to Husband #2, as soon as your current husband died you again became eligible for ex-spouse benefits from Husband #1. Basically, the rules say you cannot collect benefits from an ex-spouse if you have remarried and remain married. In other words, you cannot be “currently married” to collect benefits from an ex-spouse.

But the death of Husband #2 meant that you were now eligible to collect ex-spouse benefits from your first husband — husband #1. I hope when you later filed for your ex-spouse benefits you asked for six months of retroactive benefits.

In your situation, when your Husband #2 died, you actually had a choice — either collect your surviving spouse benefit from your recently deceased husband #2, or to collect a regular ex-spouse benefit from your first husband if that is more than your benefit as your second husband's widow. Regular ex-spouse benefits from your first husband are available even though he is still living (and, indeed, even if he remarried) because you are no longer married to husband #2.

This, however, is not always the way things work out for someone who has had multiple marriages. It all depends on the SS benefit each former spouse was entitled to. That's because your survivor benefit as your 2nd husband's widow is based on the full (100%) amount he was receiving from Social Security when he died. In contrast, your benefit as your first husband's ex-spouse while he is still living will be based upon half (50%) of his full retirement age SS entitlement. And often, 100% of a deceased person's SS benefit is more than 50% of another living person's amount. But not always.

It's important to also know that if you claim any SS benefit before reaching your personal full retirement age (FRA), the monthly

amount will be reduced. Benefits as a spouse (or a surviving spouse) do not reach maximum until the spouse reaches FRA, which is somewhere between age 66 and 67 depending on the spouse's year of birth. It's also important to know that if a surviving spouse is working, any SS benefit received will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET), which limits how much can be earned before SS benefits are affected. For 2026, the earnings limit for those collecting early SS benefits is \$24,480 and, if that limit is exceeded, Social Security will take away some of your benefits. Note that the earnings test goes away when you reach your full retirement age.

Finally, be aware that if your first husband also predeceases you, you will then become eligible for a surviving ex-spouse benefit from him, even if he has remarried.

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The Winter Olympics had its thrills and spills -- and a deep philosophical divide represented by two American, or American-born, athletes.

Jack Hughes, the gold medal-winning American hockey player for the U.S. team, gave voice to a patriotic reflex in his heartfelt expressions of love of his country. Eileen Gu, the gold medal-winning American-born freestyle skier competing for China, exemplified a cosmopolitan ideal that floats above mere nationhood.

This difference -- between the bloody-mouthed hockey player draped in his own country's flag and the exceptionally talented part-time model resistant to any questions about national loyalty -- drives many of the divisions in American society.

Is loyalty to country a matter of choice or an unalterable commitment? Do borders mean anything? Is our common culture essential or dispensable? Is the appropriate attitude toward America one of fundamental gratitude or critical distance?

These types of questions are involved in disputes over immigration policy, over American history and how to teach it in schools, over the status of the English language, and over how much we should care about so-called international opinion.

It was a subtext at the Munich Security Conference a couple of weeks ago when Marco Rubio said that

Jack Hughes or Eileen Gu?

we must fight for Western civilization, while Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez rendered “Western culture” in sneer quotes, as if it were a fiction or contemptible concept.

The right is naturally drawn to the patriotic or nationalistic attitude, whereas the left is more cosmopolitan, tending to believe that attachment to one's own is narrow-minded and patriotic displays are crude and simplistic.

Cosmopolitanism has a long history. As I note in my book “The Case for Nationalism,” the term “cosmopolitan” has its root in the Greek word “kosmopolites,” or citizen of the cosmos or world.

The fourth-century B.C. Cynic philosopher Diogenes is the first recorded person to use what has now become a cosmopolitan cliché: “When he was asked where he came from, he replied, ‘I am a citizen of the world.’”

That was a radical, or even senseless, statement since the Greeks considered citizenship possible only through the polis, or city. During the Enlightenment, the cosmopolitan idea was expressed in the notion of Weltbürger, or world citizen.

This tendency has been given stark expression by the likes of the novelist Virginia Woolf, who urged the rejection of “pride of nationality,” and the titanic Russian writer LEO Tolstoy, who thought it “obvious that patriotism as a sentiment is bad and harmful; as a doctrine it is stupid.”

Cosmopolitanism has always been open to the charge that -- whatever its real or purported idealism -- it cultivates a disregard for

what's near, immediate and tangible in favor of what's far off.

Behind cosmopolitanism is what the British writer Paul Gilroy has called “the principled and methodical cultivation of a degree of estrangement from one's own culture and history.”

The problem is that no one is really a citizen of the world, rather of particular nations that have formed us in obvious and subtle ways. Yes, people emigrate and there are literary and intellectual exiles, but most of us have an attachment to home that feels natural and important.

One reason that people were so moved by the U.S. hockey team was the palpable bonds of the players -- to one another, to their country, to the memory of their tragically deceased former fellow player Johnny Gaudreau. These weren't bonds that were chosen, so much as accepted and embraced; they were true to their teammates and nation.

In contrast, Eileen Gu claims to be true to herself. If asked if she is proud of the accomplishments of her countrymen, she might have to ask, “Which countrymen?”

It is certainly the case that the Olympics bring athletes around the world together, but the Games themselves are testament to the enduring power of patriotism. It was, after all, a unique kind of sports joy to witness the triumph of our boys in red, white and blue.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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ARTS CALENDAR

Crockett Art on Display

Marie Crockett is an NCA Master Artist with decades of experience working in acrylic, acrylic with epoxy, oil, watercolors, pastels, and Sumi-E ink paintings. In this collection, Crockett creates art ranging from striking landscapes to floral and animal-themed still life. Through March 26; reception 4 to 7 p.m.,

Saturday, March 7 with artist talk and live music. Details at elkgrovefineartscenter.org.

View Artwork from Elk Grove

The Elk Grove Arts and Creative Economy Commission has created a virtual Citywide Art Guide to art pieces and art events in Elk Grove. Visit webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/

publicartelkgrove.org.

Art Workshops for Adults

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

The center periodically offers workshops for younger people, dependent upon the instructor and type of class.

If you're looking for

basic to advanced instruction in Batiking, Ceramics, Clay, Encaustics, Fabric Art, Mixed-Media, Mosaics, Plein Air, or Watercolor (and more!),

you will find it here. To learn more, visit elkgrovefineartscenter.org/workshop.

The arts center is at 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite

101. They are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays through Saturdays, and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. ★

City Offers Free Tech Training for Residents



The City of Elk Grove announced in a recent newsletter that residents are being offered a limited-time opportunity for free tech workforce development training. Photo courtesy of City of Elk Grove

City of Elk Grove News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove residents can take advantage of a limited-time opportunity for free tech workforce development training through the end of the year.

Getting Started with ChatGPT (AI-101) is a non-technical course designed for everyone. No information technology (IT) or coding experience is required. In just 90 minutes,

participants can unlock 16 weeks of essential content and build a skill that everyone will need moving forward.

Learn how to use ChatGPT safely and effectively to simplify your work, spark creativity and communicate with confidence in today's digital world.

All you need is a computer, an internet connection and a free ChatGPT account. The cost of attendance is waived for Elk Grove residents.

To redeem the free course, residents should enroll through the Course Catalog by selecting Getting Started with ChatGPT (AI-101) course. After registering, participants choose a workshop date/time (Upcoming sessions are scheduled from noon to 1:30 p.m. March 13 and 5:30 to 7 p.m. March 30) and enter the code ELKGROVEAI at checkout.

Those interested can sign up at cyberproud.org/index.php/learning-hub. ★

DO YOU KNOW THESE GUYS?



How California's Seatbelt Laws Affect Your Injury Claim

The click of a seatbelt is more than just a safety habit - it is a legal requirement that can make or break your personal injury case. **California Vehicle Code § 27315**, the Motor Vehicle Safety Act says every driver and passenger over 16 must wear a seatbelt. The driver can be cited for their own non-compliance and for any passenger under 16 who isn't buckled in.

"Click It or Ticket" has pushed seat belt usage to over 91%, though some still view seatbelts as an inconvenience. The stakes go beyond a simple traffic ticket. According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), seatbelts save roughly 15,000 lives annually and thousands more fatalities could be prevented with 100% compliance.

California Child Restraint Requirements. California law is particularly strict regarding young passengers. To protect the most vulnerable, the following rules apply:

- **Children under 2:** Must ride in a rear-facing car seat unless they weigh 40+ pounds or are 40+ inches tall.
- **Children under 8:** Must be secured in a car seat or booster seat in the back seat.
- **Children 8 or older (or 4'9"+):** May use a standard seatbelt, though a booster is recommended if the belt does not fit properly.
- **Safety Tip:** All children under 13 should ride in the back seat to avoid injuries from airbag deployment.

The "Seatbelt Defense" and Comparative Negligence. How does California's pure comparative negligence system treat seatbelt non-use? If you are injured in an accident caused by a negligent driver (such as a drunk or distracted driver), their insurance company will likely employ the "Seatbelt Defense." If you were not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash, the court may determine that you contributed to your own injuries and your financial recovery is reduced by your percentage of fault.

Example: You are hit by a driver who ran a red light. You suffer \$100,000 in damages. However, the defense proves that if you had been wearing a seatbelt, your injuries would have been 25% less severe. In this scenario, your total recovery would be reduced to \$75,000.

Ensuring Maximum Protection

To protect your health and your legal rights, ensure your seatbelt is worn correctly:

1. Lap Belt: Low across the hips/pelvis, never across the stomach.
2. Shoulder Strap: Across the center of the chest, never under the arm or behind the back.
3. Seating Position: Keep the seat back upright to minimize the gap between your chest and the strap.

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March 2026

Your Everything Center

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 \$ Light Body Toning No Class 3/02 & 3/16	8:30 \$Gentle Yoga	8:30 \$ Standing Pilates	8:30 \$ Open Games	8:30 \$ Tai Chi Flow
8:30 \$ Chair Exercise	9:30 Knit & Crochet	8:30 Brain & Body 3/11 & 3/25	8:30 \$ Gentle Yoga	8:30 Quilting
9:00 \$ Chair Exercise	9:30 \$ Men's Talk Group	9:00 \$ Beginning Ukulele 3/4 & 3/18	9:00 \$ Chair Exercise	9:00 \$ Chair Exercise No Class 3/13
9:00 \$ Open Games	10:00 \$ Zumba Gold	9:00 \$ Chair Exercise	9:00 Open Artist Studio	9:30 \$ Mahjong
10:00 \$ Chair Exercise	11:00 \$ Guitar Workshop	10:00 \$ Chair Exercise	10:00 \$ Zumba 30/30	10:00 \$ Chair Exercise
10:00 \$ Standing Pilates No Class 3/02 & 3/16	11:30 \$ Zumba Chair	10:00 \$ Traditional Tai Chi	10:30 \$ Chair Exercise	10:15 Parkinson's Caregivers Support 3/20
10:00 \$ Women's Talk Group	11:30 \$ Chair Exercise	10:00 Alzheimer's Caregivers Support 3/4	11:30 \$ Improv	12:00 \$+ Bingo
11:00 \$+ Oil Paint Bob Ross Style 3/2 & 3/16	1:00 \$ Mahjong	10:30 Parkinson's Support Group 3/18	11:30 \$ Light Body Toning	12:00 \$ Walk Strong Fit No Class 3/13
11:30 \$ Aerobics	2:00 \$ Hawaiian Hula	10:30 \$ Ukulele Practice	12:00 Scrabble	1:00 \$ Bridge
11:30 \$ Core & Strength	2:00 \$ Line Dancing	10:30 \$ Spanish Class	1:00 \$ Rhythm & Motion	
1:00 \$ Bridge	2:00 \$ Genealogy	11:00 \$ Book Group 3/11	1:00 \$ Rock Painting 3/5 & 3/19	
1:00 \$ Writing Group	2:00 \$ Mindfulness & Medit. No Class 3/24	11:00 \$ Chair Pilates	1:00 \$ Men's Talk Group	
1:30 \$ Intermediate Hatha Yoga		11:30 \$ Aerobics	2:00 Grief Support Group 3/2 & 3/26	
		12:15 \$ Chair Yoga	2:00 \$ Line Dancing	
		12:30 \$ Zumba Chair		
		12:45 \$ Bunco		
		1:00 \$+ Cardmaking 3/11 & 3/25		
		1:00 \$ Women Supporting Women		
		2:00 \$ Open Dance		

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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Michael A. Houston, 9721 Tundra Swan Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Treatment & Training LCSW Services" 9721 Tundra Swan Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 23, 2026
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TREATMENT 3-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00870
Heather Erika Nibblett, 5553 Blue Sapphire Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bunny Bakes" 5553 Blue Sapphire Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 29, 2026
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BUNNY 3-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00095
Larry Lang Cao, 8791 Boysenberry Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hinnori Trading" 8791 Boysenberry Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 6, 2026
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HINNORI 3-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00848
Jean Guyot, 8160 Rendon Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Justedms/Justedm" 8160 Rendon Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 29, 2026
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JUSTEDMS 3-6-26

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WeR1together L.L.C., 4801 Laguna Boulevard Suite 105, Box 386, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Workhorse Fueling" 5017 Krista Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 3, 2026
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WORKHORSE 3-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01058
Ada Wong, 8951 Laguna Star Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AW Realty/Silverstone Properties" 8951 Laguna Star Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 4, 2026
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AW 3-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01134
Brian Trinh, 6901 Paul Do Mar Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 and Jason Ha, 10077 Pleasant Grove School Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Strado Phones" 6901 Paul Do Mar Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 6, 2026
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STRADO 3-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01167
Blush and Bash Group, LLC, 9245 Laguna Springs Drive Suite 100, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sparkle Studio/Blush and Bash Events" 9245 Laguna Springs Drive Suite 100, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 9, 2026
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SPARKLE 3-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01190
ZarRock, Inc., 9146 E Stockton Boulevard #1175, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ZarRock" 9146 E Stockton Boulevard #1175, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 9, 2026
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ZARROCK 3-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01261
Golden Valley Health LLC, 9447 Crystal Shore Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Ai SEO" 9447 Crystal Shore Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 11, 2026
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SACRAMENTO 3-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00542
Steve's Pizza Branding Company, LLC, 9988 Verbania Court, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Steve's Pizza Branding Company" 2505 West Taron Drive Suite 140, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 16, 2026
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STEVES 3-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01513
Phardy Healthcare Mentoring Bootcamp Program, 5050 Laguna Boulevard 112355, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s)

"Phardycprtraining Company" 5050 Laguna Boulevard 112355, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 23, 2026
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PHARDY 3-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01632
Michael Breton, 4921 Millner Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mike Breton Home Tech" 4921 Millner Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 26, 2026
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MIKE 3-27-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV031034

Llandro S. Abejuela II has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Llandro Santiago Abejuela II to Leonidas Edward Champion.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: December 23, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Feb 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026
ABEJUELA 3-6-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV023498

Marcus John Robinson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Marcus John Robinson to Marcus Dwight Samuels.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: October 6, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Feb 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2026
ROBINSON 3-13-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV029233

Hin Kai Mak and Pui Ling Cheung has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Dick Mak to Maxwell Mak.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 18, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 28, 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 5, 2025
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Feb 27, March 6, 13, 20, 2026
MAK 3-20-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV004038

Gu Yang Xu has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gu Yang Xu to Cliff Gu Yang Xu.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 15, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 25, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: February 25, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
XU 3-27-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ANNE ELLIOTT
CASE NO. 26PPR000284

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Elizabeth Ann Elliott.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Amanda Elizabeth Solin, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Amanda Elizabeth Solin 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 March 11, 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: Theresa Carter Geoffroy, 9401 E. Stockton Boulevard, Suite 145, Elk Grove, CA 95624; 916-572-1998
Publish: Feb 20, 27, March 6, 2026
ELLIOTT 3-6-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF OKECHUKWU NWANGBURUKA
CASE NO. 26PPR000036

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

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

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 8, 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.

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NWANGBURUKA 3-20-26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(UCC SEC. 6105)
ESCROW NO. 16029E
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business

address(es) of the seller(s) are: HELLO TEMAKI, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 9261 LAGUNA SPRINGS DR., STE. 150, ELK GROVE, CA 95757
Whose chief executive office address is: SAME AS ABOVE
Doing Business as: HELLO TEMAKI (Type – SUSHI BAR)
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE
The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: RONG CHENG AND EDISON JIANG AND KWAN WING TSOI AND/OR ASSIGNEE, 10497 ARTIFACT COURT, ELK GROVE, CA 95757

The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL. And are located at: 9261 LAGUNA SPRINGS DR., STE. 150, ELK GROVE, CA 95757

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the anticipated sale date is MARCH 24, 2026

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. [If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665

THIS BULK TRANSFER INCLUDES A LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER. ALL CLAIMS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE IS RECEIVED BY ESCROW AGENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL.
Dated: FEBRUARY 10, 2026
Buyer(s): RONG CHENG AND EDISON JIANG AND KWAN WING TSOI
5041935-PP ELK GROVE CITIZEN 3-6-26

TRUSTEE SALE

Trustee Sale No. F24-00180
Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No. MESA LAGUNA Title Order No. 2410105-05 APN 132-0050-034-0000 You Are In Default Under A Construction Deed Of Trust, Assignment Of Leases And Rents, Security Agreement, Assignment Of Contracts And Plans, And Fixture Filing Dated 12/20/2021 And More Fully Described Below (The "Deed Of Trust"). Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashiers check (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to Assured Lender Services, Inc.), will be held by a duly appointed trustee. 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, legal fees and costs, charges and expenses of the undersigned trustee ("Trustee") for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor(s): The Mesa Laguna Ridge, LP, a California limited partnership Recorded: recorded on 12/23/2021 as Document No. 202112230714 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California Date of Sale: 03/17/2026 at 01:30PM Place of Sale: The east main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$28,971,435.70 The purported property address is: 10371 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove, CA 95757-9525 Legal Description See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof Personal Property Description See Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof Assessors Parcel No. 132-0050-034-0000 The beneficiary under the Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Construction Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement, Assignment of Contracts and Plans, and Fixture Filing (the "Notice of Default and Election to Sell"). The undersigned caused the Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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 Trustee's Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 web-site www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case F24-00180. 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, if conducted after January 1, 2021, 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 site www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case F24-00180 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 TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: WE REQUIRE CERTIFIED FUNDS AT SALE BY CASHIER'S CHECK(S) PAYABLE DIRECTLY TO "ASSURED LENDER SERVICES, INC." TO AVOID DELAYS IN ISSUING THE FINAL DEED. THE PROPERTY COVERED IN THIS ACTION INCLUDES ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY AND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN WHICH THE BENEFICIARY HAS A SECURITY INTEREST DESCRIBED IN EXHIBITS "A" AND "B" ATTACHED HERETO, RESPECTIVELY, IT BEING THE ELECTION OF THE CURRENT BENEFICIARY UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST TO CAUSE A UNIFIED SALE TO BE MADE OF SAID REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2924F(b)(2) OF THE CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE. Date: 2/10/2026 Assured Lender Services, Inc. Abby Damico, Foreclosure Assistant Assured Lender Services, Inc. 111 Pacifica Suite 140 Irvine, CA 92618 Phone: (714) 508-7373 Sales Line: (877)440-4460 Sales Website: www.mkconsultantsinc.com Reinstatement Line: (714) 508-7373 To request reinstatement and/or payoff FAX request to: (714) 505-3831 This Office Is Attempting To Collect A Debt And Any Information Obtained Will Be Used For That Purpose. Exhibit "A" All that certain real property situated in the City of Elk Grove. County of

Sacramento State of California, being Tract 1008, as shown on the Plat of "H.J. Goethe Company's Colony Number 10", recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County, California August 18, 1903 in Book 5 of Maps, Map No. 22. Excepting therefrom that portion thereof described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Tract 1008 which is the Southerly line of Elefa Avenue and which said point is distant Westerly 363 feet from the Northeast corner of said Tract 1008, which said Northeast corner is the intersection of a fence line running Easterly and Westerly along the South line of said Elefa Avenue and a fence line running Northley and Southerly along the East line of said Tract 1008 and running thence Southerly from said Point of Beginning and parallel to the East line of said Tract 1008, a distance of 91 feet to a point and running thence Westerly and parallel to the North line of said Tract 1008, a distance of 112 feet to a point and running thence Northerly and parallel to the East line of said Tract 1008, a distance of 91 feet to a point in the North line of said Tract 1008 and running thence Easterly along the North line of said Tract 1008, 112 feet to the Point of Beginning, as conveyed by Rose Zraggen, a widow, to Edwin Zraggen, her son, by Deed dated November 10 1947, recorded November 10 1947, in Book 1412 A of Official Records, Page 329. Also excepting therefrom the South Four Acres of said Tract 1008. Also excepting therefrom that portion thereof described as follows: Beginning the Northwest corner of the South Four Acres of said Tract 1008, thence from said point of beginning along the West line of said Tract 1008, North 00° 44' 29" East, 324.52 feet; thence leaving said West line, South 89° 15' 31" East, 625.96 feet to the East line of said Tract 1008; thence along the East line, South 00° 23' 23" West 304.66 feet to the Northeast corner of said South Four Acres; thence along the North line of said South Four Acres, South 88° 55' 46" West, 628.15 feet to the point of beginning. As also described as Resultant Parcel A in that certain Boundary Line Adjustment/ Certificate of Compliance recorded November 27, 2007 in Book 20071127 at Page 1163. Also excepting therefrom any and all mobile home(s). Exhibit "B" (Personal Property) All equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property now or hereafter owned by Trustor, and now or hereafter attached or affixed to the Real Property; together with all accessions, parts, and additions to, all replacements of, and all substitutions for, any such property; and together with all proceeds (including without limitation all insurance proceeds and refunds of premiums) from any sale or disposition of the Property.

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ELK GROVE CITIZEN 3-6-26

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 25-03162-SM-CA Title No. 250622481-CA-VOI APN. 132-1210-015-0000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/03/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check(s) drawn on a state or national bank must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the herein-after described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Celia D Santiago, and Rolando A Santiago, wife and husband as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 02/14/2006 as Instrument No. Book 20060214 Page 2660 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Sacramento County, California. Date of Sale: : 03/24/2026 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the East Main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$695,113.79 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9656 Richlyn Way,

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TRUSTEE SALE

Elk Grove, CA 95757-4034 A.P.N.: 132-1210-015-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE

TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle 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 866-539-4173 or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 25-03162-SM-CA. Information about postponements that are

very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" you may be able to purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 888-264-4010, or visit this inter-

net website www.ndscorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-03162-SM-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January

1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 02/17/2026 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany And Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 866-539-4173; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-4866378 02/27/2026, 03/06/2026, 03/13/2026
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 3-13-26

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City of Elk Grove INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic bids will be received at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids prior to 10:00 a.m. local time (09:59:59 – according to the PlanetBids official Bid clock) on **Thursday, April 2, 2026** for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

2026 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT- SLURRY SEAL AND PAVEMENT RESURFACING (WPR026)

Bids submitted after the time specified will not be accepted.

Description of Work:

The proposed work shall be performed in accordance with the plans, specifications and other contract documents and shall consist of the following: placing slurry seal, micro-surfacing, two-layer treatment system, adjusting utility frames and covers, and re-stripe various streets throughout the City. (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$4,568,001.

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

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

Construction License:

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

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

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

For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:

Whitney Yann, Management Analyst, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 687-3062 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

Plans, specifications and other bid documents may be examined and/or obtained at the City of Elk Grove City Hall, Public Works Department, located on the second floor of 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. A copy of the bid documents may be obtained at the City Hall upon request and payment of \$30.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of \$40.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable. Bidders may also view and download the plans, specifications, and other bid documents at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. Any Addendum shall only be issued electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids.

By: _____

Date: March 5, 2026

Christina Castro, PE
Capital Program Division Manager

Elk Grove Citizen 3-6, 3-13-2026

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 **Elk Grove High School Little Theater Lighting Upgrade** project at Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 **until 11:00 a.m., PST, on Thursday, April 2, 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 **\$25 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 **Monday, March 16, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.** meet at **Elk Grove High School, 8850 Valley Oak Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95624**. The District's Representative 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 mandatory pre-bid conference in its entirety and are recommended to provide their own personal protection equipment as appropriate.

This project involves the removal of two existing crank operated lighting truss systems (fly-pipes) and associated cranks, cables, electrical service and controls. Upgrade the existing electrical distribution and lighting controls to support new fly-pipe systems. Installation of two new motorized fly-pipes including associated structural support blocking, power and control connections. Modifications to existing overhead ductwork and fire sprinkler piping to accommodate new structural blocking and fly-pipe systems and other work as indicated on the drawings per specifications and details. The project prime contractor shall hold a **Class-B** general contractor's license and shall be responsible for all demolition, structural upgrades, mechanical ductwork modifications, modifications to fire sprinkler piping, painting and all miscellaneous work. Prime general contractor shall retain the services of a specialty theater stage rigging and equipment subcontractor who shall possess a **Class C-61/D-34a** specialty license in the state of California. This specialty subcontractor shall be responsible for procurement and installation of the specified fly-pipe system and specialty electrical lighting control systems. See drawings for further information.

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. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements applies to this project.

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

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Sacramento County, California

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

Elk Grove Citizen 3-6, 3-13-2026

LEGAL NOTICE

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District, County of Sacramento, State of California, will receive sealed bids up to but no later than **March 27, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. PST.**

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

Bid# 823-25/26 Renewable Propane

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

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

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

For assistance, please contact Kirsten Garcia at kgarcia@egusd.net or by phone at (916) 686-7773.

Kirsten Garcia
Purchasing Supervisor
Elk Grove Unified School District

Elk Grove Citizen 3-6, 3-13-2026

City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SUPPLEMENT NO. 60 CONCERNING STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS IN DISTRICT 1, ZONE 3-AW (EASTERN AREA)

FOR THE 9320 BRADSHAW ROAD URBAN LOT SPLIT PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove shall hold a public hearing on the Engineer's Report and a supplement thereto prepared and filed in connection with proposed street maintenance assessments on property identified in the report as supplemented. The City has mailed a notice to each affected property owner specifying the amount of the proposed assessment on the owner's property. At the public hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all protests.

Dated / Published: March 6, 2026 and March 13, 2026

JASON LINDGREN
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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

Elk Grove Citizen 3-6, 3-13-2026

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 3/26/2026 at 10:00 AM. Karen Fucanan; Richard Cynthia Magee. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

Elk Grove Citizen 3-6-2026

CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 04-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE FINDING NO FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW IS NECESSARY UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 15183 AND 15162, AND EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15301 (EXISTING FACILITIES) OF TITLE 14 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS (STATE CEQA GUIDELINES) AND AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 23 TO ALLOW A MEDICAL WASTE TRANSFER FACILITY IN THE HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (HI) ZONING DISTRICTS FOR THE TRILOGY MEDWASTE WEST PROJECT (PLNG25-020). The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Elk Grove Municipal Code Title 23 (Zoning) as described in Exhibit A to allow the Medical Waste Transfer Station use in the Heavy Industrial (HI) Zoning Districts with approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), subject to certain parameters as described. Introduced February 25, 2026; to be adopted March 11, 2026. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, SUEN, BREWER, ROBLES, SPEASE; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, March 6, 2026
A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email cityclerk@elkgrove.gov

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City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONCERNING STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE ZONE 2 ASSESSMENTS ANNEXATION NO. 77 INTO STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE ZONE 2 FOR THE 9320 BRADSHAW ROAD URBAN LOT SPLIT PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove shall hold a public hearing prepared and filed in connection with proposed Storm Water Drainage Fee Zone 2 assessments on properties identified in the resolution of intent adopted on February 25, 2026. The City has mailed a notice to each affected property owner specifying the amount of the proposed assessment on the owner's property. At the public hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all protests.

Dated / Published: March 6, 2026 and March 13, 2026

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Governor Newsom Launches Most Ambitious Water Plan in California History

California Department of Water Resources News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Governor Gavin Newsom announced on Feb. 25 the formal launch of the California Water Plan 2028, marking the start of a multi-year effort to modernize statewide water planning in response to climate-driven extremes and long-term water reliability challenges.

“Climate change is reshaping life in California through historic droughts and record storms that threaten the farms that feed the nation, communities that depend on reliable water, and the environment we all share. The 2028 Water Plan is a commitment to every Californian that we will capture, store and conserve the water our state, the 4th largest economy in the world, needs to thrive, no matter what climate change throws at us,” said Governor Gavin Newsom.

California is committed to protecting the water that families, farmers and communities depend on for generations to come.

“California’s hydrology is changing,” said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. “We’re living that now. Extreme wet swings to intensely dry within the same season. The work of crafting the next California Water Plan will help us plan smarter to deal with the way climate change is testing our water systems.”

Planning for California’s Water Future

The launch initiates the first phase of work under Senate Bill 72 (SB 72), which mandates modernization of the California Water Plan by improving data and setting measurable water supply targets. It also creates a more coordinated, transparent planning framework that aligns state, regional and local actions, which includes close collaboration with the California Water



A drone view of the Bethany Reservoir, impounded by five dams in Alameda County, serves as a forebay for the South Bay Pumping Plant and afterbay for Banks Pumping Plant. Photo taken March 28, 2024. Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources

Commission.

“I authored Senate Bill 72 to modernize the California Water Plan so it meets the challenges we face today,” said Senator Anna Caballero. “California’s water system is under real strain from longer droughts, stronger storms and growing demand across our communities and agricultural regions. For the first time, we are setting a clear statewide target of 9 million acre-feet of additional water supply and establishing measurable benchmarks that hold us accountable. California must plan with discipline and act with urgency to secure a reliable water future for every part of our state. I applaud Governor Newsom for signing this landmark bill into law and reaffirming his commitment to securing California’s water future.”

At the center of SB 72 is an interim statewide planning target of 9 million acre-feet by 2040, which is the amount of water supply California could lose as climate change reduces

snowpack and intensifies drought. Roughly equal to two Shasta Reservoirs, or enough for 18 million homes, the target is a shared benchmark that includes supply, conservation, recharge and storage strategies to close projected water supply gaps and strengthen long-term water reliability.

A Plan Shaped by Californians

To fulfill the SB 72 mandate, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is convening an Advisory Committee that will immediately get to work in shaping the workplan for both the 2028 and 2033 Water Plan updates and providing input about approaches to effectively engage regional communities.

The advisory committee will reflect the diversity of California’s water system, including representation from urban and agricultural water suppliers, tribal, labor, environmental justice and environmental interests, local government, business and other

interested parties.

The committee will hold its inaugural meeting in April, and the public is encouraged to attend.

The California Water Commission will play a formal advisory role in the California Water Plan. The commission will receive regular briefings in a public setting and provide input as DWR refines the advisory committee structure, engagement approach and major milestones leading up to release of the 2028 plan.

“We applaud the launch of the California Water Plan 2028 and the collaborative framework envisioned under SB 72,” said Fern Steiner, Chair of the California Water Commission. “The Commission looks forward to continuing its work with the Department of Water Resources and interested parties across the state to support a plan that reflects diverse regional needs and advances sustainable water solutions for all Californians.”

DWR Deputy Director for Statewide Water Resources Planning and Enterprise Project Management Joel Metzger, added, “The new California Water Plan is where vision meets accountability. We’ll set measurable targets, improve our data and align planning efforts in ways that deliver real results on the ground. I’m inspired by the partnerships forming around this work and the shared commitment to long-term water resilience. Relationships, trust building and compelling storytelling will be essential to moving this work forward successfully.”

Work on the California Water Plan 2028 will focus on three main workstreams including the following.

Data for water use and supply balances: collecting statewide, watershed-scale datasets, leveraging new data and advanced technologies and bringing in statewide planning models.

Targets for long-term water supply: creating credible, localized targets; expanding coverage of hydrologic regions and aligning with Governor Newsom’s 2022 Water Supply Strategy and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Actions for adaptation and implementation: creating place-specific strategies, including nature-based solutions, to close supply-demand gaps; creating cost-benefit analyses; and tracking progress and integration across state, federal and local planning.

To support transparency and public access, DWR has launched a new project website at CaliforniaWaterPlan.com, to serve as the central hub for information on all future water plan updates, advisory committee participation, meeting materials, timelines and opportunities for engagement. ★

New Report Exposes ‘Indefensible Waste’ in Prison Budget

CURB Calls for at least 5 More Closures to Reduce State Deficit

Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB) News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB) recently responded to the newly released Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) report on the 2026-27 Corrections Budget. While the Legislative Analyst’s Office formally recommends the closure of one additional prison, CURB is urging the Newsom administration to go significantly further, demanding a commitment to closing at least five additional prisons before the Governor leaves office.

“California is currently sitting on nearly 14,000 empty beds – enough capacity to announce five or six full prison closures this budget cycle,” said Amber-Rose Howard, executive director of Californians United for a Responsible Budget.

“The LAO report confirms the underlying reality we have been highlighting: keeping thousands of empty beds on the books is an indefensible waste of resources. We strongly agree with the LAO’s specific recommendation to close a prison this year. However, a one-prison-at-a-time approach does not reflect the scale

of the state’s ongoing fiscal and incarceration crisis.”

The Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) report highlights several critical findings that verify the urgent need for further prison closures:

CTF in Soledad as a Prime Closure Candidate: The LAO identifies the



Correctional Training Facility (CTF) in Soledad as a strong candidate for closure,

citing \$379 million in needed repairs for its kitchen and fire alarm systems alone. The report formally recommends the Legislature reject new infrastructure spending at this facility.

Verified Fiscal Savings: The LAO confirms that closing an average-sized prison would save the state approximately \$150 million annually in operational costs and avoid the need for expensive infrastructure projects at the closed site.

Sustained Population Decline: The LAO confirms the prison population is projected to continue declining through June 2030. The report notes the state could close an additional prison and still retain a 2,500-bed buffer to manage unexpected population increases.

System-Wide Maintenance Liability: The LAO reports that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has identified

\$2.5 billion in deferred maintenance projects across the system over the next ten years, not including the billions potentially needed for air cooling systems.

Lack of Transparency: The LAO criticized the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) for a lack of transparency regarding current yard deactivations at Solano and Avenal State Prisons, noting the administration has declined to provide information about these operational changes to the Legislature.

Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB) also emphasizes the humanitarian and fiscal cost of continuing to use prisons as “high-priced nursing homes.” With over 19,000 people aged 55 and older currently behind bars, the state spends over \$237,000 per year to incarcerate elders aged 80 and older with little risk of recidivism if released.

Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB) is a statewide coalition of over 100 organizations working to reduce the number of people in prisons and jails, shrink the corrections budget, and redirect public dollars toward housing, healthcare, education and community-based safety strategies. ★

CHP Seeks Answers Following Fentanyl Findings

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is conducting a thorough review of the findings in the Los Angeles County Medical Examiner’s report issued Feb. 23 regarding the death of Officer Miguel Cano. The Medical Examiner ruled that the 34-year-old officer’s death was caused by fentanyl. It is unknown how the fentanyl entered his system. The death has been ruled an accident.

While the CHP was not provided with the Medical Examiner’s report prior to it being



The drugs seized during the incident were sent to a laboratory for evaluation and tested positive for illicit drugs. Photo courtesy of Freepik

made public to the media, the CHP continues to investigate the circumstances surrounding this incident. More information will be shared

as it becomes available.

“We owe it to the family, our personnel and the public to get this right. We are

committed to a complete and objective examination of the facts. Out of respect for those most affected, we will not engage in speculation or premature conclusions,” said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee

On July 2, 2025, Officer Cano and his partner arrested a suspect in possession of a large quantity of suspected illicit substances. The drugs seized during the incident were sent to a laboratory for evaluation and tested positive for illicit drugs. Crime analysis later confirmed the presence of fentanyl in the drugs submitted for screening.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8

Holi: Festival of Colors – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This community event celebrates spring and love, and features traditional color-throwing, live DJ, music and food. A “Holi Hungama” celebration is scheduled for Sunday at the same location. 8015 Poppy Ridge Road.

Saturday, March 7 Wildlife Photo Walk – 9 a.m. to noon at the Cosumnes River Preserve. Practice the skills to photograph birds and other wildlife on this approximately three-mile, mostly flat walk. We should expect to view Sandhill Cranes, Show Geese, shorebirds and various ducks. All skill levels are accepted, but it is recommended that attendees have a basic working knowledge of exposure. More information and registration at exploreelk-grove.com. 13501 Franklin Blvd.

Thrifthathon: Urban Reclaim Market – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Old Town Plaza. Join us for an unforgettable day of shopping, music and community fun. Find more than 30 unique vendors offering a variety of styles, prices, and one-of-a-kind treasures. Get cash for your clothes: Americana Vintage is hosting a pop-up buy-sell-trade booth. Bring up to 15 items and get paid! Remember to pack reusable bags to carry home your finds. 9615 Railroad St.

Strauss Festival Spring Tea – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at District56. Join us for a spring tea inspired by the twinkly charm of the Christmas markets, the joyful cheer of Oktoberfest and the romance of a Viennese café, with an extra helping of happily ever after. Tickets available at straussfestival.com. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

First Saturday Reception: Marie Crockett – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. Join us for this

artist’s reception, with talk and live music. Crockett creates art ranging from striking landscapes to floral and animal-themed still life. Exhibition continues through Thursday, March 26. 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101.

Shamrockin’ Saturday Night Family Dance – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Wackford Community and Aquatics Complex. This dance party will feature a DJ playing upbeat, dance-tempo songs that are family-friendly, plus a photo booth for family memories. Space is limited, so purchase your tickets in advance to secure your family’s spots. Registration and more information at cosumnescd.gov. 9014 Bruceville Road.

Thursday, March 12 Elk Grove Garden Club – 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Gil Albiani Recreation Center. Enjoy a free breakfast and a presentation on Floral Hanging Baskets by Marilyn Peterson, who will show us how to assemble long-lasting baskets for any season. Visitors are welcome; please RSVP to Loren at 916-969-3784. 8830 Sharkey Ave.

Friday, March 13 Red, White, Blue and You: American Legion Post 55 Veterans’ Resource Fair – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Veterans Hall. We’re bringing together dozens of business and support groups to answer questions and assist veterans with their issues as well as support for finding employment. This is a free event for all and includes a barbecue lunch. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

Saturday, March 14 Elk Grove Lions’ 2nd Saturday Breakfast – 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Gil Albiani Recreation Center. The Lions are serving all-you-can-eat pancakes with a side of scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, and fruit. \$10 adults, \$5 kids 12 and under. 8830 Sharkey Ave.

Eyeglass & Hearing Aids Collection Event – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at TwoCan Tax & More. Help Lions Eyes California recycle and redistribute gently used eyeglasses and hearing aids to people in need, locally and around the world. Please donate prescription eyeglasses, reading glasses, sunglasses or hearing aids that are new or gently used. For more information, call 916-225-8321. 8845 Elk Grove Blvd.

Signs of Spring – 9 a.m. to noon at the Bufferlands. Join us for a two-mile guided hike as we look for wildflowers, returning migrating birds and other signs of spring. Advance registration is required for this free event as space is limited. Email conardc@sacsewer.com to register; location details will be emailed to registered participants ahead of the event.

Saturday, April 11 Plant Sale – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Elk Grove Garden Club will host a plant sale, and the community is invited. There will be a variety of beautiful and unusual plants, including annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, succulents, air plants and indoor plants. 8609 Brodie Court, Elk Grove.

Ongoing Events Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group – 10 a.m. every Tuesday at the Park at Laguna Springs. This is open to all Alzheimer’s caregivers to learn more about the disease, helpful tips and shared experiences. For more information, contact Tracey at 916-826-9325. 9670 Laguna Springs Drive in the President’s Room upstairs.

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, March 21. 8986 Elk Grove Blvd.

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

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

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

Widowed Persons Social Club – March 6, 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.

March 11, Noon: No-host lunch followed by beginners’ Pinochle at Original Mike’s, 9139 East Stockton Blvd. Contact Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

March 13, 10 a.m.: Pinochle at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Jim at 916-768-1923.

March 14, 10:30 a.m.: Coffee gathering at Peet’s Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

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

Wilton Bingo – First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, March 7 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two

nonprofits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.

Library Events Sacramento County Libraries have the following upcoming events: (EG) Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd.; (F) Franklin, 10055 Franklin High Road; (NW) Nonie Wetzel Library, 170 Primasing Ave., Courtland; (VH) Valley Hi/North Laguna, 7400 Imagination Parkway, Sacramento:

Friday, March 6: Explore and learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. (EG) AARP Tax-Aide, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. AARP will provide free tax preparation services to seniors and low-income households. Appointments required on the library website. (VH)

Saturday, March 7: Adult space – modified Yoga with Coach Sara, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (NW) Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Healthy conversations with Dr. Julie Dominguez-Jones, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The topic will be diabetes. (F) Teen advisory board, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (VH) STEAM for kids, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EG)

Wednesday, March 11: Explore and learn, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH) STEAM for kids – make a straw airplane, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (NW) Teen space, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (EG) Comic Café, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (F)

Thursday, March 12: Family story time, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (EG) Adult space, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (VH)

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Culture through cloth – Threads of Belonging workshop series, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Workshop 2: Weaving as ancestral memory. Learn how to weave on a frame loom and learn some history on the Ilokana weaving tradition called “Inabel.” (VH) Healthy eats with Stacey Ring, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Stacey will lead the group through a cooking demonstration focused on diabetes-friendly recipes. She’ll share insight into creating grocery lists, making smart shopping choices and sourcing the best ingredients. Samples will be provided. (F)

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

Veterans Meetings American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units – fourth 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.

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

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

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

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

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Fool's Gold?

California has waged a quiet, persistent campaign against the indispensable ingredients of a successful modern economy

By Garvin Walsh, California Globe

California has long been known as the Golden State. In 1968 the Legislature made the nickname official, capturing a fitting label for a place associated with promise and prosperity. Yet over the past two decades, political choices have fostered habits that are steadily tarnishing that brand.

California entered the United States in 1848 after the Mexican-American War. The Gold Rush brought explosive population growth, and by 1850 California was admitted as the 31st state. What followed was a remarkable modern era marked by sustained population increases and world-leading economic expansion. Natural resources, agriculture, industry, tourism and technological innovation powered the rise. For generations, Californians shared a broad optimism grounded in individual enterprise and upward mobility.

Those days are gone. For years the state has waged a quiet but persistent campaign against the three indispensable ingredients of any successful modern economy: capital, energy, and individual initiative.

The pattern is clear. Capital is treated with hostility rather than respect. Investors and employers operate within an intensifying regulatory thicket – layered mandates, expanding compliance regimes, and punitive taxation. Starting or expanding a business in California requires navigating a complex maze that deters many would-be builders. When companies relocate, shelve projects, or choose not to launch here at all, our California dreams are stifled. Capital is mobile. It flows toward stability and predictability and away from hostility.

Energy policy reflects the same mindset. Affordable, reliable power is the lifeblood of a sophisticated economy. California is rich in energy resources, yet policy has inhibited their development in favor of ideological signaling. The result is paradoxical: a resource-rich state that

imports much of its energy, burdening residents with the highest costs in the nation. Infrastructure projects stall under litigation

entrepreneur deciding where to incorporate and hire. The cumulative message is unmistakable: ambition is narrowly constrained by distant regulators. Over time, that message dulls the instinct to build. Families and businesses vote with their feet.

This trajectory is especially short-sighted because California's expansive public sector depends entirely on private enterprise. Government does not generate wealth; it redistributes what the private sector produces. Tax revenue arises from payrolls, profits, property values, and capital gains.

Schools, infrastructure, social services, and environmental programs rest on taxable economic activity. Even nonprofits and advocacy organizations rely on private wealth. Philanthropy presupposes profit. Grants presuppose tax receipts. Redistribution presupposes production.

Eroding the base while enlarging the superstructure defies economic arithmetic.

For much of the past twenty years, one party has held overwhelming control in Sacramento. The Democratic supermajority has shaped the current policy framework and

and review. Mandates drive costly investments with marginal returns. Industry, agriculture, transportation, and households absorb the burden. The implicit assumption seems to be that markets and physics will yield to aspiration. They do not.

Individual initiative suffers as well. The small contractor delayed by permits. The restaurateur juggling wage mandates, benefit requirements, and inspection rules. The

therefore owns its outcomes: rising living costs, chronic

housing shortages, business outmigration, and budget volatility tied to a narrow band of high earners.

This is not a claim that Republicans would govern without fault. Concentrated power tempts any party. A Republican supermajority would display its own excesses. The structural problem is dominance itself. When competition fades, correction slows. Insulation breeds certainty and corruption, and invites overreach.

California's identity was forged not by bureaucratic choreography but by the confidence that individuals, given room to act, would generate prosperity sufficient to support both private ambition and public goods. That confidence has been replaced by suspicion of the very mechanisms that built the state. The opportunity culture of the Golden State has morphed into a system of constraint.

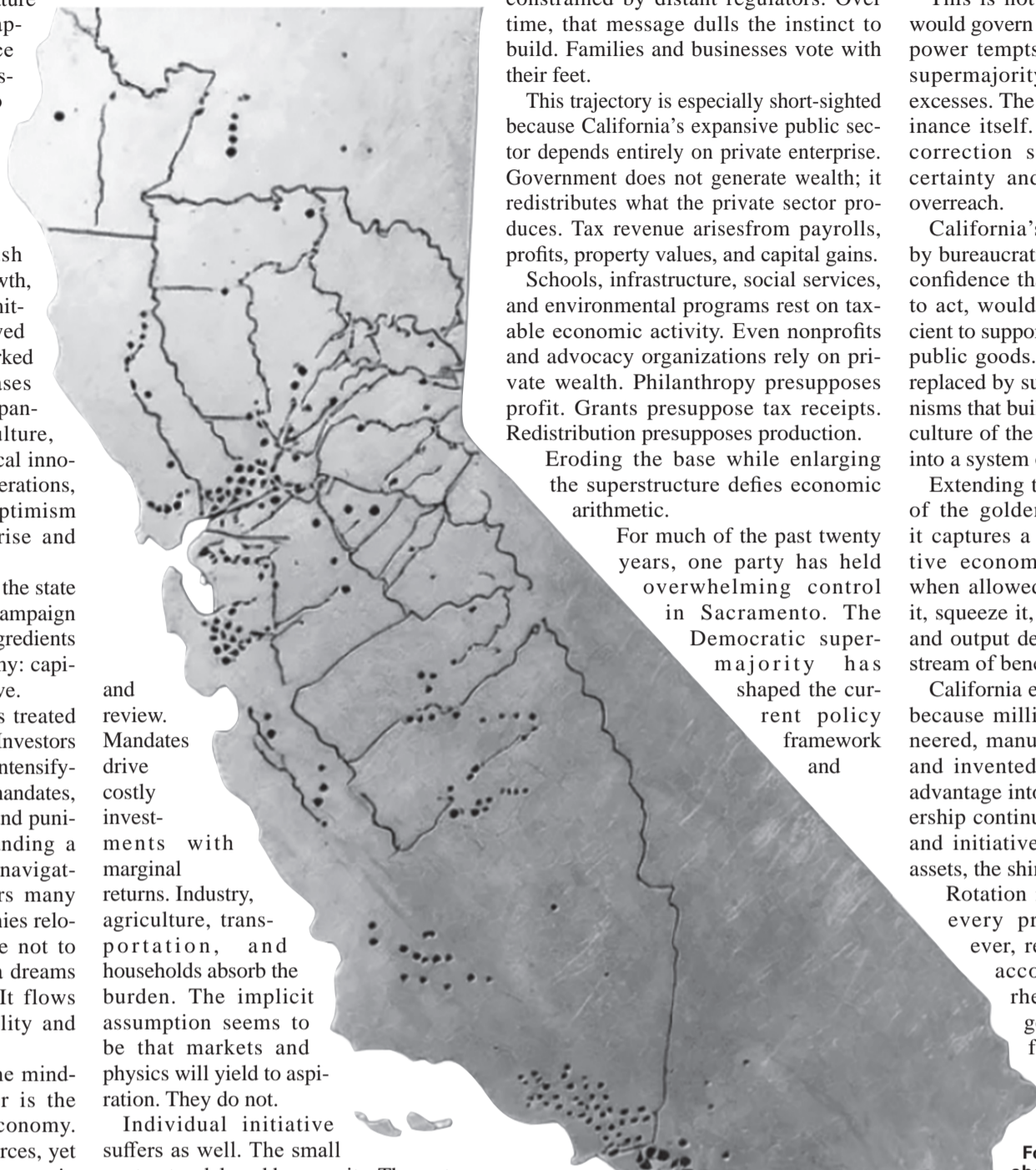
Extending the metaphor, the old fable of the golden goose endures because it captures a timeless truth. A productive economy yields steady returns when allowed to function. Overburden it, squeeze it, or treat it as an adversary, and output declines. Destroy it, and the stream of benefits ends.

California earned its golden reputation because millions mined, farmed, engineered, manufactured, financed, coded, and invented. They converted natural advantage into sustained growth. If leadership continues to treat capital, energy, and initiative as liabilities rather than assets, the shine will continue to fade.

Rotation in power would not solve every problem. It would, however, restore accountability. And accountability – more than rhetoric – is what keeps a golden state from becoming fool's gold. ★

California has long been known as the Golden State. For generations, Californians shared a broad optimism grounded in individual enterprise

and upward mobility. Photo courtesy of Grok/California Globe



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Sacramento County Public Defender Honored for Innovation

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The California State Association of Counties on Feb. 11 awarded the Sacramento County Public Defender's Office with a 2025 Challenge Award for its innovative Juvenile Pre-Trial Program.

California State Association of Counties' Challenge Awards highlight county programs from across the state that help solve complex issues.

"This award reflects our belief that when we invest in young people early, by understanding



The Sacramento County Public Defender's Office was awarded a 2025 Challenge Award on Feb. 11 by the California State Association of Counties for innovative work through its Juvenile Pre-Trial Program. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

their trauma, supporting their families and connecting them to services, we can change life trajectories

and strengthen our community," said Chief Public Defender Amanda Benson. "I am incredibly proud

of our team and our justice partners for embracing a model that prioritizes care, accountability and

opportunity for youth."

The Juvenile Pre-Trial Program launched in 2023.

The goal of the initiative is to assess youth in the juvenile justice system for trauma, mental health needs, educational challenges, family circumstances and other underlying factors.

Public defenders work alongside social workers to develop individualized release plans and connect youth and their families to community-based support.

By addressing root causes early, the program aligns with Sacramento County's broader goals

of improving community well-being, advancing equitable outcomes and responsibly reducing youth detention. Youth connected to these services are less likely to return to custody and more likely to be released sooner.

"The Juvenile Pre-Trial Program shows what's possible when we look beyond the case file and focus on the whole child," said Assistant Public Defender Reuben Moreno. "By building trust early and connecting youth to meaningful support, we're helping them succeed while improving outcomes across the system." ★

Council Approves Medical Waste Transfer Facility Location

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the normal course of transportation."

As a middle point for the collection and processing of medical waste, which Killingsworth said would be "sharps, biowaste and clinical waste," the disposal of medical waste onsite is prohibited.

"We take our security in the handling of medical waste serious," Trilogy MedWaste West Director of Compliance Chad Platta said. "You'll never see medical waste; everything is always tied and sealed."

"Medical waste does not include human remains, correct?" Councilmember Kevin Spease asked during council questioning.

"Correct," Platta said.

Vice Mayor Darren Suen asked Platta about security measures at the site to restrict unauthorized entry, such as barbed wire atop fencing and surveillance systems. Platta said barbed wire will be installed, along with other secure access measures, but they do not have video surveillance just yet.

Also at the Feb. 25 meeting, council received a financial update from the Measure E Citizens' Oversight Committee regarding revenues, expenses and projects accomplished during fiscal year 2024-2025. Measure E is a 1% sales tax approved by voters in

2022, with proceeds shared between Elk Grove and Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD), with the city receiving 50%, Cosumnes 30% and 20% set aside for "future priority projects."

Council established priorities for Measure E funds in 2024 are addressing public safety issues, enhancing youth programs, addressing homelessness, maintaining streets and improving traffic conditions, maintaining parks, supporting clean and safe public areas and advancing economic development. Committee chair Valerie Erwin said council added four priorities for fiscal year 2025-2026: arts,

culture and entertainment initiatives; affordable housing, preservation of natural areas and open spaces and maintaining and expanding bike and pedestrian trails.

"So we do have now a total of 11 priorities that are in place," Erwin said, adding the Feb. 25 report only covers the first seven.

"The committee was appointed by the City Council to ensure exactly that the funding is aligned with those identified priorities," Erwin said.

Measure E 2025 tax revenues totaled almost \$34.65 million, with \$17.32 million for Elk Grove, just over \$10.94 million shared with Cosumnes CSD and \$6.92

million slated for future projects. Of that \$17.32 million, 67 percent (almost \$11.85 million), was spent on crime reduction and rapid response.

The fund began 2025 with a \$22.56 million beginning balance and ended the year with \$37.305 million, after sharing with Cosumnes CSD and future project set-asides.

The committee appropriated \$4 million for the city's future homeless shelter and ended the year with a future priorities reserve of \$15.308 million and an "Unrestricted Fund Balance" of almost \$18 million, an amount larger than expected.

"We didn't spend as much as we had budgeted, which is available

to reprogram next year," Assistant City Manager Jaqui Guzman said.

Cosumnes CSD Chief Financial Officer Nou Vang said the district began 2025 with a fund balance of just over \$6.69 million. Coupled with the 2025 revenues, against just over \$8 million in 2025 expenses, the fund is left with almost \$9.55 million to go toward district priorities such as the Cosumnes Fire Department, clean and safe public areas, parks maintenance and youth gang/crime prevention.

The rest of the report consisted of various staff and department directors providing short presentations on achievements and upcoming initiatives in their respective areas of responsibility. ★

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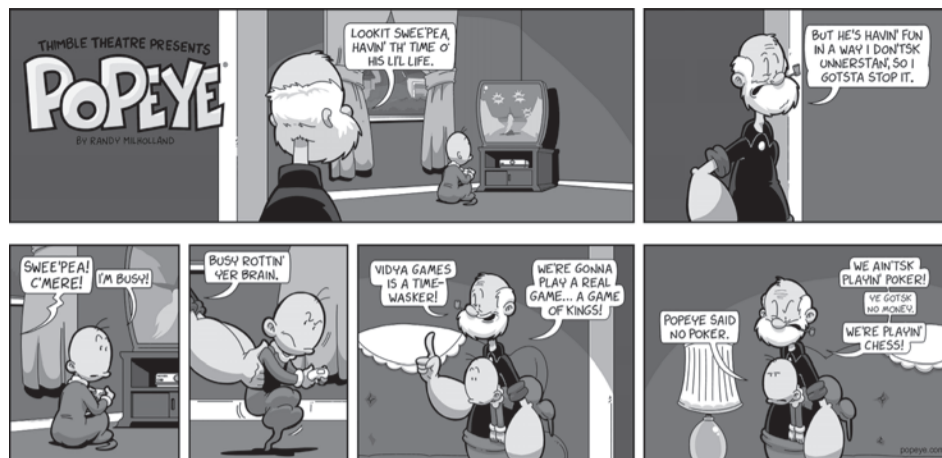
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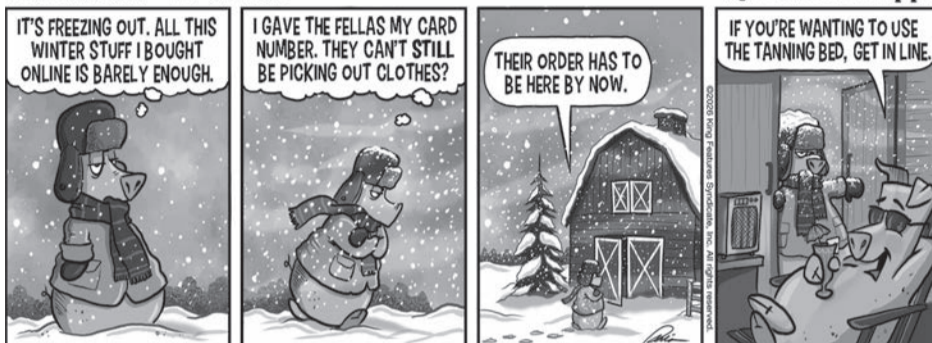
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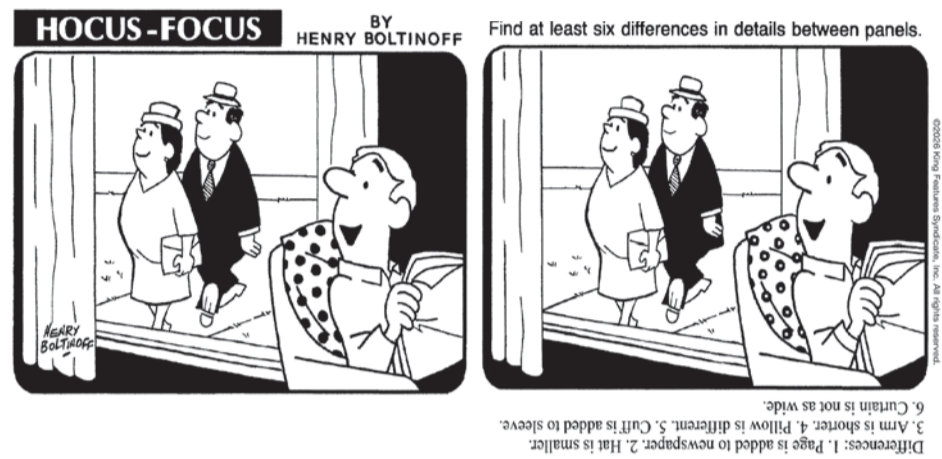
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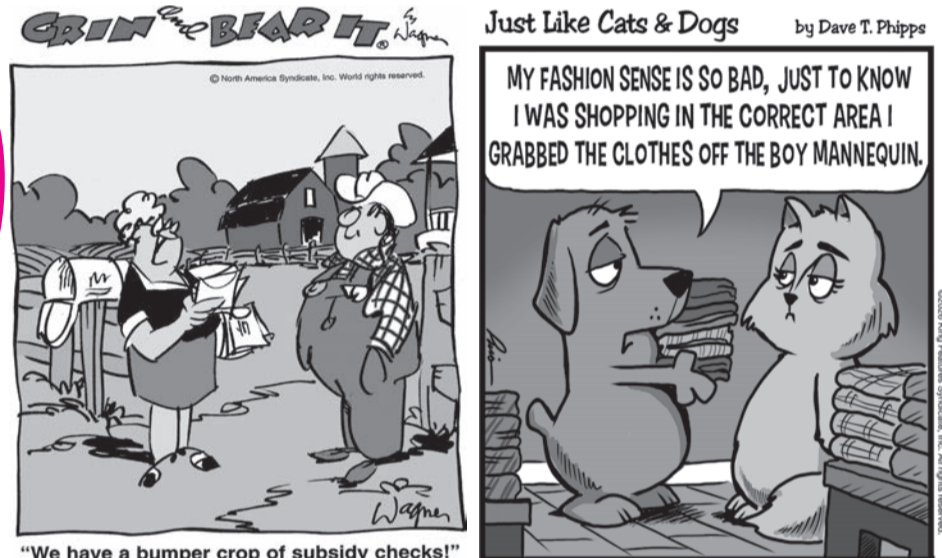
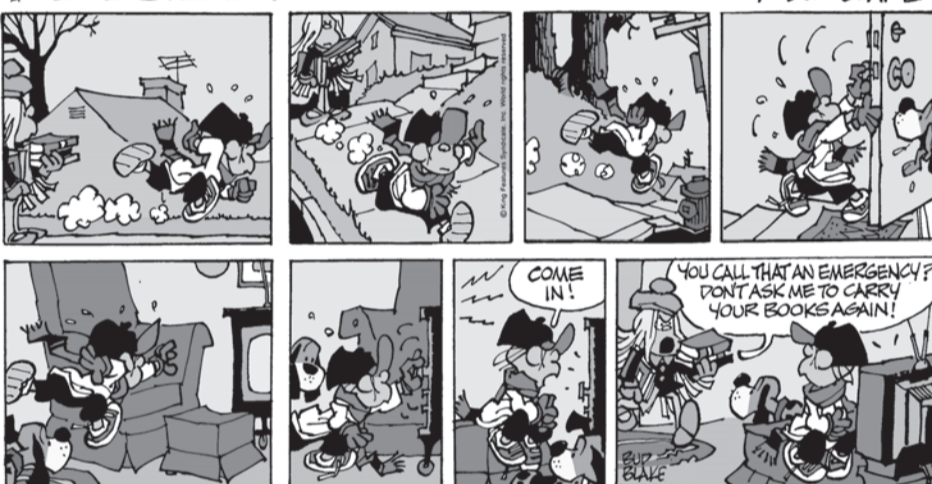
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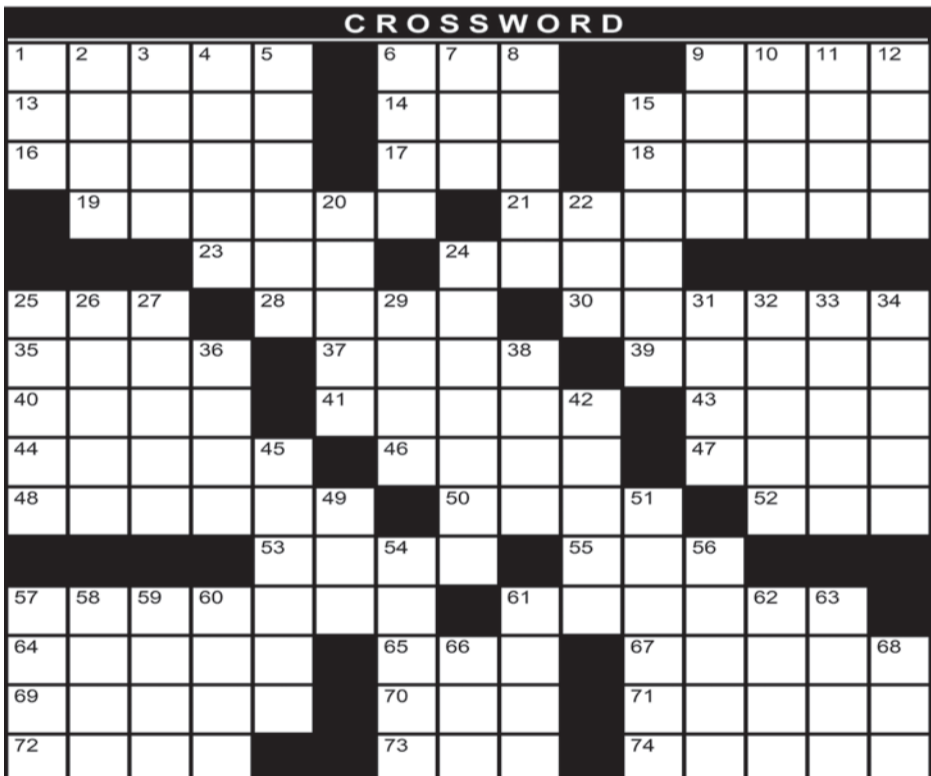
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MoneyMaker Named MPSF Gymnast of the Week



Amelia MoneyMaker has been named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Gymnast of the Week following a weekend where she hit the second-best floor performance in program history. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - For the second-straight week and third time this season, Amelia MoneyMaker has been named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Gymnast of the Week following a weekend where she hit the second-best floor performance in program history while helping the Aggies battle to a dual meet win and a season-high performance on beam.

Twice MoneyMaker posted over 39.000 during the weekend, taking her career total up to 22 times she has broken the 39.000 threshold in the all-around. Against William & Mary she won the event with a 39.075 and in the competitive tri-meet at San Jose State (Air Force), MoneyMaker scored 39.150 to post a top three finish.

In the dual meet against William & Mary, MoneyMaker went off on floor, scoring 9.950 to mark the second-best performance in program history, tying her career-high, while also scoring the third-best performance on floor in MPSF history. Her huge mark helped propel the Aggies to victory in that dual meet, needing her score

along with her teammates to win the floor event and take the dual meet.

At San Jose State, MoneyMaker was big on bars (9.800), beam (9.850) and floor (9.875) putting together an all-around score of 39.150. Her mark on beam, along with the rest of the Aggies, powered UC Davis to a season-high 49.025 on beam to cap off a solid Sunday tri-meet.

MoneyMaker was named the MPSF Gymnast of the Week four times in 2025, and with this she can claim three weeks with the honor this season.

UC Davis, the No. 2 ranked public university by the Wall Street Journal, is home to 40,000 undergraduate students and 12,000 employees. Ranked No. 1 in Agriculture and Forestry as well as No. 1 in Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis is in a true California college town nestled between world-class destinations such as the San Francisco Bay Area, Napa Valley and Lake Tahoe. Over 650 Aggie student-athletes compete in 25 Division I varsity sports, with 16 sports transitioning to the Mountain West Conference beginning in 2026-27. ★

Tim Holt Next President and General Manager

Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Republic FC recently announced the appointment of Tim Holt as the club's new President & General Manager, bringing to the organization an accomplished executive with leadership experience at both the league and club levels.

As President & General Manager of Republic FC, Holt will oversee the club's business and strategic growth initiatives, working closely with ownership and club leadership to advance long-term objectives both on and off the pitch. He will also manage the club's sporting department to support roster development and the ongoing pursuit of silverware.

"Republic FC is one of the special clubs in American soccer and I'm grateful for the opportunity to help steward the club into its next era. Over a decade ago, Sacramento joined the USL during my tenure as league president, and it's a full-circle moment to see how the original promise of a club has evolved into a remarkable organization with passionate supporters, consistently competing at the top of the table, and a dedicated staff who serve this community," said incoming President & General Manager Tim Holt. "I'd like to thank Managing Partner Kevin Nagle and Wilton Rancheria Chairman Jesus Tarango and the full board of directors for their confidence as the club begins its next chapter with a Downtown home and many more opportunities to come."

Holt previously served as President of the United Soccer League (USL), where he helped guide the league through a significant period of growth and expansion, strengthening



As President & General Manager of Republic FC, Holt will oversee the club's business and strategic growth initiatives, working closely with ownership and club leadership to advance long-term objectives both on and off the pitch. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

its national footprint and competitive structure — including Sacramento Republic FC's entry into the league.

"Tim brings proven leadership, integrity, and a deep understanding of what it takes to build a successful club in this league," said Kevin Nagle, managing partner of Sacramento Republic FC. "He has seen the USL from the league office and from the club side, and that perspective is invaluable. We believe Tim is the right leader to help guide Republic FC into its next chapter and continue building something our community can be proud of."

"Sacramento Republic FC is entering an exciting new era with fresh leadership and continued momentum," said Wilton Rancheria Chairman Jesus Tarango. "Tim understands how to honor a club's identity while building for the future. His experience and leadership will help ensure we continue growing in a way that reflects our values and strengthens our connection to the region."

After leading USL, Holt joined Orlando City SC during its inaugural 2015 Major League Soccer (MLS) season as Vice President of Development. In Orlando, Tim's work included the expansion of the club with the creation and launch of two new professional soccer franchises, Orlando Pride of the NWSL & Orlando City B of the USL.

He later became Managing Director of San Antonio FC, where he led all business and sporting operations and helped elevate the club into one of the league's benchmark franchises. During his tenure, the club won the prestigious Double – The Players' Shield for most points and the League Title – as well as cultivated young talent development through an academy system, signed emerging players including three Young Player of the Year finalists, and brought in top-flight talent through transfers and loans accessing leagues across the Americas and Europe.

For more information, visit SacRepublicFC.com. ★

Beavers Head into Big 8 Conference Play



Luke Haney throwing a ball in the double header against Yuba College at Beaver Field Feb. 20. Photo courtesy of American River College

American River College News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - In what has been an up and down non-conference slate to start the season, the American River College baseball team finished on a high note, sweeping a double-header from Yuba College at Beaver Field on Feb. 20.

The teams were supposed to play at American River College on Thursday, Feb. 19 and then at Yuba College on Friday, Feb. 20, but Thursdays rain forced the teams into a double header at Beaver Field. American River College got on the board in the first inning of game one thanks to a lead off triple by sophomore SS Bryce Sabatke (River City).

Freshman RF Brandon Pelechowicz (Yuba City) followed with a sacrifice fly and two batters in the Beavers had a 1-0 lead. Freshman RHP Ayden Dringenberg (Oakmont) held the 49ers scoreless thru the first two innings, but the visitors managed to plate a run in the 3rd to tie the game.

The tie score did not last for long however as the Beavers scored five times in the 3rd, two on a double by Pelechowicz and three on a bases loaded double by

sophomore LF Luke Haney (Oak Ridge). Haney ended with 5 RBI in the first game and three in the second for a total of 8 RBI on the day. Dringenberg lasted 5 2/3 of the scheduled 7 inning game with sophomore RHP Kaden Clive (Delta) picking up the final 4 outs.

Game 2 saw the Beavers jump out to a 4-0 lead in the first without the benefit of a hit. Yuba's starting pitcher walked 7 while only recording two outs before giving way to a reliever who got the final out of the first. The Beavers added a pair of runs in the 2nd inning on a two run single by Haney. Sophomore CF Dylan Westbrook (Oak Ridge) singled in a run in the 3rd to put ARC up 7-0. Freshman RHP Ben Bowers (Folsom) kept the 49ers off the board for the first four innings but Yuba got on the board with a single run in the 5th. Yuba got a run in the 7th inning off of sophomore LHP Quincey Carr (Whitney) but Carr threw a three-up three-down 8th to keep the Beavers ahead. The Beavers got single runs in the 6th and 7th innings to put the game out of reach.

The Beavers evened up their non-conference record to 7-7 as they headed into Big 8 Conference play against Sierra College. ★

Walker Claims Second Career Big Sky Weekly Honor



Walker picks up the second weekly award from the conference office in her Hornet career while becoming the third Sacramento State student-athlete to be so honored by the league in the last five weeks. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A pair of impressive singles wins against the top players from a pair of nationally ranked squads on the road helped Sacramento State junior Reese Walker to Big Sky Conference player of the week honors.

Walker picks up the second weekly award from the conference office in her Hornet career while becoming the third Sacramento State student-athlete to be so honored by the league in the last five weeks along with junior Irene Riva (Jan. 28) and redshirt junior Lou Baudouin (Feb. 11).

Playing at No. 1 singles and No. 3 doubles in the Hornets' contests against No. 52 Long Beach State and No. 22 San Diego State, Walker finished 2-0 in singles while having both of her doubles contests ended early.

She opened the week by putting an end to a two-match losing streak with a straight-set win over the Beach's Diana De Simone, 6-4, 6-3, as the then-No. 68 ranked Hornets

upset Long Beach State, 4-3. A day later, she clinched one of her team's points against the Aztecs by bouncing back from a first-set loss in a tiebreaker and rallying to defeat Jo-Yee Chan, 6-7 (7), 6-3, 6-2.

The two victories pushed Walker to 6-3 overall in singles play on the year, with five of those wins coming at the No. 1 spot in the Hornets' lineup.

Now ranked No. 50 in the nation according to the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association's poll released on Tuesday (Feb. 24), Sacramento State has faced four teams ranked in this week's poll: No. 21 Stanford (which had been ranked No. 11 in the country at the time of the match), No. 22 San Diego State, No. 45 Hawai'i, and No. 51 Long Beach State.

This week's No. 50 national ranking is the program's highest since the Hornets were ranked No. 49 in the country on Feb. 25 of last year, which was also the first ranking inside the top 50 for Sacramento State since it stood No. 43 in the nation on Feb. 22, 2012. ★