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Annual Tournament Raises Funds for Youth Camp



The local nonprofit Logan's Little Warriors team is pictured at the Cosumnes River College tennis courts during its March 21 to 22 pickleball tournament, standing in front of a banner highlighting the organization's goal to raise funds to open its own camp facility. Photo courtesy of Logan's Little Warriors

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The growing pickleball scene in Elk Grove is taking on a role beyond recreation, supporting a community effort focused on equipping youth with the tools and guidance to make healthy life choices.

Leading that effort is Logan's Little Warriors, a local nonprofit dedicated to helping children and their

families in the greater Sacramento area to build strong foundations for the future.

Through its day camps, workshops and educational programs, the organization teaches youth practical life skills while helping them to build their self-esteem and learn emotional regulation.

Since 2024, an annual pickleball tournament fundraiser at Cosumnes River College has brought the

community together in support of the cause. For a \$50 entry fee, participants compete in teams for women's, men's or mixed doubles divisions.

This year's tournament, held March 21 to 22, drew players from across the region, all sharing the goal of raising funds to open Logan's Little Warriors Youth Camp. The future camp will serve youth ages 10 to 14 facing difficult circumstances,

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Council Approves Automatic License Plate Reader Contract Amendment



By John McCallum

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The City Council has unanimously approved an amendment to the city's contract with Flock Group for its purchase and use of automated license plate readers (ALPR) and public safety operating system: a move that came despite citizen dissent.

The amendment passed at the April 8 meeting adds \$194,100 to the contract Flock has had with Elk Grove since 2021, bringing the total amount to more than \$1.63 million. It also extends the contract length to April 25, 2028.

The city currently operates 87 Flock ALPRs at intersections and roadways. The amendment covers replacing "select standard units with long-distance cameras" along with "reassessing deployment locations to align the technology with various roadway characteristics, traffic patterns and crime data to "maximize coverage, read accuracy and investigative effectiveness."

All seven Elk Grove residents testifying about the amendment at the meeting voiced concerns about the sharing of Flock data with other agencies, including federal agencies such as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). They urged council to table the amendment until more study could be done on the use of ALPRs and data sharing issues, including the potential for hacking into the Flock system.

Lindsey Halsell urged council to pull the amendment until the California Department of Justice has verified Flock is not sharing data, noting several cities in the state have shared their data with federal agencies. She also alleged Flock has made fraudulent claims about ALPRs decreasing crime, claiming independent analysis actually shows crime has either stayed flat or increased where these are used.

"It is reckless to increase surveillance during this era of expanding authoritarianism," Halsell said. "Surveillance does not make us safer, although it may provide the illusion of safety."

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Concert Boosts Homeless Students with Scholarships

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Community members are invited to enjoy an evening of uplifting Indian music while supporting local students in need at an upcoming fundraiser hosted by the local nonprofit VI-SH Koranne Foundation.

The nonprofit will present its fifth annual Mehfil-E-Ghazal concert, "An Evening of Ghazals where Ragas meet Bollywood," at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26 at Chinmaya Mission, 3231 Ramos Circle in Sacramento.

The event aims to raise funds for the foundation's Laptop Scholarship Project, which supports high school seniors experiencing homelessness as they prepare to enter college by providing funds to purchase a laptop.

The fundraiser also intends to bring awareness to the challenges faced by homeless students in the Elk Grove Unified School District.

According to VI-SH Koranne Foundation founder and director Heera Koranne Kulkarni, the district's Students and Families Empowerment Office, known as the SAFE

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Former Elk Grove Unified School District student and 2024 Laptop Scholarship Project recipient Ciana is pictured with VI-SH Koranne Foundation founder and director Heera Koranne Kulkarni, left. Photo courtesy of VI-SH Koranne Foundation

Art Center to Host Fifth Annual Festival of the Arts

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is set to present its fifth annual Elk Grove Festival of the Arts from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at Old Town Plaza (9615 Railroad St.).

The free, public event will feature a full day of live music, art demonstrations and more than 30 local artisan vendors offering handmade works including crafts, pottery, paintings and drawings.

Live performances will begin with Be Here Now at 10 a.m., followed by the New Jazz Quintet at 12:15 p.m., Sax Quartet at 1:30 p.m. and the Military Jazz Quintet at 3:20 p.m.

"We are thrilled to present the 5th Annual Festival of the Arts on the final Saturday in April. This popular event brings together visual and performing artists from across our region, and allows them to showcase their fine artwork, musical talents and artistic products to the community," Elk Grove Fine Arts Center Marketing Director and board member Heath Buckmaster said in a news release.

"Returning this year, we have a full day of musical acts on the stage plus art demonstrations by the Laguna Creek High School including pottery and a working blacksmith," he added.

The vendor lineup includes Nannosecond Productions, Vic Bicomong, The Ascension, Reyes Paintings, Glenda Burns, Erin Martinelli, Cynthia Minoli, Krystal Lyn Creations, Angie Talbert, Mind Candy Mysteries, Optimystical Art, Just Beautiful Woodworks, Shmak Creations, Robert Hobkirk, She Sews He Saws, Art by Celeste, Jill Miller, Matt Zidar, Entwined Mind Designs, Locke Art Studio, Cowgirl Dita Pottery, Beautifully Bound Permanent Jewelry, Number 5 Studio, Resin Serenity, Village Stage Productions, Adriana Maria Designs, Artful Inky, Jodi Reagan Designs, Cadence Creations, Athena Crawford, Gloria Espejo, Brenda Dominguez and Musical Mayhem Productions.

In addition to art and entertainment, attendees can take part in hands-on activities for youth hosted by Elk Grove Space4Art and Pinot's Palette, as well as enjoy a variety of food and beverage options.

"Young people will enjoy art projects created by Elk Grove Space4Art and Pinot's Palette, and all guests will appreciate a selection of food and beverage options as they explore over 30 vendor booths. We look forward to seeing everyone at the festival," Buckmaster said.

The festival is sponsored by the City



The community is invited to the fifth annual Festival of the Arts from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at Old Town Plaza, 9615 Railroad St. The free event, hosted by the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center, will feature live music, art demonstrations and local artisan vendors. Citizen file photo

of Elk Grove and its Arts and Creative Economy Commission, with additional support from The Red Door Antiques Vintage and More, Motif Green and ARDENTforlife Magazine.

Established in 2007, the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center serves as a hub for local artists and offers the community access to visual arts through exhibitions, classes and special events. The center hosts monthly art

shows, regional competitions, workshops and First Saturday public receptions, along with its annual festival.

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is located at 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, visit elkgrovetartscenter.org/festival. ★

Pickleball the Warrior Way

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offering programs focused on real-world skills such as financial literacy, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and critical thinking.

Proceeds also support current initiatives, including the nonprofit's first overnight camp for its youth in June.

Logan's Little Warriors work is rooted in the memory of Logan Hugentobler, the son of founder and director Kerrie Hill, who died from a fentanyl-related overdose.

Hill said her son had overcome years of addiction and remained sober for a decade. By age 40, he had reached a stable and positive point in his life before choosing to use again ahead of a planned vacation.

"My son was the happiest he'd ever been, and he decided, 'Hey, I'm just going to use one more time,' and there was a little bit of fentanyl in it, and we lost him," Hill shared.

Within an hour of learning of his death, Hill said she made the decision to create something meaningful in his honor and help families that are facing similar situations.

That mission became Logan's Little Warriors, with the aim to provide children with the skills needed to navigate life's challenges and rely on their own strength rather than other harmful coping mechanisms.

The organization has



Participants are pictured competing in the mixed doubles division during Logan's Little Warriors pickleball tournament held March 21 to 22. Photos courtesy of Logan's Little Warriors

since grown into a team of community members who share that vision, including vice president Candace De Leon, secretary Kristina Young, treasurer Carolyn McKeand and board member Andrea Garcia, who were all present during the tournament weekend.

"We have a great team of people who have come together and given up some of their invaluable time to keep this mission of helping youth and their families develop these skills that they don't teach you in school," De Leon said.

"They don't teach you how to be resilient; they don't teach you how to get through hard things ... and that you can have the support from other people," she added.

Their programs teach what they call the "Warrior

Way," emphasizing daily habits such as mindfulness, affirmations, exercise, journaling and goal-setting. Beyond structured curriculum, the nonprofit also fosters community through bonding experiences, including its Rise and Thrive teen summit, as well as group outings such as attending River Cats games.

"It's about building daily habits so that when life gets tough, you get up in the morning, practice the warrior way and it changes your whole day," Hill said.

After her son's passing, Hill told the Elk Grove Citizen that grief initially made it difficult to engage in daily activities. She was eventually encouraged to try pickleball as part of a personal effort to improve her physical and mental well-being.

Through the sport, she connected with other local residents and discovered a strong sense of community both on and off the court.

One of those community members is Eric Noguchi, a regular at Oasis Community Park and a member of the Elk Grove Pickleball Club.

Noguchi volunteered his time during the event on March 21, coaching players of all skill levels during the tournament's pickleball clinic.

He said one of the sport's greatest strengths is its welcoming nature, especially for newcomers.

"The biggest thing is that you welcome people in because they're intimidated. It's hard for them, as individuals, to come out and see all these players," Noguchi said. "It's just to promote the pickleball



Pictured from left are Logan's Little Warriors founder and director Kerrie Hill and vice president Candace De Leon.

sport and the community itself."

Several local businesses and organizations stepped up as sponsors this year, including Banner Personal Injury law firm, Selkirk, The Stages of Love, Community Ink Project, Anlyn Miller Group, The Harris Team, Golden Sips Mobile Bartending, Courtside Tennis & Pickleball and The Picklr.

Additional community support came from individuals such as Garrett Cole of Dink Daddy, Jim Cox, Mark Slakey, George Potiris and Yumiko Hemlick, as well as Vice Mayor Darren Suen.

To further its efforts and advance the goal of opening its youth camp facility, the organization hosts additional events throughout the year, including an upcoming Tea Party Fundraiser on April 19 and its "Fill the Limo" toy drive and auction held in the fall.

To learn more about Logan's Little Warriors or to donate toward its mission, visit loganslittlewarriors.org.

Winners of the 2026 pickleball tournament included: Women's 2.5 Doubles, first Andrea Lucas and Aubrey

McKeand; second Corinne Chin and Amanda Ong. Women's 3.0 Doubles, first Lisa Le and Tu Nguyen; second Sandy Glaeser and Kathy Rudolph; third Perla Magbitang and Marichris Moreno. Women's 3.5 to 4.0 Doubles, first Mercedes Lagman and Lyn Nguyen; second Hillary White Nash and Burga Pucci; third Leslie Partch and Laura Doran.

Mixed 3.0 Doubles, first Mark Koenig and Lillian Fry; second Catherine Fry and Jordan Trask; third Katelynn Stroth and Perry De Guzman. Mixed 3.5 Doubles, first Darci Gangemi and Ryan Gangemi; second Carolyn George and Jandeep Sachar; third Tami Dokter and Tuan Tes.

Men's 3.0 Doubles, first Peter Breech and Terry Dubuisson; second Owen Beba and Jacob Bolfango; third Brandon Seibel and Jason Kiefer. Men's 3.5 Doubles, first Anthony V. and Chris Mitchell; second Patrick Hong and Colin Cowling; third Ethan Bolfango and Matt Wright.

Open Doubles, first Reed Stout and Tim Paras; second Joel Carreon and Mauricio Serrano; third Tiger Pena and Olivia Pena. ★



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Cattlemens Steakhouse is Officially Open

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The casual dining scene in Elk Grove has welcomed a new addition with the recent opening of Cattlemens Steakhouse on West Stockton Boulevard, located in the same shopping center as Best Buy.

The restaurant opened its doors earlier this month, bringing its signature Western-themed atmosphere and family-friendly dining experience to residents and visitors.

"If you're looking for the best steakhouse experience in Elk Grove, stop by Cattlemens and enjoy hand-cut steaks, slow-roasted prime rib, and a full menu of seafood, pasta and chicken entrées," its website reads.

The Elk Grove location marks the

company's third in the Sacramento region, joining existing restaurants in Rancho Cordova and Roseville.

In addition to its main dining areas, the new restaurant includes a bar and private rooms available for corporate meetings, celebrations, rehearsal dinners and other special events.

"Whether you're joining us for a casual night out, a family dinner or a special occasion, Cattlemens Elk Grove is the perfect place to relax, connect and enjoy a great meal," its website says.

Cattlemens Steakhouse is located at 9105 W. Stockton Blvd. and is open from 4 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 3 to 10 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Information, including reservations, is at cattlemens.com/restaurants/elk-grove. ★



The Cattlemens Steakhouse located along West Stockton Boulevard officially opened its doors for business to the community earlier this month. Photo courtesy of Cattlemens Steakhouse

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Legislature passed Senate Bill 34 (SB 34) in 2015 imposing requirements on operators of ALPR systems and regulations on end users of the data collected, including with whom the information can be shared. In an October 2023 information bulletin from California Department of Justice, public agencies were reminded SB34 prohibits the selling, sharing or transferring of "ALPR information, except to another public agency, and only as otherwise permitted by law.

Agencies were also instructed to create ALPR policies addressing information usage and privacy. Agencies are required to be publish these policies "conspicuously posted on their website" and contain information on provisions

designed to "protect ALPR information from unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure."

Despite the guidance, ALPR information has found its way outside of agencies where it's gathered. In October 2025, California Attorney General Rob Bonta filed a lawsuit against the El Cajon Police Department after it refused to stop its practice of sharing ALPR data with over 100 agencies nationwide.

In January, the Mountain View Police Department discovered during an audit that federal agencies had accessed information from one of its first Flock ALPRs from August to November 2024 without the department's knowledge.

In a January 30 news

release, the department stated a "nationwide" search setting had been mistakenly turned on instead of a "statewide" setting, leading to federal agencies accessing camera information.

Because Flock retained no data from that period, the Mountain View Police Department was unable to determine what data, if any, was shared. The release stated Flock has fixed the problem and taken steps to prevent its recurrence.

The issue regarding the Flock cameras also came up during an Elk Grove Police Department presentation on their use at the March 25 council meeting, with residents also providing comment against ALPRs. Police Chief Bobby Davis defended the use of the

system at both meetings, citing safeguards the department has instituted to prevent unauthorized individuals from accessing the data. He also said the department adheres to the guidance from the California Department of Justice in the 2023 bulletin.

"We have not shared, will not share with any federal partners that are out there," Davis said, noting the department's systems are protected and one of the reasons Elk Grove has been voted the No. 1 safest city in the state.

"The fact that we utilized technology to ensure that all the residents of our community are safe, we're able to find resolutions for many victims of assaults, many victims of homicides, many victims of all sorts of crimes that have happened in our

community as a result of the technology that we use," Davis added.

Department statistics show that since 2021, Flock ALPRs have provided alerts on 1,548 vehicles leading to 866 arrests. Camera usage has resulted in 5,293 total calls for service, leading to 700 arrests, 70 suspicious vehicles, 640 reckless vehicle incidents, 536 vehicle theft reports, 1,548 collisions/hit and run incidents and assisted in the search for 93 missing persons: incidents that might not have been discovered or resolved without ALPR data.

Vice Mayor Darren Suen alluded to this in defending his vote to approve the amendment. He acknowledged the privacy and data mishandling concerns of residents and thanked the speakers and others who

submitted written comments for voicing concerns that enabled council to ask questions about the system.

"There is a lot of restraint, a lot of responsible use of our technology that is employed here," Suen said, adding there is an element of risk involved with this technology. "If we were exposing ourselves in that way, that would be a different conversation, but we're not, so the risk is very low compared to the amount of good that we're able to do for our residents today."

Suen encouraged residents who were still uneasy about the ALPR system to contact Davis to learn more. Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen also encouraged residents to reach out to the police department.

"Trust is built from both sides," she said, adding she trusts Chief Davis and the department to do the right thing. ★

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Concert Boosts Homeless Students with Scholarships



Pictured are Florin High School 2025 laptop scholarship recipients with VI-SH Koranne Foundation founder and director Heera Koranne Kulkarni, left. Photos courtesy of VI-SH Koranne Foundation



A Sheldon High School student, Semiah, poses with VI-SH Koranne Foundation founder and director Heera Koranne Kulkarni, right, after unboxing her laptop in 2025.

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Center, is currently serving more than 1,800 homeless students this school year alone. With about 20 of those students expected to begin college this fall, Kulkarni said the foundation hopes to raise enough funds from the event to provide each teen with a new laptop.

Drawing on her time as an Elk Grove Unified educator, Kulkarni launched the foundation's Youth Engagement for Success (Y.E.S) program to address gaps in support for students dealing with issues such as homelessness.

"We believe that having the right tools such as a laptop will be a good start for a new college student," Kulkarni said. "Imagine being stuck in the school library for hours on end to finish your assignments if you did not have your own laptop."

"Furthermore, at the Koranne Foundation, we firmly believe in the famous saying from ancient India, 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,' which means the whole world is my family. For this reason, we aim to be of service to the community by undertaking various projects," she added.

The Mehfil-E-Ghazal concert series began in 2018 as a way to raise funds for charitable causes through music. In 2025, with support from the Annapoorna Foundation and the community, the effort raised \$10,000 to award 30 scholarships. After a pause during the COVID-19 pandemic, the event returned in 2024 and continues to grow.

Kulkarni said her inspiration for the project is also personal. She shared that her father was able to complete his college education in India thanks to the support of generous families that helped him along the way: an experience that

also shaped her commitment to helping students succeed.

In addition to fundraising, the event offers an opportunity to showcase local artists while fostering unity between the Indian community and the broader community through music and cultural connection.

Purchase tickets or follow up on sponsorship opportunities at zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-ghazal-concert-laptop-scholarship-fundraiser.

For more information, contact info@korannefoundation.org or call 916-686-5785. ★



Project implementors with the Elk Grove Unified School District SAFE Center Aishley Singh, left, and Lennie Holmes, right, pose with student laptop scholarship recipient Ciana, center, with her new laptop in 2024.

RELIGION NEWS

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church's Mass Schedule

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

Masses 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.

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 elkgrovepres@gmail.com.

Grace Church Hosts Celebrate Recovery

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

Meetings are 7 p.m. Fridays at 9766 Waterman Road, next to Mel Dogs. Sunday Worship at 10 a.m. For more information, call (916) 714 3444 or visit GraceChurchEG.org.

Chabad 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. For location, call (917) 724-4443. ★

Places of Worship



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8701 Elk Grove-Florin Rd.
Pastor Joe Dapelo
916-689-7300

Service Hours:
Traditional – 8:30 a.m.
Contemporary – 11 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.
5th Sunday – 9:30 a.m.

Website: <https://stpeterseg.org>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/St.PetersLutheranChurchElkGrove>

St. Luke's Lutheran Church (ELCA)
7595 Center Parkway
Sacramento, CA 95823
Pastor Rob Williamson
916-421-5039
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Website: slelca.org
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StLukesac>
Stream Online via YouTube: @st.lukeslutheranchurch7590
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Fireside Room
Sunday, April 26, 2 p.m.
Sunday, May 31, 2 p.m.
Sunday June 28, 2 p.m.
Phone 916-440-2551
www.majesticmi.org



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ARTS CALENDAR

Studio Collection Featured

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center presents a Gallery Artist Studio Collection from April 4 to 29. The exhibition opens with a First Saturday Public Reception from 4 to 7 p.m. April 4. Details at elkgrovetineartscenter.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 elkgrovetineartscenter.org/workshop.

The arts center, at 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101, is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays through Saturdays, and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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. ★

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.

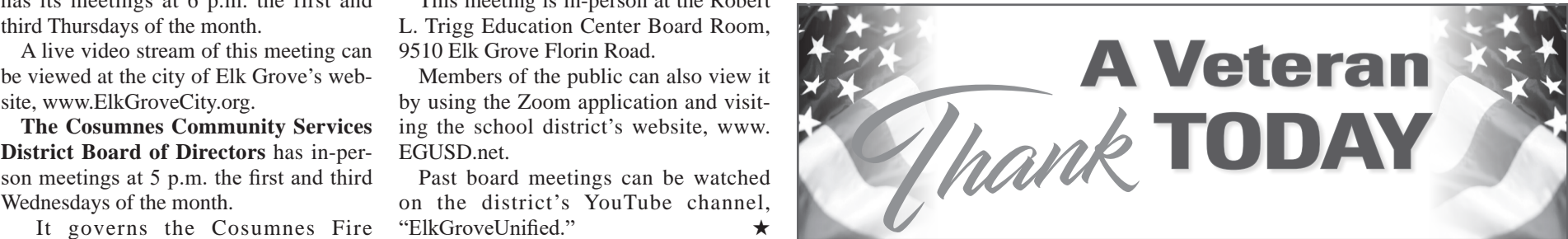
The CSD board meetings can be watched live at www.CosumnesCSD.gov and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

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." ★



A Veteran I Thank TODAY

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The Season Is in the Books

The NBA season has finally come to a close, and the Sacramento Kings face an uncertain future in many ways. Their coaching position is not among them however, with the announcement that Doug Christie will be retained for next season to mentor this group of veterans and youngsters one more time.

That decision comes with more than a few lifted eyebrows, as Christie came into question frequently this season with his decision making as it relates to rotations and much more.

Case in point was Doug McDermott who literally sat out the first half of the season, while finally getting playing time when half of the team went on the injured list. McDermott finished the season with 48 3-pointers on 39 percent shooting from beyond the arc.

Yes, the Sacramento Kings and their fan base have endured a gut-wrenching season as they managed a paltry 22 wins, making the 2025-26 season one of the worst since they landed in Sacramento over 40 years ago.

But the anemic 22 wins in all fairness doesn't tell the full story.

Injuries to key players like Domantas Sabonis and Keegan Murray robbed Sacramento of having any legitimate run at the playoffs, and as a result coach Christie and his staff had an unfettered opportunity to get a close look at the young talent on this team.

Players like Precious Achiuwa, Dylan Cardwell, Nique Clifford, Maxime Raynaud, Daequon Plowden, and even latecomer Killiam Hayes, made people sit up and take notice as they experienced NBA action under fire.

All acquitted themselves admirably although truth be told they are likely to become efficient bench players, as opposed to bonafide NBA starters.

That is not all bad, as Domantas Sabonis, Keegan Murray, De'Andre Hunter, Russell Westbrook, DeMar DeRozan and Zach Lavine represent a core of starters that have a proven track record.

The question is, what will the upcoming draft bring the Kings, and will the draft lottery be kind to them?

Sacramento finished with the fourth-worst record in the NBA tied with the Utah Jazz, so the likelihood of a high round draft choice although not a sure bet,

is a definite possibility.

Someone of the caliber of a Cameron Boozer, or A.J. Dombrowski would help cement the front court that the Kings have been in need of for many years.

Sacramento is banking that they made a good decision in trading for De'Andre Hunter, and by adding another big body to the front court in the upcoming draft, the Kings could take on an entirely different look.

Domantas Sabonis remains the player that brings legitimacy to the starting unit, but question marks remain as to whether Russell Westbrook and Zach Lavine will return for a second season.

Westbrook continues to defy mother nature, averaging 15 points, five boards and 6.7 assists while logging an average of 29 minutes per game. His leadership and effervescent attitude were unmistakable, and many are looking at him as a future coach in some capacity.

Are we disappointed in the 22-win season? Of course we are. But the handwriting is on the wall, and all eyes turn to G.M. Scott Perry as the Sacramento fan base pause in unison to see what skills he can bring to this team in the upcoming draft.

Last season brought the Kings Nique Clifford and Maxime Raynaud, and although solid role players, the Sacramento Kings are in dire need of an impact player.

Will Scott Perry become the GM that everyone wants to believe is the game changer for the Kings or will it be business as usual.

Another question mark for next season is much heralded Keegan Murray. While many considered this season to be likely his coming out year, injuries put that opportunity on the back burner, and that question will need to be answered next year.

I sat courtside and watched this former NCAA scoring champ drain 11 3-pointers in a row in his rookie season, finally ending the game with 12, setting an all-time Sacramento record for 3-pointers in a game. It was a magical night but left every fan wondering what the possible was.

Cross your fingers and say your prayers Sacramento fans, because answers to many questions are less than a month away!

All the best!

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California Voters Will Face Dueling Ballot Propositions This Fall. Confusion is Likely



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

When California voters approved Proposition 13 in 1978, they forced a massive change in how government services are financed that continues to reverberate nearly a half-century later.

Prop. 13's limits on property taxes that had financed public schools and other units of local government for many decades forced fundamental changes in fiscal responsibilities — the state assuming education costs being just one example.

California media extensively covered Prop. 13's financial impacts at the time, and countless academic and journalistic analyses have done so since. But one aspect of its passage has been largely ignored.

California's political leadership in 1978 — Gov. Jerry Brown and a Legislature controlled by his fellow Democrats — did their best to torpedo Prop. 13 by placing a rival measure on the same primary election ballot. The alternative, Proposition 8, promised property tax relief for owner-occupied homes but denied it to commercial property.

Prop. 13 passed overwhelmingly but Prop. 8 lost narrowly. The failed counterplay was quickly forgotten as politicians — Brown most obviously — rushed to embrace the tax revolt. Brown even called himself a

“born-again tax cutter.”

Prop. 13 sparked an explosion of ballot initiatives that continues today. Although the practice of allowing initiatives to make law while bypassing the Legislature had been in place since 1912, it was scantily used until Prop. 13 demonstrated its power. Hundreds of initiatives have been proposed since — nearly a thousand just in the last 20 years.

And while the rates of qualification and passage are relatively tiny, voters can anticipate facing about a dozen ballot propositions every two years. Most faintly resemble, if at all, truly grassroots movements. The vast majority are sponsored by narrow economic or ideological interests seeking to gain financial or political advantages.

Backers will spend millions of dollars to draft and qualify their measures using paid signature-gathers to fill their petitions and many more millions to sell them to voters. Swing Strategies, a Sacramento political consulting firm that specializes in ballot measures, says placing a measure on the ballot can cost more than \$10 million, and campaigns can hit the \$100 million mark.

During a webinar on the 2026 initiative picture this week, Swing Strategies said 48 measures were originally proposed, 36 of them tried to make the ballot by collecting the required number of valid voter signatures and 17 are true contenders as the April 17 deadline for submitting petitions draws near.

The 17 contenders fit the mold of reflecting narrow interests. Many harken back to 1978, when politicians placed a rival measure on the ballot in hopes of killing Prop. 13.

For example, Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West (or SEIU-UHW), a huge health care worker union, has a measure to limit health care executives' compensation, and the California Hospital Association countered with a proposition to compel health care unions to tell members how much money they spend on politics.

Another example: Personal injury lawyers have a measure to hold ride-share companies liable for sexual assaults by drivers, while Uber has one to limit lawyers' fees in auto crash lawsuits.

There's also a quadruple play on taxes.

SEIU-UHW is sponsoring a 5% tax on the wealth of California billionaires to provide more health care money, and the California Teachers Association wants to make a temporary surtax on high-income Californians permanent.

Meanwhile, business and anti-tax groups propose making local government tax increases more difficult by increasing their vote thresholds — paying homage to Prop. 13. But a measure placed on the ballot by the Legislature would torpedo it by requiring a higher vote threshold for measures that raise tax increase vote thresholds.

That's a clone of the Prop. 13 duel 48 years ago. Some things never change.

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

If Either of us Die, Will the other Get a Social Security Survivor Benefit?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 79. My husband is also 79 and we both receive Social Security benefits. We were both married before, and we married each other at the age of 58. Am I to understand correctly that when either of us dies, the surviving spouse is not eligible to collect the deceased spouse's Social Security benefits? Please correct me if I am wrong.
Signed: Curious Spouse

Dear Curious Spouse: A surviving spouse only gets one benefit - either their own SS retirement amount, or their deceased spouse's amount, whichever is more. So, the Social Security benefit that the deceased was receiving at death will be paid to the surviving spouse, replacing any smaller SS payment the survivor was already collecting. To be sure you

are aware, the surviving spouse will also be eligible for a one-time lump sum death benefit of \$255 (I know it isn't much, but it should be claimed anyway).

Also, unless the surviving spouse was already receiving a spousal benefit while both partners were living, the surviving spouse will need to contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (or at the local SS field office) to make an appointment to apply for their survivor benefit.

One other thing to be aware of since you were both married before: if either of you die, and your first marriage lasted at least 10 years and your ex-spouse has also died, the surviving spouse will have a choice to collect a survivor benefit from either the ex-spouse, or the most recently deceased spouse, whichever amount is more. But, again, you can only collect one benefit payment as a surviving spouse — either from your ex-spouse or from your recently deceased spouse, whichever benefit is higher.

FYI, survivor benefits are a confusing area of Social Security, so you

might also find informative this article I recently published, as it goes more deeply into surviving spouse benefits (including benefits for surviving minor children and surviving adult disabled children). Read the article titled “Demystifying Social Security Survivor Benefits” at www.amacfoundation.org/demystifying-social-security-survivor-benefits/. Of course, if you have any further questions, please contact us at 1.888.750.2622, or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. There is never a fee for our services.

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So much for journalistic objectivity.

The BBC science editor covering the launch of Artemis II couldn't contain her enthusiasm when the first plumes of smoke spread out from the launch pad. “Oh, my goodness! Oh, my goodness!” she exclaimed, clapping like a schoolgirl.

As the rocket lifted off, she got visibly emotional: “It's not just what you see and you hear as the rocket lifts off. You can feel the force of it through your body. This is the most powerful rocket that NASA has ever built!”

Rebecca Morelle can be forgiven for falling in love with the subject of her story. A rocket launch is an awe-inspiring event -- a controlled explosion hurling a gigantic projectile into the ether. There's the sheer power, the unavoidable risk, the questing spirit. A rocket feels and looks like the future, and there's something very human about gazing into the sky in wonder.

NASA hasn't been glamorous in decades. Once upon a time, kids were putting up glossy photos of Apollo rockets and astronauts on their bedroom walls. But the Apollo program was killed long ago -- civil-rights activists were among those mobilizing against it, oddly enough -- and nothing has captured the imagination the same way since.

The space shuttle made space flight routine and

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boring, and there was nothing particularly ambitious about the International Space Station. Rovers and telescopes were worthy endeavors, but not thrilling.

There is no substitute for manned space flight. The Artemis project is not exactly boldly going where no man has gone before, since it seeks to return to the moon after we were there half a century ago. But sending astronauts 250,000 miles from Earth as part of a project to eventually set up a base on the moon is the most enterprising NASA project since Apollo.

This is all to the good, but Artemis has been plagued by delays and cost overruns. NASA hasn't been able to replicate the urgent, mission-driven approach that characterized the Apollo program. It took eight years to get to the moon the first time, while Artemis has been going for nine years and we still aren't back.

NASA projects tend to get caught in a cycle: One president proposes a big new initiative, only for it to get canceled by his successor, who proposes his own initiative that is canceled in turn. The worst case scenario is that a Democratic president elected in 2028 nixes Artemis because President Trump favored it.

That said, the space expert Robert Zubrin notes that space is particularly appealing to Americans as a people defined, in part, by the frontier. JFK talked of “the New Frontier,” and the famous

open of the TV show “Star Trek” called space “the final frontier.”

Certainly, the American space program is a marked contrast with that of the Europeans, the European Space Agency. NASA's budget is several times larger. We've sent men to the moon, whereas they haven't. And we've sent multiple successful landers and rovers to Mars (the first lander in 1976, the first rover in 1997), whereas the ESA has only managed two unsuccessful landers.

Getting back to the moon is nice, but it is a manned mission to Mars that should be our ultimate objective. It would truly be another giant leap for mankind, opening up a vista of homo sapiens as a multi-planetary species. The technological challenge would be significant, requiring Apollo-like exertions, while there's much of scientific importance to be learned on the Red Planet.

Right now, the most popular movie in America is “Project Hail Mary,” a sci-fi thriller about a desperate mission into space. The film plays to our inherent interest in journeys into the unknown, and to our admiration for those who have the courage to explore new worlds, from Francis Drake to Neil Armstrong.

Artemis II tapped into the same thing, which is why that BBC reporter -- and so many of the rest of us -- were so moved.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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ABOUT TOWN

Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18

“Frozen Jr.” – 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at Musical Mayhem Productions. Performed by our Teen Homeschool Performers, grades 7 through 12. A story of true love and acceptance between sisters and princesses, Anna and Elsa. Tickets available at mmp.ludus.com. 9755 Kent St., Suite 120.

Saturday, April 18

American Legion Post 55 and VFW Classic Car Show – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Elk Grove Park. There will be a lot to see, judging for bragging rights and a raffle to add to the fun. 9950 Elk Grove Florin Road.

Youth Magnet Fishing Derby – 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Elk Grove Park Lake. This event is free for children ages 5 to 13. Participants must be supervised by a parent or guardian. Must register in advance at cosumnescsd.gov; no walk-ups allowed. Equipment will be provided free of charge, courtesy of Laguna-Elk Grove Kiwanis, and must be returned at the end of the event. The Magnet Fishing Derby is a cooperative activity helping to keep our waterways clean and free from hazardous debris. 9950 Elk Grove Florin Road, near picnic site 7A and 7B.

Youth Commission Family Fun Day – Noon to 4 p.m. at Old Town Plaza. Come and enjoy carnival games, music and more. Entrance and activities are free. Food will be available for purchase at the Food Truck area. 9615 Railroad St.

Taste of Elk Grove 2026 – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation (VIP admission at 5 p.m.) If you’re a fan of great food, wine, craft beer and live music, this is the 21-and-over event you won’t want to miss. The top restaurants in Elk Grove will be on hand, offering delicious samples from their menus. Several local wineries and craft beer makers will be offering tastings. Get the chance to win amazing prizes through our fun raffle games. Presented by the Rotary Club of Laguna Sunrise; all proceeds support charity, so every ticket you purchase makes a difference. Tickets available at elkgrove.gov/event. 9040 High Tech Court.

John Lewis Memorial Steak Dinner – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Project R.I.D.E. barn. Join us for our 43rd annual event.

Project R.I.D.E. offers therapeutic recreational horseback riding instruction to over 850 riders with disabilities and special needs. Full dinner plus live music, raffle, silent and live auctions and more. Purchase tickets at projectride.org. 8840 Southside Ave.

Elk Grove Lions Club’s Burgers and Brews Dinner – 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Valley Oak Ballroom, Wackford Center. The evening includes a tater tot bar, gourmet hamburgers, bacon mac and cheese, green and fruit salads, and beverages available from five breweries. Tickets and more information at elkgrovelionsfoundation.org. 9014 Bruceville Road.

Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26

Spring Makers’ Fair – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Lavender Estates. Get ready for a weekend of shopping, creativity, community and lavender bliss. Explore handcrafted treasures from local makers; there’s something for everyone. And remember to stop by our all-things-lavender farm store for products that will bring a touch of serenity to your home. 9050 Tavernor Road, Wilton.

Saturday, April 25

Birds and Blooms Walk – 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SacSewer’s Bufferlands. Join Bufferlands biologists and the docent team for a guided walk through the grassland, wetland and riparian habitats of the 2000+-acre open space preserve surrounding the EchoWater facility. To register, please email conardc@sacsewer.com. Location details will be emailed to registered participants ahead of the event.

5th Annual Festival of the Arts – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Old Town Plaza in Historic Elk Grove. Live music, art displays and demonstrations, food, wine and so much more. See elkgrovefineartscenter.org for a full schedule of performances. 9615 Railroad St.

RAD Games – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wackford Community & Aquatic Complex. Cosumnes CSD’s (RAD) recreation adventure program is hosting this free event to provide an opportunity for kids and adults with disabilities to try a variety of sports and fun activities. Bring your athletic clothing and swimwear; minors must be chaperoned by an onsite guardian or companion. Pre-registration

is encouraged at cosumnescsd.gov as supplies are limited. 9014 Bruceville Road.

Elk Grove BrewFest – 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Elk Grove Park near Strauss Island (VIP admission at 2 p.m.) Come to celebrate the art of craft brewing and the spirit of community. Join fellow beer enthusiasts for an unforgettable day of tasting, learning and celebrating our local brewery scene. Rain or shine. Tickets available at elkgrovebrewfest.com. 9950 Elk Grove Florin Road.

Martinis & Merriment – 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at District56. Soroptimist International of Elk Grove presents this event for 21 and above featuring small bites, martini tasting and dueling pianos. All proceeds benefit Soroptimist of Elk Grove’s “Dream” programs, grants for senior women, high school scholarships, community grants, leadership education and more. See soroptimistelkgrove.org for tickets and more information. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

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, April 18. 8986 Elk Grove Blvd.

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

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

Widowed Persons Social Club – April 17, 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.

April 22, 1 p.m., Book club at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986

Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Merrylyn at 916-549-4264.

April 23, Noon: No-host lunch and Bunco at Patty’s Pizza, 8591 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

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, April 17: Explore and learn play group, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. (EG) Tween book group, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. This month, we’ll be discussing “Art Club: Dare to Create” by Rashad Doucet. Copies will be available at the front desk. (EG) Bookmark art contest workshop, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (F)

Saturday, April 18: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F)

Tuesday, April 21: Tai Chi for adults, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (F) Homework zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. (F)

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. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road.

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturday each month at 9 a.m., Mimi’s Café.

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

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

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



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01731
Ingrid Gacilan, 8765 Flute Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Grace & Crumb" 8765 Flute Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 2, 2026
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GRACE 4-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02169
Tameika Sloan, 9070 Elliott Springs Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lamar Freedom Enterprise" 9070 Elliott Springs Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 17, 2026
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LAMAR 4-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01451
Neil Chandra, 8924 Laguna Star Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CN Solutions" 8924 Laguna Star Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 20, 2026
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CN 4-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01957
Gold Coast Hydroblasting, LLC, 3617 Pacifica Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Gold Coast Hydro Solutions" 3617 Pacifica Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 10, 2026
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GOLD 4-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02254
Yang Dynasty, 10201 Al Meraz Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Grand POS" 10201 Al Meraz Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 20, 2026
Publish: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026
GRAND 4-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02427
Monica Witte, 9785 Colony Road, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Witte Farmstead" 9785 Colony Road, Wilton, CA 95693. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 25, 2026
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WITTE 4-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01739
Cassandra Rose Fore, 9311 Grassy Knoll Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Art& Spirits" 9311 Grassy Knoll Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 2, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
ART 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02114
Faithjumper, P.O. Box 58055, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Faithjumper's Church" 3029 Great Falls Way, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 16, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
FAITHJUMPERS 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02618
Golden Valley Health LLC, 9447 Crystal Shore Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Top Realtor Elk Grove/ Galt Mobile Home/Sacramento Asphalt Sealing" 9447 Crystal Shore Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
TOP 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02745
Blarney House Investments Inc., 9548 Blarney Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bark & Mane of Elk Grove/Bark & Mane of Rancho Cordova/Bark & Mane of Elk Grove and Rancho Cordova/Bark & Mane of Elk Grove East/Bark & Mane of Elk Grove West" 9548 Blarney Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 6, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
BARK 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02780
Erica Otiono and George Otiono, 9069 Quail Feather Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Geono Educational and Enrichment Services" 9069 Quail Feather Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 7, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
GEONO 5-8-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2024-09678
The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OF: Greenhaven Orthodontics, 9727 Elk Grove Florin Road 180, Elk Grove, CA 95624.
Jason Dorminey, 9727 Elk Grove Florin Road 180, Elk Grove, CA 95624.
The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on December 31, 2024 in the County of Sacramento.
Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: March 18, 2026.
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
GREENHAVEN 4-17-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2025-02503
The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Elk Grove Orthodontics, 9727 Elk Grove Florin Road 180, Elk Grove, CA 95624.
Jason Dorminey, 9727 Elk Grove Florin Road 180, Elk Grove, CA 95624.
The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on April 1, 2025 in the County of Sacramento.
Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: April 1, 2025.
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
ELK 4-17-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV001151

Paul Lictao Soriano has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Iris Phoebe Orante Soriano to Iris Phoebe Orante Manandeg and Jenny Salazar Orante to Jenny Orante Manandeg and Paul Lictao Soriano to Paul Soriano Manandeg.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 6, 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: March 16, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
SORIANO 4-17-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV028090

Natalie Isabella Davin has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Natalie Isabella Davin to Nataly Isabella Meza.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 5, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 21, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026
DAVIN 4-24-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV006738

Alois Zuzana Milena Kreysa Valiente has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alois Zuzana Milena Kreysa Valiente aka Milena A Kreysa aka Milena Kreysa-Chacon to Milena Kreysa.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 21, 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: March 17, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026
VALIENTE 4-24-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV007700

Ryan Alexander Mendoza has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ryan Alexander Mendoza to Ryan Alexander Tran.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 24, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 27, 2026
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026
MENDOZA 4-24-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV006157

Marisa Espinoza Rodriguez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Marisa Rodriguez Espinoza to Marisa Espinoza Rodriguez.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 1, 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: March 11, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
RODRIGUEZ 5-1-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV008045

Husnia Jabarkhel and Asad Jabarkhel has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Aamir Sahil Jabarkhel to Sahil Jabarkhel and Mustafa Ilias Jabarkhel to Ilias Jabarkhel.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 29, 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: April 2, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
JABARKHEL 5-1-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV008040

Tiffany Marie Niitani has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Lucille Toshiye Niitani to Torian Toshiye Niitani.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 5, 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: April 2, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
NIITANI 5-1-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV0007848

Ibraheem Imran Iqbal has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ibraheem Imran Iqbal to Ibraheem Imadullah Jahani.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 27, 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: March 30, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
IQBAL 5-8-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV008155

Jaspreet Kaur Waraich has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jaspreet Kaur Waraich to Jaspreet Kaur Rai-Waraich.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 1, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: April 3, 2026
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
WARAICH 5-8-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CARLA GUILLEN, AKA CARLA LORE GUILLEN AND AS CARLA L. GUILLEN

Case No. 26PR000789
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Carla Guillen, aka Carla Lore Guillen and as Carla L. Guillen.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Carolyn M. Young and Zachary Young, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento. The petition for probate requests that Carolyn M. Young and Zachary Young 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 personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows May 5, 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 decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person 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: Gina L. Lera, ESQ., Lera Trusts & Estates PC, 2110 21st Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95818; 916-403-5180
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, 2026
GUILLEN 4-24-26

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 134327-CA APN: 116-0187-009-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 7/19/2004. 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 On 5/21/2026 at 1:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 7/23/2004 in Book 20040723 Page 1511 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: MOLLIE I. HOUSIAUX, A SINGLE WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; OUTSIDE THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 720 9TH ST., SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: LOT 37, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ENTITLED, "TERRA LINDA UNIT NO. 4", RECORDED OCTOBER 28, 1976, IN BOOK 107 OF MAPS, PAGE 12. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8737 EL TOREADOR WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95624 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$401,721.83 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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 high 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 (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 134327-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 Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 134327-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 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. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (855) 313-3319 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108
Published 4/03/2026, 4/10/2026, 4/17/2026
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 4-17-26

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. CA-RCS-25021464 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/18/2013. 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. 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 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkkasap.com, using the file number assigned to this case, CA-RCS-25021464. 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. On April 30, 2026, at 1:30:00 PM, THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 720 9TH STREET, in the City of SACRAMENTO, County of SACRAMENTO, State of CALIFORNIA, PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by CRAIG W. BONNEAU, A SINGLE MAN, as Tru

sted on 2/26/2013, in Volume 20130226, page 0263, as Instrument No. //, modified under Instrument No. BK:20150217 PG: 1287, further modified under Instrument No. 201903210232, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Property is being sold "as is — where is". TAX PARCEL NO. 132-1180-060-0000 LOT 19, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF SUBDIVISION NO. EG-00-059.12, LAGUNA CREEK SOUTH VILLAGE 4A, FILED FOR RECORD ON JANUARY 17, 2002 IN BOOK 309 OF MAPS, AT PAGE 10, SACRAMENTO COUNTY RECORDS. From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 8932 PIANELLA WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95757. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$381,480.01. 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 TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 877-237-7878, or visit www.peakforeclosure.com using file number assigned to this case: CA-RCS-25021464 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 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 PERSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC. by 5:00 PM on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth above. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for

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TRUSTEE SALE

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 the first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set

aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale will be titled only to the return of the money paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchasers sole and exclusive remedy. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND

ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SALE INFORMATION LINE: 714-730-2727 or www.servicelinkasap.com Dated: 3/31/2026 PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., AS TRUSTEE By: Lilian Solano, Trustee Sale Officer A-4870650
04/10/2026, 04/17/2026, 04/24/2026
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 4-24-26

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE

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 May 1, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. P.ST. for:

BID# 825-25/26 CROSSING GUARD SERVICES

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

Proposals 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 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 Kevin McCormick at kmmccorm@egusd.net or by phone at (916) 686-7773.

Kevin McCormick
Buyer II, Purchasing & Warehouse
Elk Grove Unified School District

Elk Grove Citizen 4-10, 4-17-2026

City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove City Council will conduct a public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, to consider the following matter:

Amendment to Elk Grove Municipal Code Chapter 8.03 (Animal Licensing) and Update to the Animal License Fee Schedule

The City Council will consider adoption of a comprehensive update to the existing Animal License Fee Schedule that, if adopted, will take effect on July 1, 2026, and consider revising Chapter 8.03.010 of the Elk Grove Municipal Code to include a two-year animal license for dogs and cats.

The current Animal License Fee Schedule was approved by City Council in 2013. Every person owning, possessing, keeping, harboring or having custody of any dog or cat over four (4) months old is required to provide proof of a license and valid rabies vaccination.

Current Animal License Fee Schedule

License Type	1-Year	3-Year
Spayed/Neutered	\$15.00	\$35.00
Unaltered	\$50.00	\$150.00
Senior Fee: Spayed/Neutered*	Free	N/A
Senior Fee: Unaltered*	\$25.00	N/A
Late Fee	\$15.00	-
Dangerous Animal Permit	-	\$450.00

* Limit two (2) pet license fee waivers/deductions per senior household.

The current Animal License Fee Schedule can also be found on the City's website at <https://elkgrove.gov/animal-services/animal-services-fees>.

Proposed Animal License Fee Schedule

License Type	1-Year	2-Year	3-Year
Spayed/Neutered	\$20	\$ 40	\$ 50
Unaltered	\$60	\$120	\$165
Senior Spayed/Neutered (first 2 pets)	Free	Free	Free
Senior Spayed/Neutered (3rd+)	\$20	\$ 40	\$ 50
Senior Unaltered	\$30	\$ 60	\$ 83
Microchip Exemption	\$50	\$100	\$150
Late Fee	\$20	-	-
Dangerous Animal Permit	-	-	\$500

Proposed Revisions to Elk Grove Municipal Code Chapter 8.03 (Animal Licensing)

The proposed action also includes revisions to Elk Grove Municipal Code Chapter 8.03 to update information related to license terms, adding a two-year license option in addition to the existing one-year and three-year licenses. These amendments correspond to the proposed Animal License Fee Schedule update described above.

Information or questions regarding this item should be referred to Sarah Humlie, (916) 478-8034, or to Elk Grove Animal Services, 9150 Union Park Way, Elk Grove, CA, 95624. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the close of the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA, 95758, at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

Dated/Published: April 10, 2026, and April 17, 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.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

CITY OF ELK GROVE SUMMER FLATS PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2024100487 NOTICE DATED APRIL 17, 2026 COMMENT PERIOD APRIL 21, 2026 TO JUNE 5, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the City of Elk Grove, as lead agency, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the below referenced Project. The Draft EIR analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Summer Flats Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In accordance with Section 15087 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Elk Grove has prepared this Notice of Availability (NOA) to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice of the availability of the Draft EIR and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed Project.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Elk Grove
LEAD AGENCY CONTACT: Sarah Kirchgessner, Senior Planner
8401 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758
Email: skirchgessner@elkgrove.gov
Phone: (916) 478-2245

PROJECT TITLE: Summer Flats Project PLNG23-006
PROJECT LOCATION: Immediately northeast of the Waterman Road/Rancho Drive intersection, within the East Elk Grove Sub-Area of the Eastern Elk Grove Community Plan, in the City of Elk Grove, California APNs 127-0150-001, -002, and -009

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project consists of a General Plan Amendment and Community Plan Amendment to redesignate the Project site from Low Density Residential/Resource Management and Conservation to Medium Density Residential/Resource Management and Conservation; a Rezone from RD-4/Open Space to RD-12/Open Space; a Tentative Subdivision Map and Subdivision Design Review to subdivide 3 parcels into 120 residential lots for t-court homes, as well as 1 water quality/detention basin lot, 1 open space lot, and 10 landscape lots. The Project includes a General Plan/Eastern Elk Grove Community Plan Amendment (text) to increase the maximum residential buildout for the East Elk Grove Sub-Area. The Project also requires the approval of a Design Exception for the elimination of a cul-de-sac bulb or similar turnaround at the end of the stub streets.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft EIR evaluates Project impacts in the areas of aesthetics; air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and energy; biological resources; cultural and tribal cultural resources; geology and soils; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; land use and planning/population and housing; noise; public services and utilities; and transportation.

The following impacts were identified in the Draft EIR as significant and unavoidable; that is, feasible mitigation is not available to reduce the Project's impact to a less-than-significant level:

- Impact 4.2-7: Generation of GHG emissions that may have a significant impact on the environment or conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of GHGs.
- Impact 4.11-4: Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b) – Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) in exceedance of the applicable thresholds of significance.

There are no sites in the Project area that are listed on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List as set forth in Government Code Section 65962.5. Potential impacts associated with hazardous materials are addressed in Chapter 4.6, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, of the Draft EIR.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A public review period for the Draft EIR will commence on April 21, 2026, and end on June 5, 2026, for a 45-day public comment period. The Draft EIR is available and written comments are sought from any interested individuals and/or public agencies on the document. Any written comments on the Draft EIR may be submitted to the Lead Agency at the above email address within the public review period. All comments must be received not later than 5:00pm on June 5, 2026. The City will provide written responses to all comments received by the end of the public review period. Comments and responses will be included in the Final EIR and provided to the City of Elk Grove Planning Commission and City Council for their consideration.

Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at:

- The City's offices at 8401 Laguna Palms Way
- The Elk Grove Library at 8900 Elk Grove Boulevard
- On the City's web site at <https://elkgrove.gov/planning/environmental-review>

PUBLIC MEETING: In addition to receiving written comments at the email address listed above, the City of Elk Grove will hold a public meeting on the Draft EIR on **Thursday, May 14, 2026 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**, in the City Council Chambers at 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove. Any interested person may attend and provide comments.

After the public review period, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review the Project and Draft EIR and make recommendations to the City Council. The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the Project and certification of the EIR. Notice of the time and date of the public hearings will be provided at a later date.

Elk Grove Citizen 4-17-2026

Instrument Giveaway, Season 28 Concert at 'Rock It Forward' Event

School of Rock Elk Grove News Release



ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - School of Rock Elk Grove has announced the launch of "Rock It Forward," a community-focused event dedicated to putting instruments into the hands of the next generation of musicians. This fun afternoon from 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday, May 3 combines philanthropy with live performances, offering local youth the chance to start their musical journey.

Empowering Young Musicians

The heart of the event is the Instrument Giveaway. Throughout the day, children from the community are invited to browse a selection of donated instruments (including guitars, basses, keyboards and drums) and take one home to begin their musical education.

"We believe that every child should have the opportunity to experience the power of making music," said the School of Rock Elk Grove team. "Rock It Forward is about removing barriers and fueling the passion of aspiring rockers in our community."

Event Highlights

Beyond the giveaway, the day features a full lineup of entertainment and local flavor. Food trucks at the event will feature local favorites that will serve up a variety of delicious eats for families to enjoy. A live performance will be given by the

house band, the premier student audition group that will be shredding on stage, showcasing the results of hard work and professional coaching.

Attendees will also be welcome to watch the Summer Season 28 Reveal Show, which is the grand finale that features the School of Rock staff band. The school's expert instructors will take the stage for a live performance to officially announce the highly anticipated show themes for the upcoming Summer Season 28.

The event will take place at School of Rock Elk Grove, 9045 Elk Grove Blvd., and is free for the public to attend; instruments will be available while supplies last.

School of Rock Elk Grove is a performance-based music school providing students of all ages an exciting and engaging learning environment. Students learn their instrument, drawing from all styles of rock and roll, pop, funk, soul, r&b and more, by being part of a band and performing live rock shows. They start as young as 4 years old and up. ★

Rewards Members Win More Than \$580,000 in Recent Jackpots

Sky River Casino News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Sky River Casino is celebrating two major jackpot wins totaling more than \$580,000, highlighting the excitement and winning moments happening on the casino floor.

On March 29, a Sky River Rewards member from Sacramento struck it big, winning \$366,545.33 while playing Ultimate Fire Link (UFL) Triple Nova: Desert Nights Big Money Edition, a popular game from global gaming and entertainment company Light & Wonder.

The life changing win came from a \$0.02 denomination with a \$4.50 bet, triggered by a random Big Money Fire Link ball drop, turning a single spin into a six figure payout.

In a separate win on March 31, another Sky River Rewards member from Stockton won \$216,895.80 while

playing Midi Baccarat powered by AGS' Bonus Spin Xtreme® Red Dragon™ Triple Diamond Progressive.

The guest had been playing at the table for approximately 15 minutes when the progressive jackpot hit, showcasing how quickly big wins can happen across Sky River's diverse gaming offerings. So far in 2026, the casino has awarded more than \$2.7 million in cumulative table game jackpot payouts, reinforcing its reputation as a premier destination for major wins.

"Wins of this magnitude are the result of strong game design paired with a property that knows how to showcase it," said AGS Senior Vice President and General Manager of Tables John Hemberger. "Seeing our progressive games deliver that kind of excitement at Sky River reinforces why innovation and entertaining math models matter on the

casino floor."

For Sky River, wins like these are driven by more than chance; they're the result of a broader focus on delivering excitement at every touchpoint.

"These are exactly the kind of moments that remind us why people love coming to Sky River," said President and General Manager of Sky River Casino Michael J. Facenda. "With our new parking garage officially open, guests enjoy direct access to our expanded gaming floor, featuring 2,500 slot machines. And with a full resort destination on the horizon, we're continuing our journey toward becoming Northern California's best casino resort."

Sky River continues its long term growth with plans underway in 2027 for a future hotel resort, further enhancing the resort experience for guests visiting Elk Grove and the greater Sacramento region. ★

POLICE LOGS

April 6

3:02 a.m., 7200 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Andrea Franklin, 43, on warrant charges.

8:51 a.m., 9100 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Randy Davis, 66, on warrant charges.

4:38 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Crystal De La Cruz, 39, on shoplifting charges.

4:38 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Taj Tate, 20, on robbery, vandalism and domestic violence charges.

5:06 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Samuel White, 31, on domestic violence and warrant charges.

5:32 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Samuel Gordon, 28, on kidnapping, child endangerment and domestic violence charges.

6 p.m., Gerber Road/Bradshaw Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Anthony Ortiz, 27, on DUI of drugs, driving with open container of marijuana and unlawful possession of marijuana charges.

6:25 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Keelan Stovall, 33, on possession of cocaine or heroin and shoplifting charges.

7:54 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Donte Dial, 33, on shoplifting and warrant charges.

April 7

2:40 a.m., Highway 99/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Tabitha Fischer, 33, on possession of controlled substance charges.

7:55 a.m., 4800 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Shane Rich, 33, on possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

9:09 a.m., Cosumnes River Boulevard/Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Koob Phasaypao, 39; and Ong Her, 33, on possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of burglary tools and mail theft charges.

5:39 p.m., Brown Road/Gurmit Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Dennis Tidwell, 47, on warrant charges.

April 8

12:32 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Robert Morales, 29, on violation of court order charges.

2:37 a.m., 10000 block of Viva Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Fromsa Ayana, 25, on possession of nitrous oxide charges.

8:26 a.m., 10000 block of Promenade Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Jaime Magallon, 42, on possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant charges.

11:10 a.m., Brown Road/

Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Kevion Claiborne, 32, on felon in possession of firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, possession of large-capacity magazine, DUI, DUI with BAC above .08% and driving while on DUI probation charges.

12:47 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Darquell Johnson, 34, on trespassing and warrant charges.

April 9

11:05 a.m., East Stockton Boulevard/Grant Line Road, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 15, on receiving a stolen vehicle and reckless evasion charges.

3:30 p.m., 7400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Wattana Leekmake, 45, on shoplifting charges.

4:51 p.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/Calvine Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Lina Osorno, 49, on possession of controlled substance charges.

7:08 p.m., 8200 block of Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 13; and a male juvenile, 13, on trespassing charges.

April 10

12:35 a.m., 10000 block of Tittle Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Vivian Yonko, 25, on warrant charges.

12:58 a.m., 10000 block of Grant Line Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Juan Maravilla, 46, on warrant charges.

3:17 a.m., 5400 block of Tarkenton Court, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 17; a male juvenile, 17; a male juvenile, 15; and a male juvenile, 17, on resisting arrest charges.

9 a.m., 9000 block of Vicino Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Terez Humphrey, 35, on warrant charges.

8:43 p.m., 8500 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Richard Espinoza, 40, on burglary, trespassing and public intoxication charges.

9:26 p.m., 8600 block of Bond Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Khoa Do, 31, on DUI and DUI with BAC above .08% charges.

April 11

2:33 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Kalia Thao, 19, on domestic violence charges.

10:44 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Dominic James, 29, on domestic violence and resisting arrest charges.

April 12

12:41 a.m., Laguna Boulevard/West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Bruce Lee, 43, on DUI and DUI with BAC above .08% charges.

2:27 a.m., Elk Grove

Boulevard/East Stockton Boulevard, Grove Police arrested Iris Valdez, 35, on DUI and DUI with BAC above .08% charges.

11:19 a.m., 8000 block of Poppy Ridge Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Manessa Sherman, 38, on possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

12:03 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Daveon Overton, 31, on domestic violence charges.

12:08 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Shirley John, 50, on domestic violence charges.

12:41 p.m., 10000 block of Knotts Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Osman Abed, 20, on hit-and-run/non-injury charges.

1:38 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jahmar Weber, 43, on warrant charges.

3:03 p.m., 10000 block of Del Surf Lane, Elk Grove Police arrested Dontae Reid, 33, on public intoxication, criminal threats, resisting arrest, resisting an executive officer and threatening a public official charges.

10:21 p.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/Heritage Hill Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Gurinderpreet Singh, 21, on reckless driving charges.

9:49 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Claude Johnson Rowe, 36, on domestic violence charges. ★

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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Reconciliation Singers Voices of Peace (RSVP), a Sacramento-based vocal ensemble known for blending artistic excellence with community impact, will present its Spring 2026 concert series this April and May, benefiting Bigger Than Us Arts: a nonprofit expanding access to the arts across disciplines.

Now in its 26th season of "music with a mission," RSVP continues to bring audiences together through a diverse repertoire spanning jazz, pop, and classical traditions.

Since its founding, the ensemble has raised

more than \$200,000 for regional nonprofits, including organizations such as Joshua's House Hospice, Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services and WEAVE.

Concerts will be held at multiple Sacramento-area venues: at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 24, at Faith Presbyterian Church, 625 Florin Road, Sacramento; at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Pleasant Grove Community Church, 1730 Pleasant Grove Blvd., Roseville; at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 1, at The Table at Central United Methodist Church, 5265 H St., Sacramento; and at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the Benvenuti Performing Arts Center, 4600 Blackrock Drive, Sacramento.

Bigger Than Us Arts (BTU Arts) is a Sacramento-based organization that brings music, creativity and cultural expression directly into schools and communities.

This spring's program explores the many ways people create, connect and express themselves – through music, movement, poetry and more – inviting audiences to experience art as a shared human language.

The program brings together multiple forms of artistic expression without focusing on any single genre or style, creating a layered and immersive concert experience.

All concerts are free to attend, with voluntary donations benefiting Bigger Than Us Arts. ★



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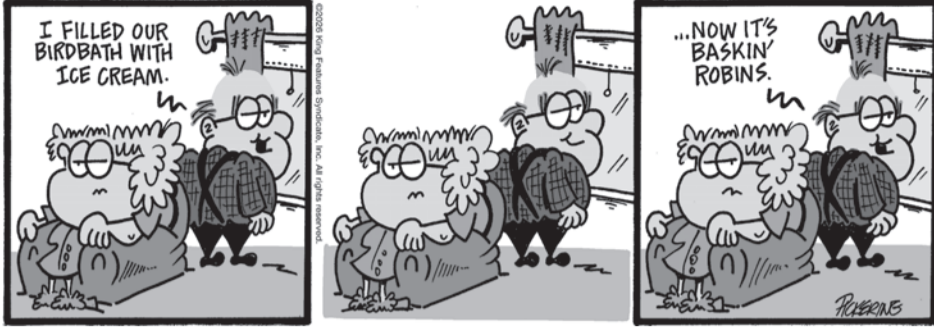
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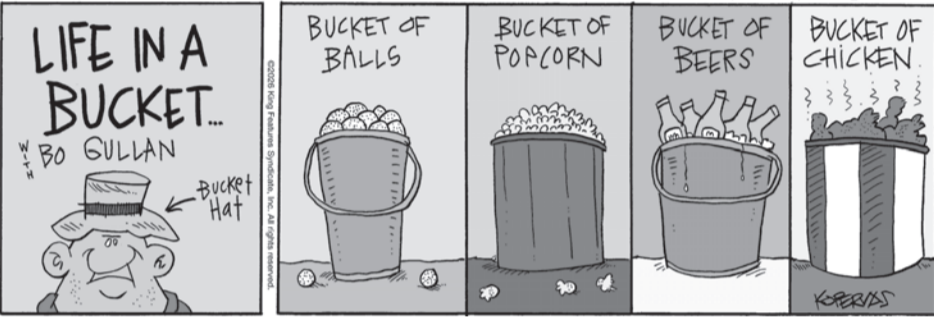
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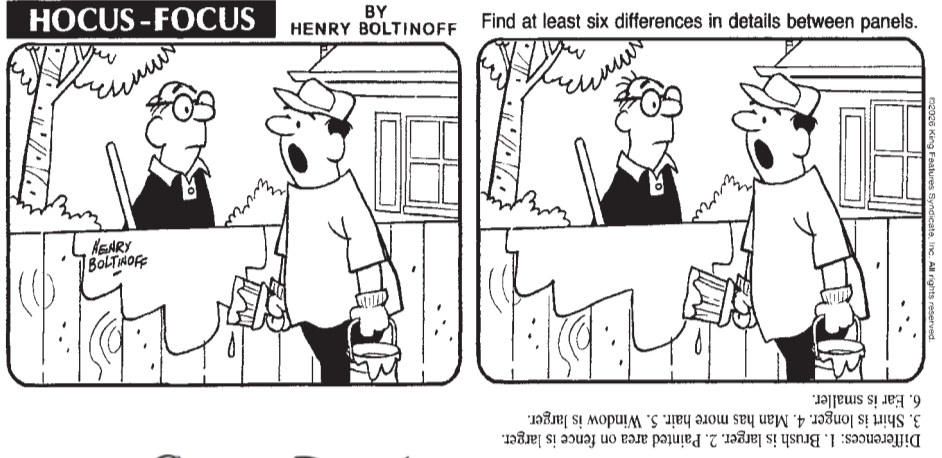
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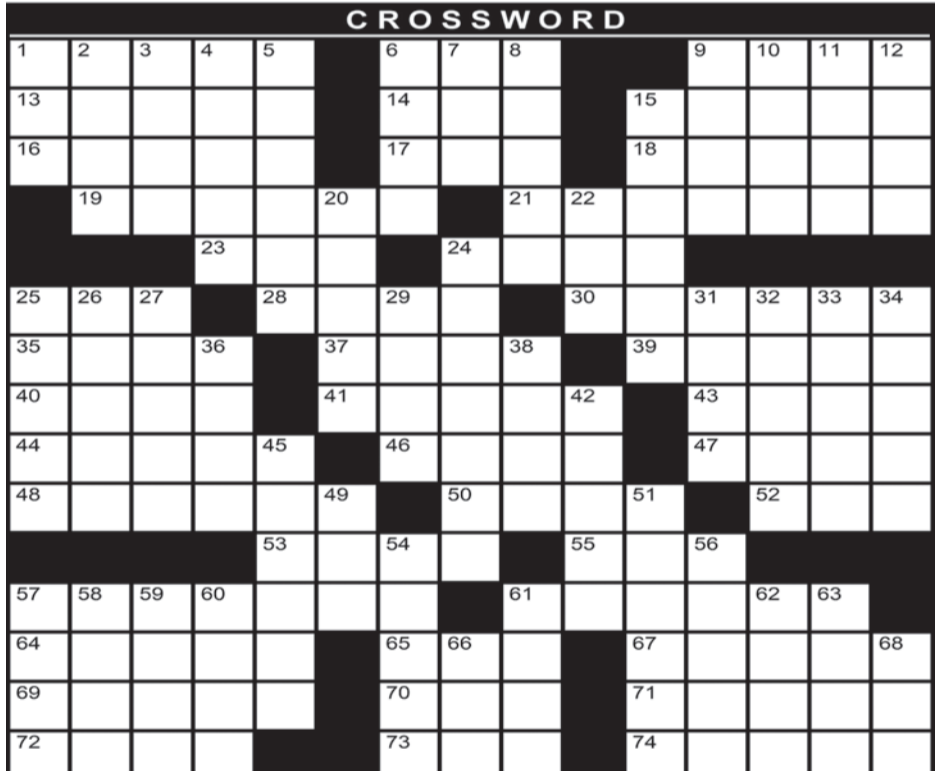
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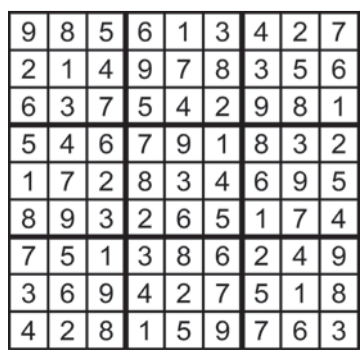


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Donovyn Hunter #4 of the TCU Horned Frogs shoots a three pointer during the game against the Virginia Cavaliers during the NCAA Championship Tournament Sweet 16 game at the Golden 1 Center.

the first time in 26 years. Virginia will be playing in their 13th Sweet 16. TCU, led by former Sacramento State head coach Mark Campbell in his third season, made just its second Sweet 16 appearance after ending the Washington Huskies' season.

The Cavaliers are led by junior guard Kymora Johnson, who averages 19.5 points and 5.9 assists per game. The Horned Frogs are led by senior guard Olivia Miles, putting up 19.6 points, 7.2 rebounds, and 6.6 assists per contest.

Virginia held a narrow 36-35 lead at halftime, but TCU came out of the break with their foot on the gas, outscoring the Cavaliers 24-11 in the third quarter and taking control of the game. For Virginia, Paris Clark scored 20 points and dished out three assists, while teammate Johnson contributed 18 points, six rebounds, and eight assists in their loss. TCU's Marta Suarez and Miles powered the Horn Frogs with double-doubles – Suarez scored 33 points with 10 rebounds, and Miles added 28 points and 10 rebounds. With the win, TCU advances to its second consecutive Elite 8, where they will face South Carolina.

Day Three

The Duke Blue Devils faced the UCLA Bruins in the Elite 8, with Duke jumping out to a 39-31 lead at halftime. Duke capitalized on UCLA's 12 turnovers, scoring 16 points. Duke's Taina Mair led all scorers with 12 points, while teammate Nelson Riley added 11 points. For UCLA Lauren Betts contributed 8 points and Angela Dugalic added 6. Both teams shot well from the field in the first half - Duke at 53% and UCLA at 56% - but struggled from beyond the arc, with both teams going 0-4.

In the third quarter, Duke struggled shooting the ball, only scoring 8 points on 18% from the field. UCLA, on the other hand, came out hot, scoring 20 points on 44% shooting. A 10-2 run gave the Bruins their first lead since the opening basket of the game. UCLA maintained momentum and ultimately defeated

Kiki Rice #1 of the UCLA Bruins plays defense during the game against the Duke Blue Devils during the NCAA Championship Tournament Elite 8 game at the Golden 1 Center.

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SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - NCAA Division I Women's March Madness returned to Sacramento for the first time since 2010 from March 27 to 30, with the Sweet 16 and Elite 8 rounds held at the Golden 1 Center.

Two regional pods competed in Sacramento: Sacramento Regional 2 Bracket included No. 1 seed - UCLA (31-1); No. 2 seed - LSU (27-5); No. 3 Seed - Duke (24-8); and No. 4 Seed - Minnesota (22-8). The Sacramento Regional 4 Bracket included No. 1 seed - South Carolina (31-3); No. 3 seed - TCU (29-5); No. 4 seed - Oklahoma (24-7); and No. 10 seed - Virginia (19-11).

The schedule ran from Friday, March 27, to Monday, March 30. Friday's games featured the Sacramento Regional 2 Sweet 16, starting with Minnesota vs. UCLA, followed by Duke vs. LSU. Saturday, March 28, featured the Sacramento Regional 4 Sweet 16, beginning with Oklahoma vs. South Carolina, followed by Virginia vs. TCU.

Sunday, March 29, included the Sacramento Regional 2 Elite 8 matchup between Duke and UCLA. Monday, March 30, featured the Sacramento Regional 4 Elite 8 game between TCU and South Carolina.

Day One

The UCLA Bruins advanced to their 15th Sweet 16 with an 87-68 victory over the Oklahoma State Cowgirls. They faced the Minnesota Golden Gophers, who earned their fourth trip to the Sweet 16 by defeating the Princeton Tigers, 82-68.

The Bruins, led by 15th year head coach Cori Close, are anchored by senior center Lauren Betts, who averages 17.1 points, 8.7 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game. Minnesota, coached by third-year head coach



Lauren Betts #51, Gabriela Jaquez #11, Kiki Rice #1, Gianna Kneepkens #8, Charlisse Leger-Walker #5, and Angela Dugalic #32 of the UCLA Bruins pose for a photo with the trophy after defeating the Duke Blue Devils in the NCAA Championship Tournament Elite 8 game at the Golden 1 Center.

Dawn Plitzuweit, relies on sophomore guard Tori McKinney, averaging 12.9 points, 3.0 rebounds and 2.6 assists per contest.

UCLA defeated Minnesota 80-56 to reach the Elite 8 for the fourth time in program history.

Kiki Rice led the Bruins with 21 points, while L. Betts added 16 and Angela Dugalic contributed 13. For Minnesota, Grace Grocholski scored 12 points, Sophie Hart 11 and McKinney, Mara Braun and Brylee Gleen each scored 9 points in the loss. UCLA will face the winner of Duke and LSU in the next round.

The second game of the doubleheader featured Duke and LSU. The Blue Devils, led by sixth-year head coach and former Sacramento Monarch Kara Lawson, played in their 19th Sweet 16 after defeating Baylor, 69-46. The Tigers, coached by fifth-year head coach Kim Mulkey, reached their 17th Sweet 16 after a dominant victory over Texas Tech, 101-47, in the Second Round.

Duke is driven by Toby Fournier, averaging 17.3 points and 7.9 rebounds per game, while LSU is led by Milaysia Fulwiley, averaging 14.6 points and 3.6 rebounds per game.

The game was back-and-forth all night featuring

seven ties and nine lead changes.

Late in the 4th quarter, Mikaylah Williams gave LSU an 85-84 lead with two free throws. Duke got the ball back with 9.2 seconds remaining in the game. Taina Mair had a look from three to reclaim the lead, but her shot did not fall. Both teams fought for the rebound before the ball went out of bounds off LSU. Duke had one final chance with 2.6 seconds left, trailing by a point.

Jordan Wood inbounded the ball to Ashlon Jackson near the three-point line. Jackson took a quick step back dribble then launched a shot from beyond the arc. The ball circled the rim, then finally dropped, giving Duke an 87-85 victory. Duke advanced to their 14th Elite 8 with their first buzzer beater of the season and will face UCLA. Duke will face UCLA in the Elite 8.

Fournier contributed 22 points and 9 rebounds, Mair added 22 points and 5 rebounds, and Jackson recorded 19 points and 5 assists. For the Tigers, Fulwiley had 28 points, 4 rebounds, and 4 assists; Williams added 22 points and 5 rebounds; and Flau'Jae Johnson had 13 points and 5 rebounds.

Day Two

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Kolbe and Clader Earn NCEA Ariat All-America Honors



Lauren Kolbe (left) and Mya Clader (right) have been selected to the All-America First Team in Fences. Photo courtesy of UC Davis

UC Davis News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The National College Equestrian Association (NCEA) has announced its 2025-26 All-America honors, recognizing Lauren Kolbe and Mya Clader for their stand-out performances throughout the regular season.

Junior Lauren Kolbe headlines

the honors with a selection to the All-America First Team in Fences. Recognized as one of the top six riders in the nation for the discipline, Kolbe also secured Second Team All-America honors on the Flat. These distinctions bring Kolbe's career total to three All-America honors, having previously earned a First Team Flat nod during the 2024-25 season.

Her dual-discipline success this year cements her status as one of the most versatile and consistent Jumping Seat riders in the country.

Joining the All-America ranks is senior Mya Clader, who earns her first career NCEA distinction with a Second Team selection in Reining. Clader's performance in the Western arena was a hallmark of the Aggies' successful season,

as she met the elite statistical requirements to be named among the top five Reining riders in the nation for the Second Team list.

The top riders per event nationally are named First Team All-America, while the next group earns Second Team honors. With these selections, UC Davis continues to demonstrate its presence on the national

stage, placing multiple riders on the All-America list for the third consecutive year and maintaining a tradition of excellence across both the Jumping Seat and Western disciplines. With these three selections, the Aggies have now placed at least one rider on the NCEA First or Second All-America Team every year since 2022. ★

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