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Juanita, left, and Carlos Sr. Lopez are shown at their Elk Grove home posing next to photos, recognitions and military photos of their late son Carlos Jr. Lopez, who they say was an Army combat veteran who lost his life "due to PTSD."

Story and photos by Idaly Valencia

Editor's Note: This article includes discussion of suicide. If you or someone you know may be considering suicide, contact the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline by dialing 988, or the Crisis Text Line by texting HOME to 741741.

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - For nearly eight

years, parents Carlos and Juanita Lopez have kept medical records, legal filings, photographs and movie posters in their Elk Grove home tied to one mission: fighting for answers after the death of their son, Army veteran and aspiring actor Carlos Lopez Jr.

However, what began as grief over the loss of their son has evolved into a lengthy legal battle against the

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in what the family describes as a broader fight for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) after returning home from war.

"We knew he was struggling, but it seemed like he had it together," Juanita Lopez said in a recent interview at the family's home.

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Art Center to Feature Ceramics by Artist Kelly Graves



Pictured is a clay and mixed-media piece by artist Kelly Graves titled, "Monumental Trio." Photos courtesy of Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

Elk Grove Fine Arts Center News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center will present "All Your Friends Are Here," a ceramics collection by art instructor Kelly Graves June 6 to 27. The exhibition opens with a First Saturday Public Reception from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 6.

"My journey with art making has always been one of experimentation and exploration," said Graves. "I never take my art or myself too seriously; there is always an element of fun and funk in whatever I do. I have a love for creating creatures in clay... an exploration of fantasy, abstraction and playfulness."

The First Saturday reception is free and open to the public. Guests will enjoy refreshments, live music, artist talks, and an opportunity to meet many of the featured artists exhibiting work at the Center.

Current and upcoming exhibitions include artists Kim Brownell and Andrea Morris until May 30, the Elk Grove Mural Festival June 1 to 6 and Kelly Graves ceramics June 6 to 27.

Established as a non-profit arts organization on Nov. 29, 2007, the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is a place for local artists to share their work and for the community to experience the visual arts through classes and special events. The Center presents monthly fine art

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Applications Open for Pitch Elk Grove



The city has announced the return of its premier regional program intended to accelerate innovation locally by awarding regional startups, with an ultimate \$20,000 prize pool for participants to present their ventures live before a panel of industry experts on Sept. 3 at The Center at District56. Photo courtesy of City of Elk Grove

City of Elk Grove News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The City of Elk Grove, in partnership with StartupSac and Explore Elk Grove, is proud to announce that applications are now open for the 2026 Pitch Elk Grove startup competition, celebrating its 5th

anniversary as a leading platform for early-stage, tech-driven companies.

Launched in 2022 as a cornerstone of the City's Startup Elk Grove Incentive Program, Pitch Elk Grove has quickly become a high-visibility, multi-stage accelerator connecting entrepreneurs to mentorship, funding and

real-world opportunities.

The program serves startups across eight Northern California counties: El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba, and is designed for founders with working prototypes or Minimum Viable Products (MVPs). "Pitch Elk Grove is more

than a competition, it's a launchpad," said the city's Economic Development Director Darrell Doan. "We're creating a space where founders can refine their ideas, connect with investors, and gain the visibility needed to grow right here in Elk Grove."

This year, as part of

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A clay and mixed-media piece titled "Creature Clock" by artist Kelly Graves.

Local Parents Continue Fight for Deceased Veteran Son

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Lopez Jr., a combat veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, was diagnosed with PTSD and a traumatic brain injury related to his military service, according to his parents. After his honorable discharge in 2010, he pursued acting and filmmaking, first studying at Cosumnes River College before moving to Los Angeles.

He pursued acting opportunities and worked as a consultant on film sets, drawing on his combat experience for military-themed productions. He also graduated from the Los Angeles Film School, where he developed his own PTSD-focused film project inspired by his experiences.

His parents said acting became a way for him to process trauma and communicate what many veterans experience after combat.

"The career made the PTSD better for him," Juanita Lopez said. "It helped him express what he was feeling."

Inside the family's home, photos, recognitions and memorabilia from his film projects reflect the path Lopez Jr. was building in the years before his death in 2018.

They described him as charismatic and driven, noting he appeared in projects alongside well-known figures in the industry such as John Cena, George Lopez and Al Pacino.

"He was on his way up," Juanita Lopez said.

His credits included being featured in "America's Most Wanted," "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," "iCarly" and the film "Bumblebee," which was released shortly after his death. He was also known for his role on the reality series "Operation Repo."

Despite growing success in his acting career, his parents said concerns about his mental health increased in the weeks before his death after he was prescribed gabapentin through the VA. They said Lopez Jr. began experiencing paranoia after starting the medication.

"He was saying, 'Mom, are the police coming? Is somebody looking for me?'" Juanita Lopez recalled. "There was this paranoia that started to surface."

The Lopezes allege the dosage was too high and that VA medical providers failed to properly respond to warning signs despite



Juanita Lopez holds a framed, signed photo from the reality series "Operation Repo," where her late son, combat veteran and aspiring actor Carlos Lopez Jr., was best known for his role. His parents said he was building a career in Hollywood before his suicide in 2018.



A portrait of Carlos Lopez Jr. and a photo of him on set with George Lopez are displayed in a corner of the Lopez family home, part of the personal mementos they keep in his memory as they continue their legal fight against the VA.



A painting of the artwork titled "Forgiven" hangs beside a photo of Carlos Lopez Jr. at the entrance of the Lopez family home, part of the memorial space they have created to honor his memory.

repeated contact and appointments.

"Why would doctors give a veteran with PTSD medication that is known to cause thoughts of death or suicide?" Carlos Lopez Sr. said, referencing warning labels on the

prescription that listed possible side effects including "confusion" and "thoughts of suicide."

Court filings state Lopez Jr. first sought care in May 2018 for chronic back pain and was prescribed gabapentin during a visit to

the VA neurology clinic in Los Angeles. He later returned to a VA mental health clinic as a walk-in patient, asking to see a psychiatrist about disturbing nightmares.

After being evaluated by a psychiatric nurse and



The ashes of Carlos Jr. Lopez sit at the entrance of his family's Elk Grove home accompanied by family photos, his military recognitions and personal memorabilia.

psychologist, he was discharged and scheduled for a follow-up appointment in August. Medical staff determined he was at "low risk for self-harm or harm to others," according to court records.

Days later, on June 24, 2018, Lopez Jr., died by suicide at 35 years old.

"He went to the hospital four days before he died to complain about it," Carlos Lopez Sr. said. "They didn't believe him because he looked good on the outside: polished, well-dressed, handsome... They failed to bring him in."

The family said that they later learned records indicated clinicians assessed him as low risk in part because he appeared composed and functional during evaluation.

"This is not about appearance," Juanita Lopez said. "It's what was happening inside."

After his death, the Lopezes said they spent months trying to obtain medical records from the VA. Carlos Lopez Sr. said he eventually wrote to both President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump seeking help in accessing documents related to his son's care.

What began as a claim for internal investigation in 2019 was denied by the VA, which found no basis for wrongful death. Lopez Jr.'s parents then pursued the case in federal court, beginning what they described as a difficult legal process from the outset.

"Lawyers didn't want it because you're fighting the federal government," Carlos Lopez Sr. said.

They eventually secured representation from attorney Yana Hendriks, and the case proceeded to a federal bench trial. A judge ruled in favor of the VA in 2024, a decision the Lopezes have since appealed. The case is now before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Oral arguments were heard April 24, and the family said a decision could take months. Whatever the outcome, the Lopezes said the case has evolved beyond their son alone.

"It started as a fight for our son, but it became something bigger for

veterans and their families," Juanita Lopez said.

Throughout the interview, they pointed to broader concerns about veteran suicide and PTSD, arguing the issue remains underrecognized.

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' most recent National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, the veteran suicide rate was 35.2 per 100,000 veterans in 2023, compared with 16.9 per 100,000 among non-veteran U.S. adults. Veterans died by suicide at more than twice the rate of non-veterans.

"More people died from PTSD after the war than in the war," Carlos Lopez Sr. said.

They said they hope their case prompts greater accountability and more attention to mental health care for veterans within the VA system.

"This was never about money," Carlos Lopez Sr. said. "We wanted answers."

The family has also worked to preserve Lopez Jr.'s creative legacy. After his death, his parents recovered a PTSD-focused film project from his computer titled "PTSD: An American Tragedy," where he portrayed a combat veteran struggling after returning home and would eventually take his own life, a role that closely reflected his own experiences.

The family later held a public screening at Sacramento's Crest Theatre as part of Lopez Jr.'s celebration of life shortly after his passing. It was the first time the film was ever shown on a big screen.

"We wanted people to know what he did in life," Juanita Lopez said. "That was important."

Now in another stage of their legal fight, the Lopezes said they remain committed to continuing the case regardless how long it may take.

"If they did this to our son," Carlos Lopez Sr. said, "how many other veterans did this happen to?"

To learn more about his story or follow Carlos and Juanita Lopez's case, visit ptsdanamericantragedy.com/never-forget or find them on Facebook at [@carlos.juanita.lopez](https://www.facebook.com/carlos.juanita.lopez). ★

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Police Investigate Fatal Collision on Florin Road

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On May 22, at approximately 2:35 a.m., Sacramento Communications Center (SCC) broadcasted a vehicle versus pedestrian collision on eastbound Florin Road, west of Florin Perkins Road.

Preliminary investigation indicates that at approximately 2:34 a.m., a vehicle was traveling eastbound Florin Road, west of Florin Perkins Road, at an unknown speed. A male pedestrian was within the eastbound lanes of Florin Road. It is unknown whether the pedestrian was

crossing the roadway or standing within the traffic lanes.

As the vehicle approached the pedestrian, the driver was unable to see the pedestrian due to the darkness of the area. The vehicle struck the pedestrian, and the driver immediately pulled to the shoulder and called 911.

Upon arrival by first responders, the pedestrian was located within the eastbound lanes of Florin Road. Despite live saving efforts by first responders, the driver was declared deceased at the scene. Alcohol or drugs do not appear to be a factor in this collision. The crash remains under investigation. ★

Police Building Renamed, Memorial Dedicated to Officer Ty Lenehan



The city unveiled a brick wall, plaque and adjacent brick benches on May 13 outside the police department in honor of Elk Grove Police Officer Ty Lenehan, who was killed in the line of duty in 2022. The facility, located at 8400 Laguna Palms Way, was also renamed to further memorialize his service.

Story and photo by Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - On May 13, the city held a brief ceremony to officially dedicate its police department building, located 8400 Laguna Palms Way, in honor of Elk Grove Police Officer Ty Lenehan.

Lenehan was killed in the line of duty on January 21, 2022, after being struck on his police motorcycle head-on by a drunk driver on State Highway 99.

The dedication marks a lasting tribute to Lenehan, whose death left a deep

impact on the community and law enforcement agency he served. As part of the memorial, a brick wall, plaque and adjacent brick benches were installed outside the police department, creating a space for community members, officers and visitors to convene and reflect.

City leaders, including Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen, City Manager Jason Behrmann and Police Chief Bobby Davis, spoke during the ceremony. Family members of Lenehan, along with fellow officers and city staff, were

also in attendance.

Police Chief Davis addressed the Lenehan family directly during the event.

"To the Lenehan family, you are as special as anybody can ever imagine. Ty is a part of that; Ty will always be part of this for us," Davis said.

"We are forever grateful, we will never forget, and we will ensure that his memory through our facility, through our response, through our community, goes on forever."

View more photos at egcitizen.com. ★

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exhibitions, regional art competitions, a gift shop featuring functional art and jewelry, First Saturday public art receptions, adult workshops in a variety of art mediums, and the annual Elk Grove Festival of the Arts.

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is located at 9020 Elk Grove Blvd. Suite 101. The galleries are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and for First Saturday Public Receptions from 4 to 7 p.m. More information is available at elkgrovefineartscenter.org. ★

"Donna" is a clay and mixed-media piece by artist Kelly Graves. Photo courtesy of Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Michael Brandt

Throughout my life, helping others has been an integral part of who I am. I chose a career in financial services because I believe I can make a difference in the lives of families in my community. At Edward Jones, we offer investments, services, and tools our clients need to work toward their financial future. In addition, the firm has thousands of professionals and advanced technology supporting our branch offices to help clients reach their long-term financial goals. As an Elk Grove native, my family enjoys all the delicious eateries and outdoor activities provided by the community. I'm an Elk Grove High School and Sacramento State graduate, with degrees in International Relations and Spanish. Over the years, when I'm not working, I have been volunteering for youth-leadership development programs, food bank distributions and health advocacy activities. In 2012 I completed the Leadership Elk Grove education course sponsored by the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce. As a lifetime learner, I elected to go back to school and graduated from Purdue University in 2015 with an International Master's in Management. When I'm not helping others achieve their financial goals or volunteering, I can be found outdoors rowing, jogging or bicycling. My wife and I keep busy at home caring for our houseplant collection and take sporadic breaks to enjoy exploring the USA and abroad.

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School District Names 11 Employees of the Year

Elk Grove Unified School District News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Unified School District proudly recognizes its 2025-2026 Employees of the Year: 11 outstanding staff members whose commitment, leadership and service continue to make a lasting difference for students, families and colleagues across the district.

Selected by their peers, these honorees embody excellence in education and reflect EGUSD's mission of preparing every student for success in college, career and life. The Employees of the Year were formally honored at the May 19 Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education meeting.

The 2025-26 Employees of the Year for the Elk

Grove Unified School District are:

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) - Mark Maroney, Lead Custodian I (C.W. Dillard Elementary School)

Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) - Louie Nabhani, Bus Driver Instructor (Transportation)

California School Employees Association (CSEA) - Anna Canaday, Health Assistant II (Student Support and Health Services)

Elk Grove Education Association (EGEA) - Jennifer (Jenny) Smith, Resource Teacher K-6 (Family & Community Engagement)

Teachers of the Year Elk Grove Education Association (EGEA *2027) - Diana Yanez

Pittenger, 4th Grade Classroom Teacher (Barbara Comstock Morse Elementary School); Amanda Holder, AVID & Academic Strategies Teacher (Toby Johnson Middle School)

EGSCE Confidential/Supervisory Category - Brandon McConnell, Safety & Security Manager II (Safety & Security)

EGAT Management Category - Alicia Canning, Program Specialist (School Improvement Support)

EGTEAMS Administrative Support Category - Kimberly Hawkins, Elementary School Secretary (Elitha Donner Elementary School)

National United Health Workers (NUHW) - Kimberly McVean, Occupational Therapist (Special Education) **Psychologists'**



Elk Grove Unified School District recognized 11 Employees of the Year and presented the honors at the May 19 Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education meeting. Photo courtesy of Elk Grove Unified School District

And Social Workers' Association (PSWA) Psychologist (Student Services) - Liana Wright, Support & Health Association (PSWA) Psychologist (Student Services) ★

ARTS CALENDAR

Studio Collection Featured

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center presents two featured artist collections in May with Kim Brownell and Andrea Morris. In Brownell's collection, discover the playful spirit, creative journey, and teaching philosophy behind The Wacky Doodle Quilter. Morris' collection is titled "The Attic of Man's Heart." Each heart carries its own story and life path, revealing its deepest thoughts and emotions. Daily experiences, small moments, and the surrounding beauty all leave a lasting impression on us. Details at elkgrovefineartscenter.org.

Art Workshops for Adults

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

workshops for younger people, dependent upon the instructor and type of class.

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

To learn more, visit elkgrovefineartscenter.org/workshop.

The arts center, 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. ★

RELIGION NEWS

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.

The course, "Flashbacks in Jewish History," will examine how our past informs our future.

Rabbi Chaim Groner leads the discussion. For location, call (917) 724-4443.

Field of Hope United Church of Christ

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.

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. Sunday Worship at 10 a.m. For

more information, call (916) 714-3444 or visit GraceChurchEG.org.

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. ★

MEMORIAL

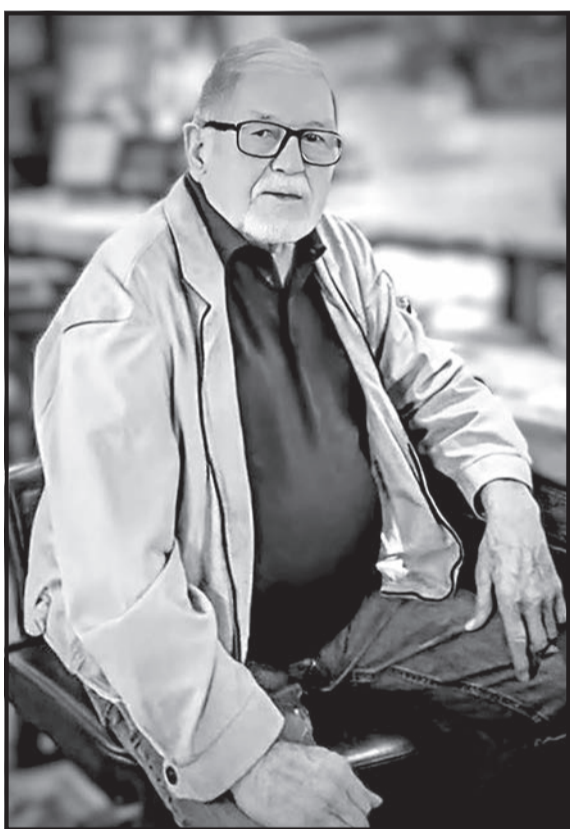
TOMMY JOE EDWARDS • 6/4/1943 - 7/28/2025

Tommy Joe Edwards, 82, passed away July 28, 2025, at home in Elk Grove, California. He was born June 4, 1943, in Stuart, Oklahoma, to Joseph Edwards and Opal Bailey.

Tom spent his early years in Delano, California, where he was known as a talented athlete and football player. After high school, he attended Bakersfield Junior College before leaving to care for his mother during her illness.

He married his first wife, Sally, and they raised their two sons, Blair and Mitchell, in Bakersfield. Tom encouraged his boys to be active in sports, and both became strong, accomplished football players. He also enjoyed taking his family fishing, often spending one-on-one time with his sons that remained with them throughout their lives. That tradition continues today through his son Mitchell.

Tom later married his second wife, Debbie. They lived in Hughson, California, and Rockwall, Texas, where they raised their daughter, Jennifer. After Debbie's passing, Tom returned to Elk Grove, California, where he raised Jennifer as a single father. During this time, he grew into a more present and thoughtful parent.



In his later years, Tom shared a home with his daughter Jennifer and her husband, Erik, helping raise their two sons, Noah and Emrah. He was a steady, quiet presence in their lives, there for everyday moments, school events, and time spent together. The boys will always remember rides in Papa's Z06 Corvette and the simple, meaningful time they shared.

Tom enjoyed sports, cars, car shows, re ng, and spending time with his family. He especially loved traveling with his grandchildren and creating meaningful memories with them.

He is survived by his

children, Jennifer Sanchez and her husband, Erik Sanchez, of Elk Grove, CA; Mitchell Edwards of Roseville, CA; and Blair Edwards of Vancouver, WA; his grandchildren, Noah and Emrah Sanchez, and Tyler Edwards, Kelsey Edwards, and Krista Edwards Cooper; and his brother, Jerry Edwards. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Debbie, and his sister, Marie Edwards.

A private memorial will be held.

Tom lived by the words: "Don't underestimate me. I think more than I speak, know more than I say, and notice more than you realize."

Places of Worship



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5th Sunday – 9:30 a.m.

Website: <https://stpeterseg.org>

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Consider the Talent

Well Kings fans, the playoff world of basketball goes on whether the Sacramento Kings are a part of the conversation or not. The vast majority of the supposed basketball experts have been predicting an OKC repeat and with Shai Gilgeous-Alexander recently garnishing the MVP award for last season, I imagine most people believe the same thing.

As it turns out, the San Antonio Spurs may have something to say about that outcome, as their series is knotted at two-games apiece, and in the last contest they held the potent offensive of OKC to an amazing 82 points for the game.

A stifling defense swarmed the Thunder for 48 minutes and never allowed the defending champions a chance to ever make this game a contest.

But given the overwhelming prediction that OKC would virtually boat race any and all competition to the finish, how did this happen.

Obviously, 7-foot-4 Victor Wembanyama hasn't been listening to ESPN or reading the papers, because he is completely unaware that the Spurs were supposed to be nothing but be a good tune up for the championship series.

Wembanyama has given the Thunder plenty to be concerned about, and at this juncture this seven-game series could go either way.

The New York Knicks have the east coast on fire with enthusiasm as going back to the regular season they have won 16 of their last 20 games, and a surprising eight games in a row in the playoffs.

A shut down defense simply took Cleveland out of their recent series and put an exclamation mark on a 130-93 thrashing of the Cavaliers to complete a 4-0 series sweep.

Experts have been emphatically saying that teams with small guards are a thing of the past and should not be considered a serious threat to the longer teams like the Thunder others that count on expansive wing spans to shut down opposing threats.

Apparently that news never got to Jalen Brunson who generously listed at six-foot-two has been a one-man wrecking crew and virtually unstoppable since the playoffs began.

Two things should be of great interest

to Sacramento Kings fans that are waiting patiently for the 2026 draft to begin.

Number one, the dominance of the population heavy cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco and others has finally come into question, as San Antonio, Oklahoma City, Memphis, Indianapolis and others have given rise to the notion that smaller cities can compete and bring championships to their cities as well.

Number two, as stated teams with a smaller back court are not precluded from championship contention, and both of these truisms should make Sacramento Kings fans sit up and take notice.

The outcome of this year's championship series may play a part in which direction the Sacramento Kings go, and who they decide to draft.

I have long been a proponent of building this team around Domantas Sabonis, and I haven't changed my mind. Take stock in what you already have on a team laden with talent and make the necessary tweaks without putting a team together that no one recognizes.

The city of Sacramento is about to find out the true identity of GM Scott Perry, and whether he has the ability to recognize talent when he sees it.

Too many years have passed that left quality players undrafted or simply went to other teams because the Kings passed them by. This needs to stop and I can think of no better time than right now.

Whether the New York Knicks face San Antonio or the Oklahoma City Thunder, the Sacramento fan base will have an opportunity to see how a team with a smaller back court can stand the test of a bigger and longer one.

There is considerable interest in this off season for the Kings, and I've heard virtually every opinion imaginable from fans that have followed the Kings for years.

This fan base has passion, and now they need the front office to demonstrate the ability to draft and make trades that will fill Golden One Arena every night.

Every reason for optimism, so renew those season tickets Kings fans and let's keep the support high!

All the best! ★

Education is Vital and Costs California Billions, So Why Aren't Candidates Talking About It?



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

The single largest item in Gov. Gavin Newsom's recently proposed budget — and arguably its most important — is the \$91 billion (plus \$60 billion in local and federal funds) it would spend to educate the state's nearly 6 million students, from transitional kindergarten through high school.

How well they are educated, prepared for higher education or the job market, will be a big factor determining whether California's economy, and thus its socio-economic whole, succeeds or fails.

Not surprisingly, given the amounts spent on education and its importance, it ranks very high in the Capitol's annual give-and-take over the budget. That's certainly true this year, as Newsom's last budget shorts the state constitution's mandatory allocation for schools by a few billion dollars, with a promise to make it up later, which drew opposition from school officials throughout the state.

Education perennially ranks very high in surveys of voters' priorities. The school lobbies, including the very powerful California Teachers Association, will use that as they press the Legislature to raise their share of the revenue stream. With the high stakes of

education financing and its place in Californians' hopes for a prosperous future, one might think that those who aspire to succeed Newsom would happily volunteer their intentions.

That would be especially helpful given that Newsom, as a parting gesture, wants to all but eliminate the elective office of state superintendent of public instruction and vest nearly all education oversight in the governor's office.

If that rearrangement of duties is enacted, the next governor would be a virtual czar of the nation's largest public education system.

However, the silence about this among the leading candidates for governor is deafening. They are more than happy to exchange personal insults during debates and in campaign ads, and to hold forth on such issues as gas prices, housing and homelessness. But they leave a vacuum when it comes to how, or if, they would change the school system.

Only one candidate, San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan, repeatedly brings up this issue during debates, noting that he is a former teacher. The other candidates' black-out is compounded by the eagerness of debate mediators to interrogate the candidates on other issues while failing to bring up education.

A new study by Stanford University's Educational Opportunity Project verifies other data indicating that California's public schools are falling well short of the academic achievement needed for the state's future.

The study catalogued 2025 reading and math test scores throughout the nation

and found that, almost everywhere, achievement is lower than it was 10 years earlier — reading is down in 83% of local school systems and math is lower in 70%.

Most disturbingly, not only is California not immune from the trend but it is one of the states with the greatest declines. Only eight states and the District of Columbia experienced deeper declines in reading than California.

The New York Times, in reporting on the study, created a website that allows readers to find out specific results in individual school systems.

It reveals, for instance, that while Los Angeles Unified, the nation's second largest system, showed fractional gains in reading and math, Oakland Unified experienced declines in both and San Diego fell in reading and gained in math.

After years, even decades, of ignoring its deficiencies in those foundational skills, California has lately done something that it should have done long ago — embracing phonics in teaching reading. Also, legislation to diagnose and treat deficiencies in math is moving in the Capitol.

The next governor needs to build on those and other efforts to restore California's public schools to their former glory. The people vying for that job should tell us if and how they intend to do what's necessary.

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 Help! SSA Says I'm Not Eligible for Benefits



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Help!! The Social Security Administration says I didn't pay enough into my Social Security account, despite being a business owner and paying taxes. What can I do? **Signed: Self-employed American**

Dear Self-employed: For all potential SS beneficiaries, it is very important to know how Social Security determines if you are eligible for retirement benefits: Everyone (including the self-employed) must have earned at least 40 "quarter credits" contributing to the SS program, which is usually about 10 years' worth of earnings.

You can earn up to four "quarter credits" per year, depending on your earnings, including your net earnings from self-employment. For example, this year (2026) you will get one "quarter credit" for each \$1,890 of

earnings, up to four credits maximum for the year. As a self-employed business owner, only your net earnings are counted (e.g., after all your reported business deductions are taken). The SSA gets your earnings information from the IRS, so SSA goes by whatever information you submitted in the self-employment income tax returns you submitted to the IRS over the years. If you don't have at least 40 "quarter credits" over your lifetime, you won't be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits.

The best way to further investigate this is to create your personal "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. When you have done that, you will be able to see how many quarter credits you currently have (apparently less than 40) and determine how much more you must earn to be eligible for SS retirement benefits. For example, if you have 36 or more credits now, you could likely work just another year, or part of a year, to be eligible for SS benefits next year. Knowing how many "credits" you now have will tell you how much more in annual net earnings from self-employment you must have

to become eligible for SS benefits.

When you create your online SS account, you will also be able to see your entire lifetime record of your earnings reported to Social Security, and you should review that record to make sure that your lifetime earnings have been correctly reported to Social Security. If there are any discrepancies in your lifetime earnings record, they can be corrected by using form SSA-7008. You can find additional guidance on this at the following SSA web link: www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf

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Our Screen Culture Increasingly Can't Read

ten how to teach them. We decided to jettison a common-sensical, tried-and-true method of reading instruction -- phonics -- for faddish theories that haven't worked. It is notable that states showing improvement between 2022-2025 embraced phonics, which now goes under the rubric "the science of reading."

It also can't be a coincidence that these harrowing trends are playing out against the backdrop of ubiquitous screens in schools. Schools are starting to ban mobile phones, but the screen that they take away with one hand, they give with the other. According to a New York Times survey, 80% of teachers say that students at their schools have a device assigned to them; it was only a third in 2019. More than 80% said that kids get devices ... by kindergarten.

It would have been comparable recklessness if schools had decided at the outset of the television age that every schoolchild needed a personal TV. Parents struggle to get their kids off devices at home, and then send them to school, where they read "To Kill a Mockingbird" on an iPad.

Now, books haven't disappeared from classrooms, but they aren't nearly as prevalent as they should be. A new study by the Rand Corporation found that most English teachers assigned at least one full book during the school year, although 9% didn't assign any, and roughly two-thirds assigned between only one to four.

Engaging with a whole book in print is so important because not all reading is equal. One analysis found that "digital reading does improve comprehension skills, but the beneficial effect is between six and seven times smaller than that of print reading." So, too, reading a book is better than reading a series of extended passages; it requires more attention and greater immersion.

As education expert Robert Pondiscio of the American Enterprise Institute points out, it's a mistake to think of reading as solely a technical skill, since reading comprehension also depends on what the great educational theorist E.D. Hirsch called "cultural literacy," the basic facts about history, civics, art and the like that form our common knowledge. To our great detriment, schools have downgraded this, too.

The worst-case scenario is that we have become a screen culture that is only capable of producing screen kids. A report last year in the journal *iScience* found that reading for pleasure steadily declined from 2003 to 2023. On top of evidence that reading also fell from the 1940s to 2003, this makes for an 80-year decline.

The poet and essayist Joseph Brodsky said, "There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them." And not being capable of reading them is even worse than that.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Girl Scouts Earn Highest Honors



Girl Scouts Heart of Central California honored 167 girls during its annual Highest Awards Ceremony at Hiram Johnson High School Auditorium, recognizing recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award, Silver Award and the council's Rose Award. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California

By Ornella Rossi

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

Before they earned medals, scholarships and standing ovations, many of the Girl Scouts recognized Saturday, May 16, at the Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Highest Awards Ceremony started their award-winning community projects with a simple question: How can I help?

By the end the answers had taken shape as STEM programs for children, deaf awareness curriculums, debate workshops and community initiatives designed to last long after the applause faded.

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California honored 167 girls during its annual Highest Awards Ceremony at Hiram Johnson High School Auditorium, recognizing recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award, Silver Award and the council's Rose Award for projects tackling issues ranging from STEM accessibility and mental health to environmental sustainability and racial justice.

"This ceremony is a powerful reminder of why Girl Scouts matter," said Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Chief

Executive Officer Linda E. Farley. "These girls didn't just complete projects, they identified real challenges in their communities and created meaningful, lasting solutions."

The morning began with a Gold Award Poster Symposium, where attendees explored presentations highlighting projects created by Award recipients. This year's honorees included 36 Gold Award recipients, 83 Silver Award recipients and 48 Rose Award recipients.

The Girl Scout Gold Award, the organization's highest honor, requires at least 80 hours of research, planning and leadership focused on creating sustainable community change.

Among those recognized was Sofia Contreras, who partnered with St. John's women's shelter to create a STEM curriculum for children staying at the facility.

"STEM has always been a really big part of my life," Contreras said. "I wanted those kids to know that it's a place for them too."

Contreras designed hands-on lessons and experiments intended to continue long after her involvement ended, leaving behind supplies and curriculum



Throughout the ceremony, mentors and family members joined recipients on stage during a pinning ceremony celebrating not only the girls' achievements but also the support systems behind them. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California

materials for future use.

She said the experience taught her confidence and leadership skills she plans to carry into college and a future career in STEM.

Another Gold Award recipient developed a deaf awareness curriculum for the El Dorado Union High School District focused on communication, culture and respect for the deaf community.

"I think raising awareness is important because many students don't know about deaf culture," the Girl Scout said. "This gives them the opportunity to learn how to respect deaf individuals."

Sofia Yee created a debate

awareness program for elementary and middle school students in the Sacramento area after realizing many younger students viewed debate as intimidating.

"It's really a great way to practice your public speaking," Yee said. "I wanted to break people's stereotypes of what debate looks like."

Working with local educators, libraries and the Sacramento Urban Debate League, Yee developed curriculum materials and hosted a summer debate program that will continue beyond her involvement.

Nora Latif focused her project on increasing representation

in STEM by creating a library program highlighting women of color working in science, technology, engineering and math fields.

"For me and a lot of my friends, we didn't always see people like ourselves represented when people talked about women in STEM," Latif said.

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Madison Kosh said the projects reflect the organization's mission of helping girls discover their voice and leadership potential.

"They're learning how to build relationships within their communities, solve problems and create lasting change," Kosh said. "Those are life skills they'll carry with them forever."

In addition to the awards, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California also recognized scholarship recipients for continued leadership and academic achievement, including Contreras, Yee and Isabella Passerini. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Continuing through Sunday, June 7

Elk Grove Historical Society Yard Sale Donations – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on select days at the Elk Grove House & Stage Stop Museum. We are collecting donations of vintage and antique glass, crystal, appliances, linens, jewelry, clothing, books and more for our upcoming yard sale in late June. All items must be clean and in working order. Full list of desired items (and exclusions) and drop-off dates at elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com. 9941 E. Stockton Blvd.

Saturday, May 30

Thrifthathon: Sustainable Fashion Market – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Old Town Plaza. Combat fast fashion by supporting circular fashion within our community. You'll find more than 30 vendors here offering everything from curated clothing and vintage finds to original artwork, along with a community clothing swap and DJ. 9615 Railroad St.

Movies in the Park: "Zootopia" (2016) – at Amundson Park. Fun starts at 5 p.m. with the Children's Market, and movie will start around sundown. Bring your snacks, picnic blanket and low-back chairs. 8730 Heritage Hill Drive.

Monday, June 1 through Saturday, June 6

"Paint the Grove" Mural Festival – all week long, artists will transform city walls along Main Street into bold, vibrant murals, turning the streets into a living, breathing art gallery. Look for the action between Highway 99 and Waterman Road and follow at [Instagram.com/paintthegroove](https://www.instagram.com/paintthegroove). A special guided walking tour will be offered Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. starting at Old Town Plaza. That evening, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., join us to watch local artists go head-to-head at Old Town Plaza, creating works of art in real time. Enjoy a DJ, food trucks and check out arts and artist booths. Bring your friends and help crown the people's choice. 9615 Railroad St.

Monday, June 1

Pride Flag Raising Ceremony – 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Elk Grove City Hall. 8401 Laguna Palms Way.

Saturday, June 6

Bufferlands Open Trail Day – 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open Trail Day is a great opportunity to explore the Upper Beach Lake Wildlife Area of the Bufferlands. We

will have several miles of trails open for you to hike at your own pace. Our biologists and docents will be out on the trails to help you find your way and to answer any nature-related questions. Event and parking are free. Please sign in at the check-in table and get your trail map. Dress for the weather and bring a water bottle. Take I-5 or Highway 99 north from Elk Grove. Exit at Cosumnes River Blvd. Take Cosumnes River Blvd. west to Freeport Blvd. Take Freeport Blvd. south, past the golf course and the small town of Freeport. Turn left at the signs opposite Cliff's Marina (8651 River Road, Sacramento, CA 95832). Follow the signs to the parking area.

Regional Safety Day – 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Elk Grove Park. Join the Cosumnes Fire Department and Elk Grove Police Department for a free, family-friendly day of fun, education and excitement. See emergency response vehicles up close, watch an extrication using "Jaws of Life," observe a helicopter landing and more. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. 9950 Elk Grove Florin Road.

California Adopt-a-Pet Day – noon to 5:30 p.m. at the Elk Grove Animal Shelter. We're joining animal shelters across the state and offering fee-waived adoptions. Meet our rescue partners showcasing adoptable animals and find your new best friend. Whether you're looking to adopt or simply support local animal welfare efforts, we hope to see you there. 9150 Union Park Way.

First Saturday Public Reception – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. This month's reception features "All Your Friends Are Here," ceramics by Kelly Graves. The reception is free and open to the public. Guests will enjoy refreshments, live music and an opportunity to meet many of the featured artists exhibiting work at the Center. The current exhibition continues through Saturday, June 27. 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101.

Sunday, June 7

Jazz & Blues Time – 4 p.m. on Sundays at United Methodist Church. Nannosecond Productions hosts monthly jazz and blues performances. \$10 requested donation and all are welcome. This month, enjoy Tressa Gaye's Twisted Jazz. 8986 Elk Grove Blvd.

Bounty on the Boulevard – 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at District56. Brought to you by the Elk Grove Regional Scholarship Foundation, this event is attended by over 300 residents and friends of Elk Grove and

sells out every year. This is an adults-only event (21 and over) with tickets priced at \$175 per person. The evening includes dinner, program and a live auction. Tickets and more information at elkgroversf.org. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

Ongoing Events

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group – 10 a.m. every Tuesday at the Park at Laguna Springs. 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.

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, June 20. 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 – May 29, Noon: Bingo at Oaks Mobile Home Park Club House, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Contact Pat at 916-802-4524.

June 1, 10:30 a.m.: WPSC Board Meeting at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Open to all members.

June 1, Noon: Lunch at Original Mike's Diner, 9139 E. Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove. Contact is Merrylyn 916-549-4264.

June 4, Noon: No-host Lunch & Bunco at Patty's Pizza, 8591 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

Wilton Bingo – The next bingo will be on Saturday, June 6 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two nonprofits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.

Library Events

Sacramento County Libraries have the following upcoming events: (EG) Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd.; (F) Franklin, 10055 Franklin High Road; (NW) Nonie Wetzel Library, 170

Primasing Ave., Courtland; (VH) Valley Hi/North Laguna, 7400 Imagination Parkway, Sacramento:

Friday, May 29: Outdoor family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Join us at Morse Community Park, 5540 Bellaterra Drive. (F)

Saturday, May 30: Explore and learn playgroup, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F)

Tuesday, June 2: Baby story time, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (F)

Wednesday, June 3: Explore and learn playgroup, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH) Summer reading programs for kids, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (NW) Summer reading: Mad Science, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join our friends from Mad Science for perhaps the most spectacular science experiences and show. (F)

Thursday, June 4: Outdoor family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Elk Grove Regional Park, 9950 Elk Grove Florin Road. (EG) Adult space, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (VH) Teen advisory board, 4 p.m. to 4 p.m. (F)

Friday, June 5: Outdoor family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Join us at Morse Community Park, 5540 Bellaterra Drive. (F)

Veterans Meetings

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

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – general meetings the fourth Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road. Dinner at 6 p.m.

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

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233 – first 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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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV000933

Mazen Ghassan Khenaisser has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mazen Ghassan Khenaisser to Mazin Kenicer.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 13, 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: January 14, 2026
Richard C. Mladich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
KHENAISSEER 5-29-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV010259

Ashley Marie Nutter has filed a petition with this court for a de-

creed changing the name(s) of Ashley Marie Nutter to Ashley Marie Yuhre.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 22, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8D, 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 28, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
NUTTER 5-29-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV009929

Ryan Paul David has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ryan Paul David to Ryan Paul Ellis.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 16C, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: April 21, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026
DAVID 6-12-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV010919

Andreea Anica Toplean has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Emanuel Ranga to Emanuel Joshua Toplean.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 16, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8D, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: May 6, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
TOPLEAN 6-19-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EVELYN MARIE LOWE
CASE NO. 26PR001346

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Adlene Coley, in

the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Adlene Coley be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows June 17, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Adlene Coley, 5108 Luttig Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757; 415-235-5489
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 2026
LOWE 6-5-26

City of Elk Grove – City Council
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, June 10, 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:

CALVINE POINTE MAJOR 3 MIXED USE RETAIL AND STORAGE PROJECT (PLNG26-001) – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND MAJOR DESIGN REVIEW AMENDMENT:

The proposed Project consists of a Conditional Use Permit and Major Design Review Amendment to the previously-approved Calvine Pointe Project (EG-01-156), as well as an amendment to the adopted Conditions of Approval for the previously-approved Calvine Pointe Shops 6 Amendment Project (PLNG24-041). The Project proposes the construction of a new three-story personal storage facility that includes approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of ground floor commercial/office space within the existing Calvine Pointe Shopping Center. The Project proposes to delete Condition of Approval #35 from the adopted Conditions of Approval for Project PLNG24-041 and place the associated obligation to provide an emergency only reciprocal access easement to the parcels to the south on this Project.

The Project shall comply with the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) for non-residential development.

Table with 2 columns: PROPERTY OWNER/PROJECT APPLICANT, LOCATION/APN, ZONING, ENVIRONMENTAL, PROJECT PLANNER.

Information regarding this item may be obtained by contacting Sarah Kirchgessner by email at skirchgessner@elkgrove.gov, or by phone at 916-478-2245.

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, 1st Floor, Elk Grove, CA, 95758, at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

This meeting notice is provided pursuant to Section 23.14.040 and Section 4.54.520 of the Elk Grove Municipal Code.

Dated/Published: May 29, 2026
JASON LINDGREN
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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CLIMATE COMPASS: A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING ELK GROVE'S CLIMATE, SUSTAINABILITY, AND RESILIENCE GOALS:

- The public hearing will consider the following items:
• The Supplemental Environmental Impact Report to the General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Climate Compass.
• The Climate Compass: A Plan for Implementing Elk Grove's Climate, Sustainability, and Resilience Goals.
• Textual modifications to the Elk Grove General Plan to ensure consistency with the Climate Compass.
• Revisions to the Elk Grove General Plan related to the Implementation Strategy (Chapter 10) of the General Plan.
• The Infrastructure Plan for Fleet Electrification.

The Climate Compass is a comprehensive update to Elk Grove's 2019 Climate Action Plan (CAP). The Climate Compass includes updates to remain consistent with state targets, and will serve as a plan for the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and serve as a programmatic tiering document for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The revisions to the General Plan related to the Implementation Strategy as set forth in Chapter 10 of the General Plan will restore items unintentionally removed.

The Infrastructure Plan for Fleet Electrification provides actionable guidance for the electrification of the City's municipal fleet and for infrastructure to support staff and public electric vehicle charging at City facilities.

The Planning Commission reviewed this item (with the exception of the Infrastructure Plan for Fleet Electrification, which did not require Planning Commission review) at a public hearing on May 7, 2026 and voted 4-0 (Singha absent) to recommend approval of the Project.

Table with 2 columns: LOCATION/APN, ZONING, ENVIRONMENTAL.

Information or questions regarding this item should be referred to Carrie Whitlock, AICP, (916) 478-2238, cwhitlock@elkgrove.gov or to the Community Development Department, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA, 95758. 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.

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This meeting notice is provided pursuant to Section 23.14.040 of Title 23 of the Elk Grove Municipal Code.

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Carmichael, CA 95608

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 0125002357 Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No. 1184300100 APN: 116-0100-093-0000 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 6/15/2021. 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 6/9/2026 at 9:30 AM Outside the south-facing exit of the Sacramento City Hall in the courtyard at 916 H Street, Sacramento, CA, Old Republic Title Company, as the duly appointed Trustee under the Deed of Trust recorded on 6/22/2021, as Instrument No. 202106221678, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: Tony Mehmet Gundogdu, Trustee under the Gundogdu Trust Agreement dated June 16, 2001 Aynur Gundogdu, Trustee under the Gundogdu Trust Agreement dated June 16, 2001, as Trustor, Heritage Bank of Commerce, as Lender/Beneficiary, Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States by 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 the state) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California, describing the land therein: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. The street address or other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9200 Elk Grove Florin Rd. 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 made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by the Deed of Trust, to wit: \$4,367,487.90 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of

trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit this internet website <https://mkconsultantsinc.com/trustee-sales/>, using the file number assigned to this case 0125002357. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: 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, or visit this internet website <https://mkconsultantsinc.com/trustee-sales/>, using the file number assigned to this case 0125002357 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. This property which is subject to this Notice of Sale does not fall within the purview of California Civil Code Section 2923.5. Date: 5/6/2026 Old Republic Title Company, as Trustee 1000 Burnett Avenue, Suite #400 Concord, California 94520 (866)248-9598 by: Debbie Jackson, Vice President Published 5/15/2026, 5/22/2026, 5/29/2026
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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. Trustor: CAROL JEAN THOMPSON, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Default Services, LLC Recorded 4/16/2018 as Instrument No. 201804160867 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 6/23/2026 at 11:30 AM Place of Sale: Sacramento City Hall - 915 I St, Sacramento CA 95818 | Courtyard Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$277,075.38 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8552 HERITAGE HILL DR ELK GROVE, CA 95624 A.P.N.: 121-0740-035-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC. 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 (800) 793-6107 or visit this internet Website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-14098. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled

City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove shall hold a public hearing whereby oral and written presentations may be made and consideration given in regard to adoption of the Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27, and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2026-27 through 2030-31.

The Budget recommendations for the coming year are based upon the Mission, Vision and Goals for FY 2026-27 approved by the City Council on April 9, 2025. Key themes of the FY 2026-27 Budget are noted below:

- Maintains and enhances the level of service to the residents of Elk Grove, with continued focused efforts on public safety, affordable housing/homelessness, traffic, and economic development.
- Establishes a sustainable, structurally balanced fiscal plan throughout the five-year forecast period.
- Provides funding for and programming of City Council Priority Projects.
- Continues to increase reserves based on the adopted General Fund Reserve Policy based on fiscal best practices.

The Council will also consider amendments to the appropriations limit and the appropriations subject to the limit pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution for FY 2026-27. Documentation used in the determination of the appropriations limit is available upon request at the Office of the City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, 1st Floor, Elk Grove, CA, 95758.

The proposed CIP includes but is not limited to the following types of projects:

Alternative Transportation Modes

Examples of improvements for this type of project include:

- Trails
- Bike lanes or bike routes
- Sidewalk infill
- Curb ramps (installations or retrofits)
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements

Community Enhancements

Examples of infrastructure that undergo improvements of this project type are:

- Landscaping
- Plazas
- Parks
- Street Lighting

Drainage

Examples of infrastructure that undergo improvements of this project type are:

- Culverts
- Roadside ditches
- Stream gauges
- Outfalls
- Channels/swales
- Detention basins
- Pump stations
- Creeks
- Weirs
- Underground drainage systems
- Flood control facilities/levee improvements
- Erosion and sedimentation control
- Water quality features

Facilities

Examples of facilities that undergo improvements of this project type are:

- City Hall Campus
- Corporation Yard
- Animal Shelter
- District 56
- Special Waste Collection Center (SWCC)
- Teen Center
- Other City Facilities
- 9260 Elk Grove Blvd. Library Improvement Project

Transportation

Examples of facilities or improvements of this project type are:

- Roads (new construction or widening)
- Pavement resurfacing or reconstruction
- Traffic control (signing, striping, signals, and roundabouts)
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- Traffic calming (traffic circles, speed control)

Information regarding this item is available by contacting Budget Manager Nathan Bagwill at 916-627-3361 or by email at nbagwill@elkgrovecity.gov.

All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter at the public hearing.

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Dated / Published: May 29, 2026

JASON LINDGREN
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 5/12/2026 Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Questions: 949-427-2010 Sale Line: (800) 793-6107 Martha Nuno, Senior Foreclosure Coordinator PPP #26-005251 Published 5/29/2026, 6/5/2026, 6/12/2026
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 6-12-26

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 - 2027, PRELIMINARILY APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE DISTRICT-WIDE LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, CAMDEN PARK ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, CAMDEN ESTATES & CAMDEN POINTE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, FALLBROOK/PARK LANE/BRITSCHGI PARK ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, HAMPTON VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, PERRY RANCH IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, & VISTA CREEK PARK ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

RESOLVED by the Governing Board of Directors ("Board") of the Cosumnes Community Services District (the "District"), County of Sacramento, State of California, that:

WHEREAS, the Cosumnes Community Services District is authorized, pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (the "Act"), Part 2 of Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code (commencing with Section 22500 thereof) and Article XIII D of the California Constitution, to levy assessments for the District-Wide Landscape and Lighting Assessment District, the Camden Park Assessment District, the Camden Estates and Camden Pointe Improvement District, the Fallbrook/Park Lane/Britschgi Park Assessment District and the Hampton Village Improvement District, the Perry Ranch Improvement District, & the Vista Creek Park Assessment District (the "Assessment Districts"); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2026-02, the Board ordered the preparation of Engineer's Reports for the Assessment Districts for fiscal year 2026-2027; and

WHEREAS, said Engineer's Reports were filed with the Secretary of the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors has reviewed the Reports and wishes to take certain actions relative to said Reports.

RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Cosumnes Community Services District, County of Sacramento, State of California, that:

1. The Board hereby proposes to continue to levy the Assessment Districts benefit assessments pursuant to the Act and Article XIII D of the California Constitution. The Board appoints SCI Consulting Group as the Engineer of Work and directs SCI Consulting Group to perform the professional services necessary to levy the benefit assessments for fiscal year 2026-2027.

2. SCI Consulting Group, the Engineer of Work, has prepared Engineer's Reports in accordance with Article XIII D of the California Constitution and the Act ("Reports"). The Reports have been made, filed with the Secretary of the Board and duly considered by the Board and are hereby deemed sufficient and preliminarily approved. The Reports shall stand as the Engineer's Reports for all subsequent proceedings under and pursuant to the foregoing resolution.

3. It is the intention of this Board to levy and collect assessments within the Assessment Districts for fiscal year 2026-2027. Within the Assessment Districts, the existing and proposed improvements (the "Improvements") are generally described as the: installation, maintenance and servicing of public recreational facilities and improvements, including, but not limited to, turf and play areas, playground equipment, hard court surfaces, ground cover, shrubs and trees, irrigation and sprinkler systems, landscaping, park grounds and facilities, drainage systems, lighting, fencing, entry monuments, hardcourt recreation areas, landscape corridors, trails, other recreational facilities, graffiti removal and repainting, and labor, materials, supplies, utilities and equipment, as applicable, at each

of the locations owned, operated or maintained within the boundaries of the Assessment Districts that participates with the Cosumnes Community Services District in any of the installation, maintenance and servicing described herein. Installation means the construction of recreational improvements, including, but not limited to, land preparation (such as grading, leveling, cutting and filling), sod, landscaping, irrigation systems, sidewalks and drainage, lights, playground equipment, play courts, recreational facilities and public restrooms. Maintenance means the furnishing of services and materials for the ordinary and usual maintenance, operation and servicing of said improvements, including repair, removal, or replacement of all or part of any improvement; providing for the life, growth, health and beauty of landscaping; and cleaning, sandblasting and painting of walls and other improvements to remove or cover graffiti. Servicing means the furnishing of electric current or energy for the operation or lighting of any improvements, and water for irrigation of any landscaping or the maintenance of any other improvements.

4. The Assessment Districts each consists of the lots and parcels shown on each of the assessment diagrams of the Assessment Districts on file with the Secretary of the Board, and reference is hereby made to such diagram for further particulars.

5. Reference is hereby made to the Reports for a full and detailed description of the Improvements, the boundaries of the Assessment Districts and the proposed assessments upon assessable lots and parcels of land within the Assessment Districts. The Reports identify all parcels which will have a special benefit conferred upon them and upon which an assessment will be imposed.

6. The Board of Directors does not intend to increase any assessment in any Benefit Zone or Assessment District beyond the prior approved cost of living adjusted maximum assessment rate and therefore does not intend to conduct a property owners balloting procedure pursuant to Section 4 of Proposition 218.

7. Notice is hereby given that on June 17, 2026, at the hour of 5:30 p.m. at the Cosumnes Community Services Administration Building, 8820 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, California, the Board will hold a public hearing to consider the ordering of the Improvements, and the levy of the assessments for fiscal year 2026-27. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of the hearing to be given by publishing a notice once, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing above specified, in a newspaper circulated in the District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Cosumnes Community Services District at a regular meeting held on May 20, 2026.

Signed: Peter Sakaris, President

ATTEST: Phillip Lewis, Secretary

Elk Grove Citizen 5-29-2026

POLICE LOGS

May 19

7:08 a.m., Calvine Road/Power Inn Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Alex Ruiz, 29, on possession of cocaine or heroin, possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

7:44 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Henry McNeill, 29, on domestic violence and violation of restraining order charges.

8:10 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Chad McDowell, 48, on possession of drug paraphernalia and trespassing charges.

5:40 p.m., Bruceville Road/Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Sarah Hasabumutima, 27, on warrant charges.

7:41 p.m., Grant Line Road/Wilton Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Brian Cobb, 30, on reckless driving charges.

May 20

2:28 a.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 15, on resisting arrest, giving false identification to a police officer and battery on a police officer charges.

7 a.m., 9100 block of Bungalow Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Shawn Garrett, 44, on warrant charges.

3:01 p.m., 9900 block of Stone Oak Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Ashlee Obannon, 28; and Cheryl Sharts, 59, on battery charges.

5:58 p.m., 9100 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Randy Davis, 66, on trespassing charges.

8:18 p.m., 8300 block of Tarak Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Aneera Ellis, 21, on child endangerment charges.

May 21

6:32 a.m., 9600 block of West Taron Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Al Muamar, 30, on DUI and DUI with BAC above 0.08% charges.

5:23 p.m., Grant Line Road/East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Amado Reyes Marcelo, 37, on reckless driving, hit-and-run/non-injury, DUI, DUI with BAC above 0.08% and driving while on DUI probation charges.

6:53 p.m., 9700 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested

Juan Vazquez, 56, on DUI, DUI with BAC above 0.08% and driving a commercial vehicle with BAC of 0.04% or more charges.

May 23

3:31 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Deandre Varmall, 33, on domestic violence and child endangerment charges.

10:56 a.m., Franklin Boulevard/Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Roger Mucha, 47, on drug possession with priors and warrant charges.

11:17 a.m., 9100 block of Grove Street, Elk Grove Police arrested Dustin Franks, 45, on criminal threats charges.

12:50 p.m., 8100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Monique Redlon, 43, on trespassing charges.

5:58 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested John Thomas, 36, on domestic violence charges.

8:43 p.m., 8500 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Demond Hunter, 35, on hit-and-run/injury charges.

May 24

7:23 a.m., 8800 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Dellonamaye Smith, 48, on warrant charges.

8:15 a.m., West Stockton Boulevard/Auto Center Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Jennifer Sprauge, 44, on possession of controlled substance charges.

12:06 p.m., 5800 block of Anchor Bay Way, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 13, on battery charges.

10:18 p.m., 9600 block

of Country Falls Lane, Elk Grove Police arrested Giselle Arrington, 32, on battery charges.

10:44 p.m., Bruceville Road/Allan Detrick Avenue, Grove Police arrested Minh Mak, 46, on DUI and DUI with BAC above 0.08% charges.

4:59 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Paul Gonzalez, 41, on shoplifting and shoplifting with priors charges.

5:56 p.m., 10400 block of Waterman Road,

Matthew Carvalho, 41, on DUI, tampering with ignition-interlock device and warrant charges.

6:15 p.m., 8900 block of Grant Line Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Claudia Cobb, 53, on DUI and DUI with BAC above 0.08% charges.

9:42 p.m., 9800 block of Kent Street, Elk Grove Police arrested Alexander Hua, 34; Luis Paz, 33; and Tim Tran, 33, on shooting at an inhabited dwelling and negligent discharge of a firearm charges. ★

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." ★

Service Above Self

DOVIA Awards Celebrate Local Volunteers

Story and photos by Omella Rossi

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

Who are the volunteers quietly shaping programs for seniors, students, disaster survivors and families across the Sacramento region? That question was answered May 20 as Directors of Volunteers in Agencies (DOVIA) honored 22 nominees during its annual awards reception at Meristem in Fair Oaks.

The event, held at 9200 Fair Oaks Blvd., brought together volunteer leaders and supporters from across Sacramento, Yolo, Sutter, Yuba, El Dorado and Placer counties to recognize service in three categories. The awards included Youth Volunteer of the Year, recognizing volunteers under age 21 with at least 25 hours of service with the winner receiving a \$500 scholarship; Individual Volunteer of the Year, honoring volunteers over 21 with at least 25 hours of service; and Volunteer Manager of the Year, recognizing a paid or unpaid leader for exceptional volunteer program management, with the winner receiving a one-year complimentary DOVIA Sacramento membership.

DOVIA Sacramento, active since the late 1970s, serves as a regional hub for volunteer managers, offering training, peer networking and professional development while promoting volunteerism across nonprofit and public agencies.

"For 48 years, DOVIA Sacramento has celebrated the extraordinary people who uplift our community while also training the volunteer program managers who support Sacramento's many service driven organizations," said Leslie Fritz of the DOVIA board. "One of the tenants of good volunteer management is to remember to thank



Individual Volunteer of the Year nominees included Geri Beck; Fred Bustillos; Brittnei Cearley and Kerry Connelly; Tyler Heberle; Sarah Goold, Tawney Lambert, Kim LeClaire and Denise Watts; Kelvin Lee; Betty Marchbanks; Tim McCrink; Robin Payne; Roxie and Ernie Rice; and Sandy Valdez.



Youth Volunteer of the Year nominees included Elizabeth Caton, Kendayl Taber and Lily Lower; Kelsie Johnson; Melvin Lam; Dahlia Monso; Angelica Maltese; and Isabella Sandoval, Madison Dailey, Alyla Parks and Kaitlyn Babitz.

and recognize volunteers. Today we will be doing that."

This year's program was emceed by Fritz. She noted support from Sacramento Venture Philanthropy as program sponsor, with additional contributions from Big Day of Giving donors.

Top honors went to volunteers whose service ranged from youth-led community building to decades of nonprofit support.

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, including Phil Serna, Patrick Kennedy, Rich Desmond, Rosario Rodriguez and Pat Hume, presented certificates recognizing nominees.

The Youth Volunteer of the

Year award was presented to Angelica Maltese nominated by Blossom Vale Senior Living Center. Maltese, an elementary school student, created an "Adopt a Grandparent" program and has visited her adopted resident weekly since 2024. She also compiled resident recipes into a Blossom Vale cookbook shared with families, which organizers described as a lasting tribute to residents.

Roxie and Ernie Rice of the Firefighters Burn Institute were named Individual Volunteers of the Year. The married couple has volunteered for a combined 37 years, supporting burn survivors

and families, organizing outreach events and helping expand the nonprofit's reach despite its small staff.

Goya Gutierrez nominated by NorCal Resist was recognized as Volunteer Manager of the Year. Gutierrez was honored for developing programs supporting immigrant communities, including an after-school tutoring program for refugee children and volunteer-led assistance for families navigating local services.

All nominees were recognized during the ceremony.

Youth Volunteer of the Year nominees included Elizabeth Caton, Kendayl Taber and Lily Lower nominated by San Juan

Unified School District; Kelsie Johnson nominated by Blossom Vale Senior Living; Melvin Lam nominated by Interim Healthcare Hospice; Dahlia Monson nominated by WEAVE, Inc.; Angelica Maltese nominated by Blossom Vale Senior Living Center; and Isabella Sandoval, Madison Dailey, Alyla Parks and Kaitlyn Babitz nominated by Sacramento County Animal Shelter-Bradshaw.

Individual Volunteer of the Year nominees included Geri Beck nominated by Meristem, Rotary and HART; Fred Bustillos nominated by West Sacramento Community Emergency Response Team; Brittnei Cearley and Kerry Connelly nominated by Project R.I.D.E., Inc.; Tyler Heberle nominated by Sacramento LGBT Community Center; Sarah Goold, Tawney Lambert, Kim LeClaire and Denise Watts nominated by Food Literacy Center; Kelvin Lee nominated by SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity; Betty Marchbanks nominated by Keaton's Child Cancer Alliance; Tim McCrink nominated by Sacramento Valley Conservancy; Robin Payne nominated by Agency on Aging Area 4; Roxie and Ernie Rice nominated by Firefighters Burn Institute; and Sandy Valdez nominated by AARP Foundation Experience Corps-Sacramento.

Volunteer Manager of the Year nominee was Goya Gutierrez nominated by NorCal Resist.

Organizers said judges evaluated nominees independently, noting close competition across categories as they reviewed service completed between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025. Judges included Brad Squires of Sacramento Venture Philanthropy; Mark Cullum, district director for California state Assemblymember Josh Hoover; and Molly Patterson of the Elk Grove Police Department. ★

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Rivas to Lead City's Human Resources

City of Elk Grove News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove City Manager Jason Behrmann has announced the hiring of Rosemary Rivas, the city's new Human Resources Director.

"We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Rivas to our executive leadership team," said Behrmann.

"Rosemary has built a reputation as a collaborative and innovative leader who values strong relationships, employee engagement, and high-performing teams. Her experience and leadership style align

well with our commitment to delivering exceptional public service while fostering a positive and supportive workplace culture," he added.

The selection of Rivas concludes a national recruitment process.

Rivas comes to the City of Elk Grove with more than 15 years of public sector work experience, most recently as the Human Resources Director for the City of Stockton. Prior to that, she held various human resources and administrative positions with the Hayward Unified School District.

"I want to lead Human Resources with integrity, compassion and purpose while supporting employees and helping create a city and community where people thrive at work, enjoy where they live and feel proud to raise their families," said Rivas.

Rivas holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and a Human Resources Management Certificate from the University of Phoenix. Her first day on the job will be June 1.

The City of Elk Grove currently employs nearly 500 individuals serving the community of Elk Grove. ★



New Human Resources Director Rosemary Rivas previously held that position in Stockton. Photo courtesy of City of Elk Grove

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Applications Open for 5th Annual Pitch Elk Grove



Applications are now open for startups across El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba, to take part in the Pitch Elk Grove competition which is designed for founders with working prototypes or Minimum Viable Products (MVPs). Photo courtesy of City of Elk Grove

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our 5th anniversary celebration, the city will be inviting past participants to attend Pitch Elk Grove and will formally recognize past winners during the program. In addition,

the city will be working to amplify their journeys since winning Pitch Elk Grove, highlighting how their businesses have grown, the milestones they've achieved, and the continued impact of

their participation in the program.

A Competition Built to Accelerate Startups

Pitch Elk Grove goes beyond a single pitch

event. Selected applicants move through a structured, multi-phase process designed to prepare them for investment and growth: A competitive application and vetting process; Virtual semi-final rounds with expert feedback; One-on-one mentorship and pitch coaching; and a live, "Shark Tank"-style finale.

Finalists will take the stage in front of an audience of business leaders, community members, and a panel of seasoned investors competing for a \$20,000 non-dilutive prize pool.

Building a Regional Innovation Hub

Pitch Elk Grove was created to address a critical gap in the regional startup ecosystem: access to early-stage capital, mentorship and visibility. By offering all three in a single, highly visible platform, the program is helping to redefine Elk Grove, and the greater

Sacramento region, as a destination for innovation.

Through cross-sector collaboration with regional partners such as Kaiser Permanente, Republic Services, and the Sacramento Business Journal, the program continues to grow its impact while strengthening connections between entrepreneurs, investors and the broader business community.

Real Results, Real Growth

Since its launch, Pitch Elk Grove has supported dozens of founders and contributed to the growth of companies across the region. Alumni have gone on to secure major partnerships, scale operations, and create jobs demonstrating the program's role as a catalyst for economic development.

The event also integrates workforce development and education, engaging local students in hands-on roles and exposing them to entrepreneurship as a viable career pathway, helping retain talent and build a

stronger local economy.

Apply Now

Entrepreneurs interested in participating in the 2026 Pitch Elk Grove competition are encouraged to apply by June 8. For eligibility requirements and application details, visit elkgrove.gov/pitchelkgrove.

The contest is proudly produced by the City of Elk Grove in collaboration with StartupSac, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting regional entrepreneurial success, and Explore Elk Grove, the city's official tourism marketing organization.

The Startup Elk Grove Incentive Program provides technical and financial assistance to launching and scaling technology and innovation-based startups, and to co-working and incubator facilities that support them.

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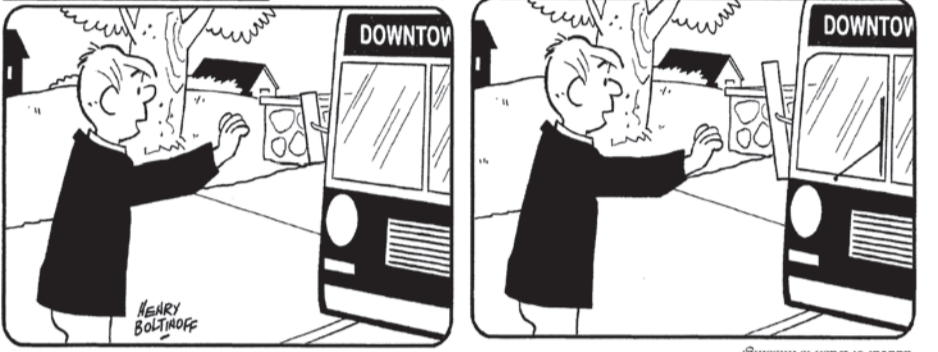
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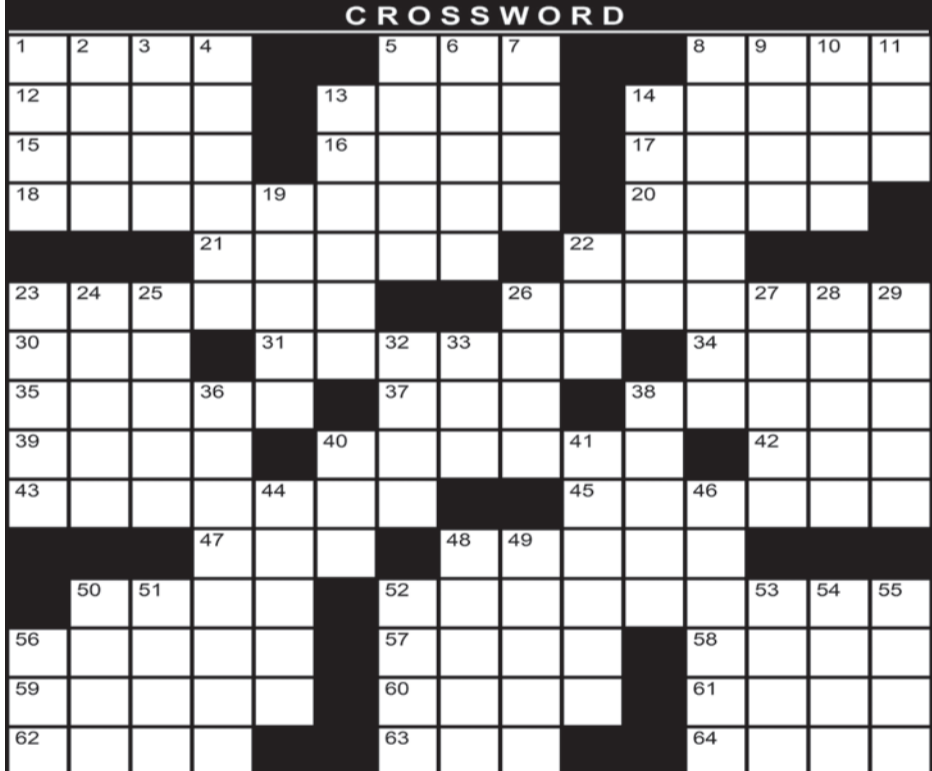
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Monster Jam Trucks to Bring Full-Throttle Entertainment

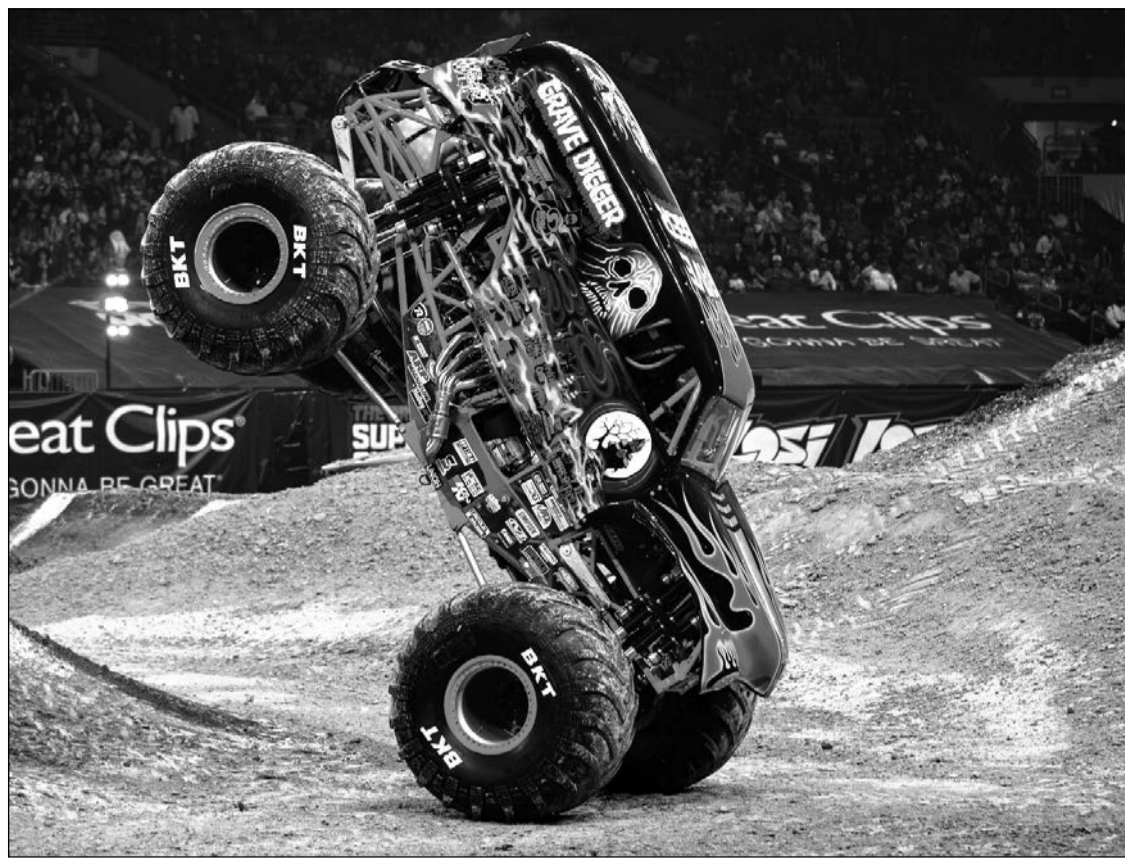
By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - With its massive custom-built trucks and world champion drivers, the live motorsport event Monster Jam comes roaring back into Golden 1 Center with two shows Saturday, Aug. 15 and one Sunday, Aug. 16. Young and old spectators are promised amazing stunts, big airs and action-packed excitement.

On the custom-built dirt track filled with obstacles, eight drivers will battle for the Summer Series Championship in three competitions: racing, two-wheel skills and fan favorite, freestyle. The audience themselves will be right in the middle of the action, helping to crown the Event Champion as they get to score the drivers in real time based on their skills, stunts and saves.

Both Saturday and Sunday morning, attendees have the chance to meet drivers for photos and autographs at the Monster Jam Pit Party. Then an hour before the event, the Monster Jam Trackside show features a competition preview, driver interviews, giveaways and more, finally culminating in the opening ceremonies and the start of the Monster Jam itself.

A limited availability post-event



Fan Favorite Monster Jam truck Grave Digger driven by Weston Anderson excites crowds with a two-wheel stunt.
Photos courtesy Monster Jam

experience offers an exclusive opportunity to meet and mingle with the drivers in a private space. This and access to the Monster Jam Pit Party are added costs.

The 12,000-pound Monster Jam

trucks measure 10.5 feet tall, 12.5 feet wide and 17 feet long. Their engines generate 1,500 horsepower due to a supercharger that forces air and fuel into the engine. Weighing 645 pounds each (with

wheel), the tires are 66 inches tall and 43 inches wide.

Alongside popular trucks like Grave Digger driven by Weston Anderson and 25th anniversary celebrating El Toro Loco driven

by MJ Solorio, Monster Jam also sees the Sacramento debut of Bailey Circuit, a truck inspired by Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's robotic pup and driven by Brianna Mahon.

Also scheduled to appear are Sparkle Splash driven by ChelseVanCleave, Earth Shaker driven by Alex Bardin, Thunder ROARus driven by Carson Williams, Jurassic Attack driven by Tim Hall, Jr. and Velociraptor driven by Travis Hall.

Much of the driver training is done at the Monster Jam University facility in Illinois, which offers realistic tracks and obstacles in order to prepare drivers for actual competition. Trainees work with specialists and veteran drivers learning truck operation, safety, public relations and more.

Tickets and special passes are now available for purchase online at www.ticketmaster.com or in-person at the Golden 1 Center box office. Standard tickets range between \$23.90 and \$76.60. Pit Party passes are \$20 and Post-Event passes cost \$40.

Visit www.monsterjam.com for more detailed information about the Sacramento Monster Jam event. ★



The Aug. 15 and 16 Monster Jam event at Golden 1 Center will see the Sacramento debut of Bailey Circuit, a collaboration between Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey and Monster Jam. The new truck is driven by Brianna Mahon.



The El Toro Loco truck (driven by MJ Solorio) has been part of the Monster Jam fleet for 25 years.

NFIB Details Weakening in the Labor Market

National Federation of Independent Business News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, released their April Jobs Report showing a softening in the employment market as the Small Business Employment Index fell 1.2 points to 100.4. This is the second month in a row the Index declined. The current reading is now below the 2025 average of 101.2, but slightly above the historical average of 100.0. This decline is indicative of weakening in the labor market, though the just-above-average level still suggests a balanced labor market.

NFIB's Jobs Report is a national survey of NFIB-member small-business owners, not broken down by state. The NFIB Small Business Employment Index is a new measure of the current state of the small business labor market. The Index integrates actual and planned changes in employment and employee compensation into a singular data point. A higher Index reflects an overall tighter labor market; a lower Index reflects an overall weaker labor market.

"Although the Jobs Report slipped a bit last month, the Index didn't fall below its historical average, meaning the small business economy seems to be showing a resiliency some thought it didn't have.



This decline is indicative of weakening in the labor market, though the just-above-average level still suggests a balanced labor market. Photo designed by Magnific

This is due in no small part, I believe, to Congress making the 20% Small Business Deduction permanent," said John Kabateck, state director for NFIB in California. "Sad to report that the California Legislature has been no help at all, erecting roadblock after roadblock to common sense policies. Proposals such as Senate Bill 84, giving small business owners a period to fix a workplace violation before getting sued,

and Senate Bill 981, giving the peoples' elected representatives a say in regulations adopted by state agencies (imagine that!), aren't getting any traction. Policymakers, especially in an election year, would be wise to heed the cries and calls of their constituents, instead of Sacramento special interests."

NFIB Chief Economist Bill added "Even in a month with a weaker Employment

Index, over half of small business owners reported hiring or trying to hire. A lack of qualified applicants has been a major hurdle for Main Street, and employers are struggling to fill open positions."

Other report findings include unfilled job openings remain above the historical average of 24%. 29% of small business owners have openings for skilled workers (up two points), and 13% have openings for unskilled labor (up one point). A seasonally adjusted net 13% of owners plan to create new jobs in the next three months, up one point from March and close to the average of net 11%, while a net 30% reported raising compensation in April, down three points from March. A net 18% (seasonally adjusted) of owners plan to raise compensation in the next three months, unchanged from March.

Keep up with the latest California small business news at www.nfib.com. Follow them on X @NFIB_CA and on Facebook @NFIB.CA.

For over 80 years, NFIB has been advocating on behalf of America's small and independent business owners, both in Washington, D.C., and in all 50 state capitols. NFIB is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, and member-driven association. Since its founding in 1943, NFIB has been exclusively dedicated to small and independent businesses and remains so today. For more information, please visit nfib.com. ★

April New Home Sales Rebound from March, North State BIA Reports

North State BIA News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - After two straight below-average months, new home sales in the greater Sacramento area showed a modest rebound in April, the North State Building Industry Association (BIA) reported today.

BIA-member homebuilders reported 553 sales during the month, 12 percent over the average number of sales for the month. April's total was up 14 percent from March and a 34 percent increase from the 414 sales reported in April 2025.

BIA President & CEO Tim Murphy said the above-average sales reflects a market still seeing strong demand for new homes.

"Despite the economic uncertainty created by the ongoing war in Iran, mortgage interest rates, while ticking up, remain below last year's levels, and the supply of existing homes remains significantly lower than usual. That makes new homes even more attractive alternatives," he said.

"People looking to buy today should definitely explore



People looking to buy today should definitely explore the more than 200 new home communities now open in our eight-country region - the most open since 2022 - to see what best meets their needs. Photo designed by Magnific

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Murphy noted that while affordability remains a challenge for any home purchase, many builders are offering incentive packages that make purchasing a new home more attainable.

And he called on state and local governments to enact reforms that will speed construction and reduce costs that are baked into purchase prices.

"Two steps that would make a huge difference would be to reduce the fees local governments charge builders, which today average around \$109,000 per home, and to speed up approvals. A six-month delay can add \$12,000 to \$13,000 to the price."

Roseville again was the hottest market in April with 97 sales, followed by Rancho Cordova (81), Sacramento (65), Lincoln (58) and Natomas (51).

There were 203 active communities at the end of the month in the region, which includes Amador, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. ★

Solaita Selected to Play for American Samoa National Volleyball Team

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sophomore outside hitter Keonahi'ilani Solaita has been selected to play for the American Samoa National Volleyball Team.

Solaita and the ASA National Team will compete in the South Pacific Games Qualifiers in Guam from Aug. 3-9. Should the team qualify, participation will continue at the 2027 South Pacific Games in Tahiti in the summer of 2027. In preparation for the international tournament, the team will train this June and July.

Solaita competed with the ASA National Team in July of 2025, where she helped the team win gold at the Pacific Mini Games in Palau. She was a six-rotation outside hitter for the team at every match during



Sophomore outside hitter Keonahi'ilani Solaita (No. 14) has been selected to play for the American Samoa National Volleyball Team. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

the tournament.

Last season with the Hornets, Solaita was named the Big Sky

Conference Freshman of the Year, becoming just the fourth Sacramento State player in the

program's 30-year history in the league to earn the honor. A six-rotation outside hitter, the

Hesperia, Calif., native started each of the final 23 matches of the season.

She averaged 2.06 kills, 1.81 digs and 2.46 points per set. In conference play, she lifted those numbers to 2.44 kills, 2.12 digs and 2.88 points per set. Solaita registered double figures in kills on eight occasions, including 14 in a Big Sky Tournament quarterfinal win over Portland State.

Solaita played a major role in Sacramento State finishing last season with a 20-10 overall record and 12-4 in league play. The team opens the 2026 season Aug. 28-30 when it competes at a three-day tournament hosted by Pepperdine in Malibu, Calif.

Solaita is one of three Hornets to play for an American Samoa National Team. She joins Lafulafu Malepeai (softball) and alum Ali Fuamatu-Ma'afala (soccer). ★

Connors Named 10th Best Returning Lineback

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Hero Sports has named UC Davis football linebacker Porter Connors the 10th-best returning linebacker among this year's batch in the Football Championship Subdivision, placing one of the best defenders in the nation squarely in the middle of a deep and talented Aggie defensive unit.

Already a three-time preseason All-American, Connors' 2025 campaign was cut short by injury after just four games, but in that short stretch he recorded 25 tackles (15 solo), two tackles for loss and the Aggie linebacker recovered one fumble. Against Utah Tech he made 10 total tackles, in what would be the first official game of the season, and he made eight tackles in the Aggie win over Southern Utah.

2024 acted as a breakout year for Connors, finishing that season with 86 total tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, one sack, three interceptions, four passes defensed, one fumble recovery and a defensive touchdown. Over his career Connors has



UC Davis football linebacker Porter Connors has been named 10th-best returning linebacker by Hero Sports among this year's batch in the Football Championship Subdivision. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

amassed 163 total tackles, he's snagged five interceptions, made 11.5 tackles for loss and he has recovered three fumbles.

UC Davis opens 2026 fall camp on July 29 and will kick off the 2026 season on

Aug. 29 in a Big Sky showdown at Portland State. The Aggies will open UC Davis Health Stadium on Sept. 19 when Stetson makes the cross-country trip to Davis.

Buy 2026 Season Tickets Season tickets start as

low as \$100 for new alumni (2017-26 UC Davis graduates) and \$140 for the general public. Fans can expect a large collection of perks that include priority access to postseason tickets, select away games and

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Baseball Trio Lands on WAC Postseason Honor Roll

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State senior right-hander Ethan Lay and junior outfielder Erick Dessens were named to the first team while freshman outfielder Sam Harry picked up second-team honors on May 19 as the Western Athletic Conference released its 2026 postseason honor roll according to a vote of the league's head coaches prior to first pitch of this year's league tournament.

All three players were honored by the WAC coaches for the first time in their respective careers.

The first-team awards for both Lay and Dessens gave the Hornets multiple first-team honorees for the second straight season (they had four in 2025) and the 11th time since 2012. Meanwhile, Harry becomes the first Sacramento State freshman to make the all-league team since both JP Smith and Wehiwa Aloy — who was also the WAC Freshman of the Year — in 2023.

Harry also becomes only the 10th Hornet freshman to earn all-league honors since 2006, joining first-teamers Chris Lewis (2013 Freshman of the Year), Sutter McLoughlin (2013), Parker Brahm (2017), JP Smith (2023), and second-teamers Jesse Darrah (2009), Rhys Hoskins (2012 Freshman of the Year), Sam Long (2014 Freshman of



Sacramento State senior right-hander Ethan Lay, junior outfielder Erick Dessens and freshman outfielder Sam Harry picked up second-team honors on May 19 as the Western Athletic Conference released its 2026 postseason honor roll. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

the Year), Keith Torres (2018) and Aloy.

Lay enters the WAC Tournament with a 4-3 record and a 3.57 ERA in 14 starts this season having struck out 85 batters in 80.2 innings while walking only 13 and holding opponents to a .255 average. One of 43 semifinalists for the College Baseball Foundation's National Pitcher of the Year award and a two-time WAC Pitcher of the Week in 2026, Lay leads the league in innings pitched and fewest walks allowed while standing second in strikeouts and fourth in both ERA and

average against.

Nationally, he also ranks No. 16 in the country in strikeout-to-walk ratio (6.54) and fewest walks per nine (1.45), while standing among the top 100 pitchers in the nation in strikeouts (No. 79) and WHIP (No. 97).

Dessens helped power the Hornet offense during the regular season to the tune of a .362 average and a .991 OPS, scoring 48 runs scored, collecting 16 doubles, and slugging 10 home runs while driving in 60. The WAC Player of the Week on April 6, Dessens has racked up 84 hits

— which are two shy of breaking into the school's single-season top 10 and ranks No. 9 in the NCAA — and stands among the league's top 10 in seven different offensive categories.

His RBI total for the year has him in a tie for 10th with three other Hornet greats on the school's single-season list while his 16 doubles are three back and his 25 multi-hit games are one shy of a spot in those respective top 10's.

Harry enters the postseason ranked third on the team with a .326 average, slugging .487 on the year with a .408 on-base

percentage as Sacramento State's lead-off threat atop the order. He has scored a team-high 52 runs, collected a team-high 17 doubles as part of his 73 hits this year, and driven in 34. His 52 runs are four shy of a seven-way tie for 10th on the school's single-season chart, while his 17 doubles are two back of a spot in the top 10.

He ranks among the top 10 in the WAC in doubles, hits and runs scored, entering the conference tournament on an eight-game hitting streak, batting .361 with nine runs scored, four doubles, and six RBI in that stretch. ★