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College Honors Native Americans

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Story and photos by Keith Burbank

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Native Americans and people from other cultures celebrated Native American Heritage Week at Cosumnes River College Nov. 6 with a vendor and community resource fair.

Groups participated to educate students and the public about Native American culture, help Native American students succeed in college and afterward and honor them, too.

"We really wanted it to be a celebration so that Native students saw that we honor them, and we honor the continued tribal nations," said Shaina Philpot, director of the Native American Student Support and Success Program at the college.

Philpot is also a member of the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians and wore a ribbon skirt and earrings reflecting Native American culture.

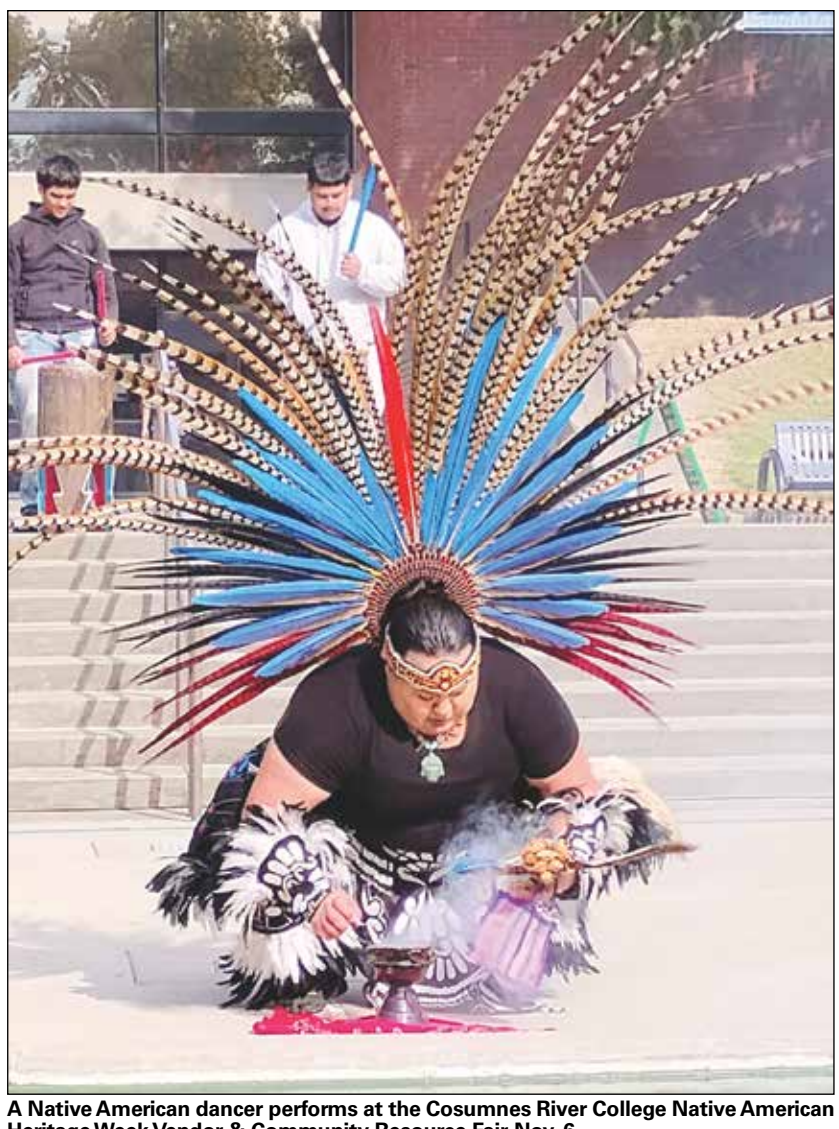
"We're really excited to be in collaboration with all of those folks and have the celebration," Philpot added.

Native Sisters Circle was one of the groups represented at the fair and a nonprofit the serves tribal youth.

"We're building leadership," said founder and CEO Leticia Aguilar, who is member of the Pinoleville Pomo Nation, a federally recognized tribe.

Native Sisters Circle is helping Native American youth build confidence in their identity, too, which is important, she said.

Native Sisters Circle meets Native American youth where they are, since they might be from different tribes, Aguilar said, and helps break generational trauma. The youth educate the group's leaders, too, she said.



A Native American dancer performs at the Cosumnes River College Native American Heritage Week Vendor & Community Resource Fair Nov. 6.

Unfortunately, sometimes educators fail at teaching about Native American culture, Aguilar added.

We are very much a thriving community," she said. "Our traditions are not a thing of the past."

Indeed, Alex Diaz was helping his wife Luna Juarez – who is Apache and Mexican – sell items at the fair. Ribbonskirt dolls, obsidian knives and tomahawks were on sale as well as dreamcatchers and rawhide rattles.

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Movie Challenges Racism, Hatred

Elk Grove Musician Composes Score

By Keith Burbank

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - A well-known Elk Grove musician has composed the score for a Punjabi-English action film due in theaters Nov. 13. The film is based on true events.

Neil Nayyar, 21, who the Elk Grove Citizen has published stories about before, has extended his music repertoire with compositions for the movie EK Onkar.

Nayyar composed the background score and a rap song called Shadow for the movie. He wrote the lyrics for the song and arranged the song for the film, he said.

"This is my first film I have ever got to work on in my career," said Nayyar, who can play 140 instruments.

Nayyar was playing 44 instruments by the time he was 12 years old and 107 by the time he was 13, he said.

A visit with Jennifer Hudson and a tour of Warner Bros. studios are what inspired him to become a film composer, he said.



Ek Oknar, which means one god, is about racism, hatred, love, humanity and compassion. Photo) courtesy of Kavi Raz Studios

Ek Oknar, which means one god, is about racism, hatred, love, humanity and compassion, said actor and filmmaker Kavi Raz, by email.

The movie tells the story of "a family deeply rooted in their faith" struggling "to overcome the death of their young daughter," Raz said. "Their son, feeling responsible for that death, struggles with his own existence and faith in God."

The children's parents work to guide their son back to the family's faith and to accepting God's will to avoid another tragedy, Raz said.

"I was drawn towards the subject of 'Ek Onkar' (One God) by the tragic events of the 2012 Wisconsin Sikh temple massacre of six innocent worshippers by a white supremacist," Raz said. "In view of the current wave of racism and hatred directed towards those who don't fit the ill-conceived MAGA mold, it makes Ek Onkar relevant and timely."

Raz faced racism and hatred growing up in a small town in England, he said.

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Robles Extends Lead

By Keith Burbank

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Incumbent Sergio Robles continues to lead in the City Council race here against challenger Peggy Parks, according to unofficial election results Nov. 6 from the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections office.

Robles extended his lead since the initial results were released Nov. 4, to 64.3% of the votes from 63.5%. Robles has 5,375 votes to Parks' 2,989 in the latest available tally in the race for the District 4 seat.

Parks' vote total dropped to 35.7% from 36.5%.

Parks wants to be more available, accessible and transparent to her constituents, she said. She would hold office hours when residents could speak with her and she would like to have a town hall meeting on Flock cameras.

"I want to support the people of Elk Grove," she said.

Participants get three minutes to speak at City Council meetings, Parks said, and the only response they get is some form of written communication.

"There's never any give and take," she said.

Parks would at her office hours listen to what residents say and then speak for them.

"I want to start being the voice of the people," she said.

Robles wants to build on his work, he said, which has included the creation of a downpayment assistance program for moderate-income homebuyers.

That would mean finding a contractor who will build homes priced for moderate-income buyers, he said.

He also wants to draw a larger employer to the city, such as a healthcare provider or school, he said, and have something like Sacramento's Aggie Square built. And he wants to encourage more mom-and-pop businesses to open in the city, he said.

An aim, he said, is to provide affordable homes in Elk Grove where children want return to following college graduation.

Two other City Council races were decided before the election.

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen and District 2 City Council member Rod Brewer were the only nominees to their respective offices and were appointed to those offices by resolution. Neither appeared on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Singh-Allen will serve a two-year term as mayor while Brewer's term is four years. The District 4 seat is a four-year term, too.

The tally of votes in the Nov. 3 election is

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Juarez was at the fair "to share the native spirit and to enjoy our culture," she said, and to make a little money.

But to Aguilar, it goes beyond that. Native American peoples still eat traditional foods, she said, and they are still fighting for their rights.

"We're not going nowhere," she said. "You hear us but you're not taking action."

Aguilar was disappointed Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed Assembly Bill 1881, which, she said, would have given Native Americans access to land to gather resources.

"It comes down to our survival," Aguilar said.

"Sacred sites gathering places, waters, plants, and ceremonial materials are not merely resources; they are relatives and responsibilities that sustain Indigenous cultural identity and community wellbeing," according to Indigenous Justice, the sponsor of the bill.



Alex Diaz works in a tent at the Cosumnes River College Native American Heritage Week Vendor & Community Resource Fair Nov. 6, from which he and his wife were selling Native American goods.

The bill aimed to reduce bureaucratic barriers preventing tribes from practicing their spiritual traditions and would ensure Native voices are heard when decisions are made affecting their sacred sites, according to CalMatters.

"I am sympathetic to the goals of this measure," Newsom said in his letter vetoing the bill. "However, this legislation's proposed framework could have far-reaching impacts on the basic operations of state government and the management of state property, and this uncertainly calls for further discussion and review."

He encouraged Assemblymember James Ramos, D-San Bernadino, to refine the bill's concepts and have state agencies be part of the work. ★



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"Ek Onkar is an examination of that hatred," he said.

The movie is about what hatred "does to the heart and soul of man when engulfed by such indoctrination, falling so deep into the cesspool of detestation, that it makes it impossible to climb back out," Raz added.

But the movie, too, is "about the oneness of humanity and that we are all created equal in God's vision," Raz said.

"At the core of this film are the beliefs and teachings of the Sikh faith that speaks of that equality in volumes."

Raz declined to give away the ending.

"There is a moment in time and space in the film, when forces of good and evil do meet and are tested on the anvil of faith," he said. "Throughout the film these forces keep crossing paths but never interact, until that fateful moment in the end." ★

Recruitment for the 2027-28 Sac County Civil Grand Jury Opens Soon

Sacramento County Grand Jury News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Civil Grand Jury is appointed to provide oversight of Sacramento County, its cities, public schools, including community colleges and special district agencies and operations. The Grand Jury also investigates complaints submitted by the public and issues reports of its findings. Past Grand Jury reports and government responses can be found online at https://sacgrandjury.org/reports.aspx.

The Civil Grand Jury is also authorized to hear criminal indictments as needed, and is tasked with visiting regional detention facilities, along with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office Crime Lab and the Sacramento County Coroner's Office. Nineteen Sacramento County residents and 11 alternates will be selected from among qualified applicants. The one-year term for volunteer jurors runs from July 1, 2027, to June 30, 2028.

"Serving on the Grand Jury has been a fantastic experience. It gives you, as a County resident, an opportunity to review and investigate your local government, school and special district operations, and then provide recommendations to improve their service to your community," Dave Comerchero, Foreperson, 2026-27 County of Sacramento Grand Jury.

To serve on the Grand Jury, you must be a U.S. citizen 18 years of age or older, a resident of Sacramento County for at least one year and available for 20 to 30 hours a week. Applicants must also be able to speak, read and write the English language.

The application period opens Nov. 20 and the deadline to apply is Dec. 31 to be considered. The 2026-27 Grand Jury will be empaneled in June 2027. Grand Jurors receive a small stipend for their volunteer work.

For more information about the Sacramento County Grand Jury, applicant criteria and how to apply, visit https://sacgrandjury.org/apply.aspx. ★

County Sandbag Locations Open



Due to the growing concern of what El Nino may bring to the area, residents who believe their property will be in danger of potential flooding are encouraged to get sandbags now before rain falls. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Department of Water Resources (DWR) has opened three sandbag locations for residents in the unincorporated areas. County DWR continues its annual winter operation to help residents Be Aware and Be Prepared in the event of flooding in their neighborhoods.

Due to the growing concern of what El Nino may bring to the area, residents who believe their property will be in danger of potential flooding are encouraged to get sandbags now before rain falls.

As in previous years, three main locations are now open including Branch Center, 3847 Branch Center Rd.; Orangevale Community Center, 6826 Hazel Ave.; Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Station #116, 7995 Elwyn Ave.

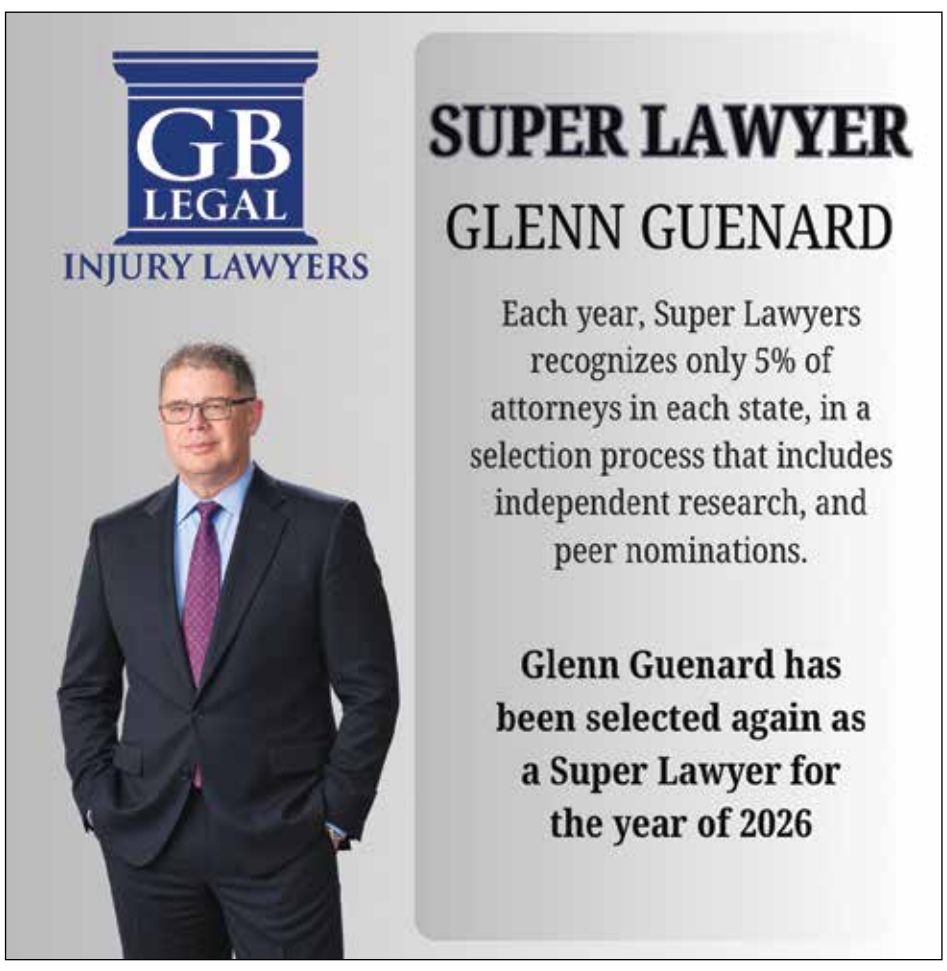
Last year, 308 tons of sand were scooped up and placed into 23,000 bags by Sacramento County residents between the various sandbag locations. During a storm event, if the conditions worsen and flooding become a larger concern, the department can deliver sand to six more sandbag locations that are on standby around the unincorporated parts of the County.

Do you have old sandbags from last winter? Get rid of them and get new bags. The older ones have deteriorated due to sitting out in the summer sun and won't provide the best protection. Get new bags to make sure you are prepared this winter.

Before the rain falls, residents are also encouraged to clear storm drains of trash and debris to reduce the chance of street flooding. During the storm, residents living near creeks and streams can use the County ALERT system to monitor rising streams in the unincorporated areas.

County DWR supplies the sand and bags, paid for by stormwater utility fees, but residents will need to bring a shovel. There is a 20-bag limit per visit. Residents not living in the unincorporated areas of the County will need to check with their cities for sandbag information. The public can visit www.stormready.org for more information on locations and other flood related topics. ★







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The following arrests were reported by the Elk Grove Police Department. All individuals are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Nov. 3

12:26 p.m., Grant Line Road/Survey Road, Elk Grove police arrested Leandro Guardadochavez, 20, on warrant charges.

10:30 p.m., 8200 block of Calvine Road, Elk Grove police arrested Juaquan Johnson, 32, on warrant charges.

Nov. 4

10:40 a.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove police arrested Oleg Shmarev, 46, on DUI charges.

4:53 p.m., East Stockton Boulevard/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove police arrested Zachary Brown, 37, on warrant charges.

6:08 p.m., confidential, Elk Grove police arrested Tamikka Smith, 47, on domestic violence charges.

Nov. 5

3:05 a.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove police arrested Robert Benson, 51, on warrants charges.

8:46 p.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove police arrested Steven Dowell, 63, on DUI charges.

Nov. 6

12:55 p.m., confidential, Elk Grove police arrested Oghenetega Okora, 35, on charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

5:57 p.m., Whitelock Parkway/Franklin High Road, Elk Grove police arrested Kenna Toney, 57, on DUI charges.

Nov. 7

9 a.m., confidential, Elk Grove police arrested Aloni Thomas, 21, on domestic violence charges.

9:37 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove police arrested, Sebastian Oduni, 76, on DUI charges.

Nov. 8

3:16 a.m., Calvine Road/Night Sail Drive, Elk Grove police arrested Darell Wellington, 22, on DUI charges.

2:48 p.m., 9100 block of East Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove police arrested Dominic Lima, 35, on warrant charges. ★

Police Warn of Impersonation Scam

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove police are warning residents about fraudulent phone calls from scammers impersonating police department personnel and demanding money.

The Elk Grove Police Department said in a social media statement it has received reports of callers pretending to be law enforcement officers in an effort to solicit payments from residents.

Police emphasized that department personnel will not call residents and ask them to send money.

Scammers may try to create a sense of urgency by claiming a resident or family member has an outstanding warrant, owes money or could face arrest unless payment is made immediately, according to the department.

Police advised residents not to send money or provide personal information to anyone who makes an unsolicited call claiming to be a police officer. That includes Social Security numbers, banking information, passwords and verification codes.

Residents should also be cautious even when caller ID appears to show a legitimate law enforcement number. Scammers can use technology to spoof phone numbers and make a call appear to come from an official agency.



Police emphasized that department personnel will not call residents and ask them to send money. Photo courtesy of the Elk Grove Police Department

Anyone unsure whether a call is legitimate should hang up and contact the Elk Grove Police Department directly using an official, publicly listed phone number rather than a number provided by the caller.

Residents who receive suspicious calls are encouraged not to engage with the caller or follow payment instructions.

The department is asking people to report suspected scam calls by calling 916-714-5115.

Police also encouraged residents to share the warning with family members, friends and neighbors, particularly those who may be more vulnerable to phone scams. ★


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Sacramento County Prepares for Strong El Niño Winter



During the Nov. 3 Board of Supervisors meeting, the County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) presented its preparations for the upcoming storm season and what residents can do to prepare. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With a strong El Niño expected this winter, Sacramento County is preparing for heavy rainfall, flooding and severe winter storms.

During the Nov. 3 Board of Supervisors meeting, the County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) presented its preparations for the upcoming storm season and what residents can do to prepare.

The presentation featured information from weather experts at the National Weather Service (NWS) Sacramento office and Sacramento County OES, explaining what El Niño could mean for the region, how weather patterns are monitored and how residents can stay informed and safe.

While El Niño increases the likelihood of a wet winter, it does not guarantee one. County officials encourage residents to prepare for winter weather regardless of the forecast, since even one major storm can cause flooding and other impacts.

Understanding El Niño and what it could mean for Sacramento County

We talked to the National Weather Service (NWS) about what to expect and why forecasters are predicting the potential for heavy rainfall and flooding this year.

NWS Meteorologist Courtney Carpenter explains that understanding this year's forecast starts with understanding the natural weather pattern.

"El Niño is the warm phase of a climate pattern called El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO), which occurs in the tropical Pacific Ocean. Normally, strong winds along the Equator push warm ocean water west toward Asia. During El Niño, those winds weaken, allowing warmer water to shift east toward the Americas. This releases heat and moisture into the atmosphere and can change the position of the jet stream, which helps steer weather systems across North America. El Niño is not a storm or an atmospheric river. It is a climate pattern that can influence weather conditions around the world," said Carpenter.

She explained why this year's El Niño is expected to be stronger and potentially wetter than usual.

"This year's event is on track to be very strong and potentially record-breaking, with ocean temperatures in the tropical Pacific several degrees warmer than average. Warmer ocean temperatures can contribute more heat and moisture to the atmosphere, increasing the potential for heavier rainfall and stronger storm systems along the West Coast," said Carpenter.

NWS uses weather models, satellite imagery, radar and thousands of observations to monitor conditions and forecast winter storms.

This information helps forecasters issue alerts for hazardous weather, including flooding, high winds, fog and thunderstorms. NWS also works closely with local emergency management agencies, including Sacramento County OES, to help communities prepare for and respond to hazardous weather.

How Sacramento County is Preparing

The County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) works closely with NWS and local agencies to prepare for potential flooding and other winter weather emergencies.

Chief of Emergency Services, Mary Jo Flynn explained how the County prepares and what residents can do to keep themselves and their families safe.

"Our office brings together representatives from cities, special districts and nonprofit organizations to discuss potential emergency scenarios and the resources and services each can provide. This helps everyone understand what resources are available and how to access them during an emergency," said Flynn.

Residents can take several steps to prepare for winter weather. Register for emergency alerts or update your information at Ready.SacCounty.gov. You can also follow updates from Sacramento County OES, the Department of Water Resources at StormReady.org, the National Weather Service Sacramento office and local radio and television news.

"It's also important to check in with family members and neighbors and discuss how you can share information and help one another if flooding, downed trees or power outages occur," said Flynn.

With more than 20 years of experience in emergency services, Flynn said preparation can make a significant difference.

"Knowing what to expect and having a plan for how to respond are just as important as having supplies available in case you lose power or need to evacuate. People genuinely try to help one another during emergencies. Neighbors, nonprofits and faith-based organizations all play an important role. There are many ways to volunteer, but one of the most effective is to sign up in advance with an organization such as the Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps," said Flynn.

Residents should also have a plan for contacting and reuniting with family and friends, consider obtaining flood insurance and making copies of important documents to keep in a waterproof location.

Learn more about Preparing for El Niño

While no one can predict exactly how El Niño will affect Sacramento County this winter, residents can take steps now to prepare for potential storms and flooding.

Watch the County's El Niño presentation to learn more about the climate pattern, potential impacts on the region and how to prepare for the upcoming winter storm season: agendanet.saccounty.gov/ BoardofSupervisors/ Meetings ViewMeeting ?id=10243& doctype=1 ★

Sites Reservoir Clears Major Milestone

Decision advances landmark project to strengthen California's water supply and resilience

Sites Reservoir News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In a unanimous decision Nov. 4, the State Water Resources Control Board approved the water right decision and permit for the Sites Reservoir Project, marking a major milestone that clears a path for the project to move forward after decades of planning.

The decision reflects a careful balance that preserves the project's viability and ability to deliver the statewide benefits Californians have long envisioned from Sites Reservoir.

"This is an important day for Sites Reservoir and for California," said Fritz Durst, chair of the Sites Project Authority Board of Directors. "Sites has been decades in the making, and today we are closer than ever to making it a reality. Sites is a 21st century solution for 21st century problems. With this decision, we're ready to move forward and turn years of planning into action."



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The State Board's decision follows an extensive public water right proceeding and decades of planning and collaboration among the Authority, its local, state and federal partners, and participating water agencies across California. The decision and permit provide greater clarity around the conditions under which Sites Reservoir will operate, including its ability to divert and store water when Sacramento River flows are high.

That certainty provides the critical foundation the Authority and participating agencies need to make significant, long-term funding commitments to the Project. With the water right decision and permit in place, the Authority is positioned to advance the Sites Reservoir Project toward construction.

"Our focus has always been on developing a Sites Reservoir Project that is affordable, permittable and buildable," said Jerry Brown, executive director of the Sites Project Authority. "Reaching this point has taken sustained collaboration with our partners across California. The water right decision puts us in a strong position to move the Project toward construction."

Sites Reservoir is an innovative, off-stream water storage project designed to capture water when Sacramento River flows are high and store it for drier periods. The Project would provide more reliable water supplies for communities, farms and businesses while creating dedicated storage for the environment and benefits for fish, migratory birds and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Sites Reservoir is a 1.5 million acre-foot, off-stream reservoir proposed north of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that would improve California's water reliability and resiliency in drier years for farms, families, fish, and fowl. The Project is backed by a broad coalition of cities, counties, water agencies, and irrigation districts across California, as well as the State of California through the Water Storage Investment Program and the federal government under the 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act. Additional information can be found at www.sitesproject.org or on Facebook, Instagram, and X at @SitesProject. ★

California Contractors Board Takes 73 Enforcement Actions

Contractors State License Board News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) recently completed a combined 39 separate stings and sweeps resulting in 73 enforcement actions across the state, part of a coordinated, multi-state initiative organized by the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA). California was one of 15 states that participated in the effort to crack down on unlicensed activity and protect consumers.

CSLB partnered with local law enforcement to conduct enforcement operations, known as stings and sweeps, to combat unlicensed activity and address compliance. Unlicensed individuals often seek to take advantage of consumers by offering services without the legally required licenses or workers' compensation insurance, leaving homeowners responsible for any accidents or damages that occur.

"Unlicensed activity often crosses state lines and NASCLA's coordinated effort sends a unified message about the consequences and risks of unlicensed activity," said CSLB Registrar David Fogt. "CSLB will continue to advance consumer protection and we are grateful for our partners who share in our mission to protect consumers."

CSLB conducted stings, which are undercover operations, in three counties. During the three undercover stings, investigators contacted suspected unlicensed individuals through advertisements. The individuals arrived at designated locations to bid on various projects ranging from $1,100 to $35,000 for various construction projects. As a result, 25 misdemeanor Notices to Appear in criminal court citations for unlicensed contracting and illegal advertising were issued, 10 administrative citations were filed, and six individuals will be referred to district attorney's offices for review and possible prosecution for contracting without a license.

California laws prohibit unlicensed contractors from bidding and/or contracting on any project that requires a building permit or where employee labor is used, or when the project is valued at $1,000 or more in combined labor and material costs.

CSLB conducted sweep operations in 18 counties. These operations included 182 site visits, 11 cases referred to local district attorneys, 13 licensee citations, six non-licensee citations, and two Letters of Admonishment. Separately, CSLB also issued 11 stop work orders and 20 advisory notices.

Individuals that received citations were provided with information to encourage licensure and compliance.

For more information about CSLB or to report suspected unlicensed activity, visit www.cslb.ca.gov or call 1-800-321-CSLB (2752). ★

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.

Elk Grove Presbyterian Events

Rev. Carla Dietz welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 am. Our church is located at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn Blvd. The church has open Communion the first Sunday of the month.

Additionally, on that Sunday we bring non-perishable food for Elk Grove Food Services.

For more information, Rev. Dietz can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or Email: EGPCPastor@gmail.com.

Grace Church Hosts Celebrate Recovery

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

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

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. More at FieldOfHopeUCC.org.

St. Maria Goretti 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.

More at (916) 647-4538 or visitSMGCC.net. ★

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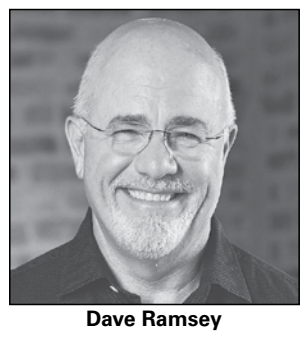
preliminary. The next update from the elections office will be late Nov. 10 and then every Tuesday and Thursday until the election is certified.

The election can be certified no earlier than Dec. 1. An additional update will be released Nov. 16.

Look for updates to the race online at egcitizen.com. ★



Sergio Robles continues to lead in the El Grove City Council. Photo courtesy of City of Elk Grove



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says

Bad Things Happen When You Don't Save Money!

Dear Dave,

How important is saving money when you're young and have a good income? If you're just saving it, you're not really doing anything with it, right? So, what good is money if you don't actually use it for something?

– Garrett

Dear Garrett,

I'm going to shoot straight with you. It worries me that you seem to think that you're not doing anything with your money when you save it. Saving money is one of the most important things you can do with your money, because when you save you're planning for the future *and* the unexpected.

Retirement may seem long way off right now, but think for a second how it would feel to have worked your entire life only to end up broke by the time you're 65. If that thought doesn't scare you, it should. Have you ever seen someone that age, or even older, sweeping floors in a fast food restaurant? Wrangling carts in the rain outside a shopping center? In most cases, it's not because they love the job and meeting people. They're doing it because they have to in order to make ends meet. Why? Because they did not plan for the future and *save some money.*

Let's talk about a few other things. How will you get by if you're laid off, or fired, from your job if you haven't saved any money? What if your air conditioning unit goes out and needs to be replaced? Long story short, bad things happen when people are foolish enough not to save money.

Do you get my point, Garrett? Saving is doing something with your money. It's one of the most important things you can ever do with your money!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a nine-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

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Elk Grove Offers Trash Bill Discount for Qualifying Households

By MPG Staff



The City of Elk Grove's Lifeline Rate Assistance program is available to residents who are currently enrolled in SMUD's Energy Assistance Program. Photo courtesy of the City of Elk Grove

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Some Elk Grove households enrolled in SMUD's Energy Assistance Program may also qualify for a 20% discount on the garbage portion of their city utility bill.

The City of Elk Grove's Lifeline Rate Assistance program is available to residents who are currently enrolled in SMUD's Energy Assistance Program. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

To apply, residents must complete the city's Rate Assistance application and provide a copy of their current SMUD bill to verify enrollment in the energy assistance program.

Completed applications and supporting documents can be emailed to cashierservices@elkgrove.gov or mailed to City of Elk Grove, Cashier Services — Rate Assistance, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758.

The discount applies specifically to the garbage portion of a household's utility bill.

Participation in the assistance program does not change other requirements associated with the account. Customers remain responsible for any applicable deposits and late fees, and accounts may still be subject to service suspension for nonpayment.

Residents interested in applying can download the Rate Assistance application through the City of Elk Grove's website. Information about SMUD's Energy Assistance Program is also available through SMUD for households that want to determine whether they qualify for that program.

The city encourages eligible residents already receiving SMUD energy assistance to apply for the additional garbage service discount. ★

Richard Cervantes Campa Sworn in as CHP Officer

California Highway Patrol News Release



Richard Cervantes Campa of Stockton, California has successfully completed cadet training at the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Academy. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Richard Cervantes Campa of Stockton has successfully completed cadet training at the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Academy. He is assigned to duty at the CHP's North Sacramento Area office.

Officer Campa graduated from Stockton Early College Academy in 2018 and then attended San Joaquin Delta College. He served as a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) specialist in the California Army National Guard for seven years, attaining the rank of staff sergeant. He counts completing the U.S. Army Air Assault School among his proudest achievements. Officer Campa is passionate about helping others and chose to join the CHP as the ultimate way to serve his home state.

At the CHP Academy, cadet training starts with nobility in policing, leadership, professionalism, ethics, and cultural diversity. Training also includes mental illness response and crisis intervention techniques. Cadet instruction covers patrol operations, crash investigation, first aid, and the arrest of suspected violators, including those who drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The cadets also receive training in traffic control, report writing, recovery of stolen vehicles, assisting the motoring public, issuing citations, emergency scene management and knowledge of various codes, including the Vehicle Code, Penal Code and Health and Safety Code.

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide the highest level of safety, service and security. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Continuing through Saturday, Dec. 26

15th Annual Small Treasures Show and Sale

At the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. This sale is an important fundraising event supporting the Center's gallery and exhibitions, monthly art classes, educational outreach programs, and the annual Elk Grove Festival of the Arts. Guests may also enjoy our Holiday Fundraising Raffle with an opportunity to win a holiday-themed piece of original artwork. The Center is open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101.

Continuing through Sunday, Nov. 22

"Into the Woods"

Various times, at the Black Box Theatre at Cosumnes River College. Classic fairy tales collide as Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (and his beanstalk), a Witch, a very resilient cow, and other denizens of a far-off kingdom go in search of what they most want only to discover that getting what you want isn't always a dream come true. Tickets and more information available at crc.losrios.edu/campus-life. 8401 Center Parkway, Sacramento.

Friday, Nov. 13 and Saturday, Nov. 14

"Back to the Future: The Musical Jr."

7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. shows Saturday, at Cosumnes Oaks High School Performing Arts Center. Musical Mayhem Productions is proud to present this Pilot production of a brand-new Junior Musical based on the hit movie. Tickets and more information at mmp.ludus.com. 8350 Lotz Parkway.

Saturday, Nov. 14

Drive-Thru Animal Vaccine Clinic

8 a.m. to 11 a.m. by appointment only at the Elk Grove Animal Shelter. No cost for eligible Elk Grove residents. Registration opens 2 weeks prior to event and appointments are first-come, first-served. 9150 Union Park Way.

Elk Grove Lions' 2nd Saturday Pancake Breakfast

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Gil Albiani Recreation Center. The Lions will serve all-you-can-eat pancakes along with a side of scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage and fruit. $10 for adults and $5 for kids 12 and under. 8830 Sharkey Ave.

Bufferlands Tones of Fall

9 a.m. to noon. Come join Bufferlands Biologists on a 1- to 2-mile hike, as we pursue the sights and sounds of the fall season. During our walk, we hope to see and hear waterfowl, shorebirds and other wildlife. As we walk the trails, we can view the changes taking place within our riparian trees and wetland plants as they prepare for the cold and damp winter. Advance registration is required for this free event as space is limited. Register by contacting Chris Conard at conardc@sacsewer.com. Location details will be emailed to registered participants ahead of the event.

Holiday Sip & Stroll

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at McConnell Estates. Spend your Saturday night holiday shopping from local vendors in our barn while sipping on our estate-grown wines. Tickets are $10, which includes a free glass of wine. Tickets will be sold at the door, please bring cash if you did not purchase your ticket online.10686 W. Stockton Blvd.

Wednesday, Nov. 18

CRC Music Midday Matinee: Jazz Band

12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. or Commercial Music Ensemble, 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., both in the Café Quad (between the cafeteria and bookstore), Cosumnes River College. Join us for free outdoor performances. 8401 Center Parkway, Sacramento.

Friday, Nov. 20 and Saturday, Nov. 21

"Mary Poppins, Jr."

7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. shows Saturday, at Cosumnes Oaks High School Performing Arts Center. Musical Mayhem Productions is proud to present this story about the jack-of-all trades, Bert, who introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again. Tickets and more information at mmp.ludus.com. 8350 Lotz Parkway.

Saturday, Nov. 21

Holiday Craft Faire

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Senior Center of Elk Grove. Our elves are at it again – they've made so much stuff. Lovingly handmade knit items, food items, stocking stuffers, hats, scarves, and more. Plus, more than 40 vendors will be selling their fabulous items. One-stop shopping for everyone on your list. We ho-ho-hope to see you there. 8230 Civic Center Dr., #140.

Holiday Wreath Workshop

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Killdeer Farms. Join us in the barn for a relaxed holiday wreath workshop with Brenda Rinard of Brenda's Midtown Flowers. Using fresh evergreens, pinecones, and an assortment of natural and dried botanical materials, you'll create a beautiful, one-of-a-kind wreath to carry your home from autumn into the holiday season. $95 per person – learn more and reserve your spot at killdeerfarms.co./community-events. 4951 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento.

Thrive through the Holidays: Metabolic Reset Brunch

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Wilton. Come join us for a fun, festive morning filled with great food, inspiration, connection, and a little creativity. We'll be sharing simple, realistic tips to help you enjoy the holiday season without completely losing sight of your health goals. You'll enjoy lean and green dishes to sample and recipes to take home, simple ways to support a healthy body and healthy mind, a fun holiday craft to make and take home, brunch, laughter, and community. RSVP to Cheri Knight at fitwithcheri@gmail.com or 916-752-6830 for location.

Thursday, Nov. 26

Elk Grove Gobble Wobble 5K Run/Walk

8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Before your Thanksgiving feast, come out and "race for the babies" by running, walking, or wobbling your way to the finish line of this family-friendly 5k event. Your participation in this event supports the mission of "Chicks in Crisis", a non-profit 501(c)3, helping families cross the finish line through pregnancy, parenting, adoption, and educational services. Register, volunteer or donate at chicksincrisis.org. 8280 Longleaf Dr.

Ongoing Events

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

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

Caregiver Coffee

10:30 a.m. the third Saturday each month at Elk Grove United Methodist Church. This is open to all as a way to share experiences in caregiving as well as resources. For more information, contact Ruth at 916-509-1414. Next meeting will be Saturday, Nov. 21. 8986 Elk Grove Blvd.

Elk Grove Certified Farmers Market

Every Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon at 8245 Laguna Blvd.

Rotary Club of Elk Grove

Every Wednesday for lunch at noon, The Park at Laguna Springs, 9670 Laguna Springs Drive. More information at elkgroverotary.org.

Sunday Gather Market

8 a.m. to noon every Sunday through March 28 at HomeGrown Inc. Microgreens & Farmers Market. 9120 Elk Grove Blvd.

Widowed Persons Social Club

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

Wilton Bingo

First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, Dec. 5 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, 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, Nov. 13: Explore and learn play group, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH) Teen space, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (EG) Teen space, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (NW) STEAM for kids, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (F)

Thursday, Nov. 19: Family story time, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (EG) Adult space, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (VH)

Friday, Nov. 20: Explore and learn play group, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. (EG) Family movie time, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. We will be watching "Brother Bear", rated G, while we enjoy snacks and beading crafts. (F)

Saturday, Nov. 21: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F)

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

Veterans Meetings

American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units – fourth 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. EXCEPTION: November meeting will be the third Thursday, Nov. 19, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. No meeting in December.

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturday each month at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99). 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.

Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 has a Rider's Chapter #233 that meets at District 56. Point of contact is Steven Hernandez at shernandez64@comcast.net. Any member of the Legion, Sons and/or Auxiliary who has a motorcycle is welcome to join. 8230 Civic Center Dr.

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. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

No Win but Progress

By V.G. Harris

It has been said the journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step. It's just possible that the Sacramento Kings took that first step against the Miami Heat on Sunday night.

As the Heat ultimately bested the Kings by the score of 114-108, one might ask how a person can say you took a positive step when you just walked away with a defeat.

While 1st round draft choice Darius Acuff Jr. chalked up a 32-point 10 assist night, the Sacramento Kings overcame a 16-point deficit in the 2nd half to tie the score at 95 points apiece with 6 minutes remaining in the game.

No, the Kings did not close it out, and that remains an element yet to be learned. But suffice it to say, Sacramento kept their faithful fans engaged, and for more than a second gave the Golden One fans a reason to get excited.

Without debate, Giannis Antetokounmpo and Bam Adebayo are genuine NBA superstars and combined with a talented defensive minded point guard in former King Davion Mitchell, the Miami Heat had the horses to close out a very competitive game.

There would be no resting of the regulars for Miami in this contest, as the Kings gave an earnest effort, and even with Domantas Sabonis sitting this one out, Sacramento let Miami know they had a game on their hands.

The longest tenured current coach of an NBA team, Eric Spoelstra had to bear down in the final 6 minutes to put this game in the victory column.

For the Kings, what this game represents is a small step forward, but one that sends a message of confidence to a team in sore need.

Prior to Sunday's game came the news that the Kings had traded former first round draft choice Nique Clifford to the Oklahoma City Thunder for 2 second round draft choices.

The trade brought to an end the 2-year experiment of trying to make a point guard out of a player that was clearly suited as either an off guard or a small forward.

With the acquisition of Darius Acuff Jr., and his noteworthy start to the season, the handwriting was on the wall. Although I have been at odds with most of the trades the Kings have made in recent years, this admittedly makes sense, and although the draft picks aren't until 2028 and 2030, it remains possible that Sacramento can ultimately come away with a positive result.

Truth be told, with Malik Monk returning from injury, the Kings were faced with a logjam that was going to relegate Clifford to be bench, and instead Sacramento chose to make a move that may very well benefit both Clifford and the Kings.

Meanwhile, Zach Lavine and De'Andre Hunter chipped in 15 and 14 points respectively, but without question young Darius Acuff was the offensive star of the show.

What is encouraging for Kings fans is the progression of Darius game in the first 10 games of the season. He is learning his craft, and what stands out for me is watching his level of comfort on the floor.

Defense is a bit of a moving target, but I would not label Acuff as a poor defender. He is not Davion Mitchell and probably never will be, but if anyone questions whether he is the Kings point guard of the future, just buy a ticket and see for yourself.

Currently coach Christie is ratcheting down on his substitutions, going 11 deep Christie left Alex Karaban on the bench, and I'm convinced that has to change.

Once again, fans scratch their heads as assessment of talent is the order of the day, and that assessment was on display all night as Sacramento watched former King Davion Mitchell in action.

There are few point guards in the NBA that have the defensive ability to shut down the competition as does Davion Mitchell, and he is the poster child when it comes to defense.

If you go to my website thekingskorner.com I have a spot for fans to see the players that have gotten away in recent years, and I'm hopeful I don't have to add any more names to the list.

Wins begin with competitive games, and that's what we're starting to see!

All the best! ★

California's Congressional Gerrymander Worked. What Happens After the Next Census?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Last year, after Texas Republicans reconfigured their congressional districts to grab five more seats, California's Democratic governor, Gavin Newsom, and its Legislature countered with a gerrymander to shift five seats their way.

Both partisan maneuvers, and those in a few other states, were designed to either bolster or erase the paper-thin GOP majority in the House.

On Tuesday the Texas two-step failed spectacularly. Democrats won four of the five targeted districts there, while California's counterplay succeeded even more spectacularly as five Republican congress members from here were wiped out.

The GOP held just eight of the state's 52 congressional seats going into the election, plus one Republican-turned-independent. Their ranks now shrink to a miniscule four, even though a quarter of the state's voters are Republicans.

It's a testament not only to the determination of Newsom and Democratic legislators to affect the national power struggle over Congress, but also to the professional competence of Paul Mitchell, the Sacramento-based political guru Democrats recruited to draw the new, gerrymandered redistricting maps.

The plan, which was pushed through the Legislature and onto a special election ballot as Proposition 50 last year, didn't go exactly as envisioned, but the result was exactly what Newsom and Co. intended. And it burnishes Newsom's status as a partisan warrior for his almost certain bid for the Democratic Party's presidential candidacy in 2028.

As it turns out neither the failed Texas gerrymander nor California's successful one played decisive roles in the "blue tsunami" that swept Democrats into solid majorities in both houses of Congress.

California now has five new members of Congress, most likely for at least six years. But what then?

The gerrymandered maps of 52 congressional districts will legally be in effect through the 2030 election, after which the state, under current law, will revert to the prior districts drawn by an independent commission for the 2032 elections and beyond.

However, it's not that simple. Political ambition and demography will likely combine to create a dilemma for the state's dominant Democrats.

The five new members will presumably want to keep their seats after 2030. But that year's census will confirm that California has had scant population growth since the 2020 census, or even a slight decline.

The size of each state's congressional delegation hinges on its population trend over the previous decade. California's stagnant population will almost certainly result in a loss of three to five of the nation's 435 congressional seats.

If redistricting reverts to the independent commission, as current law says it will, it probably would pare down — or even erase — the extra five gerrymandered seats, even if there is no overall decline in the delegation.

With a likely decline, a fair commission plan would probably end the careers of more than five Democratic members and return a few to the GOP.

Democrats will still dominate levers of control after 2030. And their leaders must decide whether to allow the commission to do its work or abolish it via another ballot measure in the 2028 or 2030 election.

Party leaders have never liked commission redistricting, a process forced upon them by a pair of initiative ballot measures in 2008 and 2010 championed by former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Abolishing the commission system would return the drafting of new maps to the Legislature, thus allowing Democratic leaders (and possibly Paul Mitchell again) to redraw districts that maximize their party's share of seats.

That's what they did, or at last tried to do, after the 1980, 1990 and 2000 censuses, and what they probably would prefer to do after the 2030 count.

We shouldn't be surprised if gerrymandering becomes permanent.

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

How Can I Find out What I've Contributed to Social Security?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I have a simple question (I think). How do I find out how much I have paid into Social Security over the years? ***Signed: Curious Senior Citizen***

Dear Curious Senior: I expect you might rightfully believe you have contributed quite a lot and, fortunately, there are a couple of convenient ways for you to find out how much you have actually paid into Social Security over your lifetime:

1. If you have an online Social Security account **(www.ssa.gov/myaccount)** you can simply go to your online ***"my Social Security"*** account and click on the link for ***"Social Security Statement."*** In that online Social Security statement, you will see a listing of your lifetime earnings, and at the bottom of that listing you will see how much you (and your employers on your behalf) have paid in Social Security FICA payroll taxes (or SECA self-employment taxes) over your lifetime.

2. If you do not have your online Social Security account set up, you can also contact the Social Security Administration, either your local SS field office get the local office contact information at **www.ssa.gov/locator** or call 1.800.772.1213 to ask that a copy of your personal "Social Security Statement" be mailed to you.

Obviously, getting this information online is the most efficient method, so you may wish to create your online account if you don't yet have one. Instructions for doing so can be found at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Having this online account will open the door for you to access all the information Social Security has for you, including details of your monthly benefit and your lifetime earnings history.

FYI, many who seek this information are looking to understand when (or if) they might get back all their contributions once they start collecting Social Security benefits. Of course, much depends on the age at which you claim your benefits, but as a general guide, it usually takes about 5 years or less for you to get back in SS benefits all that you have personally contributed to Social Security. However, the length of time to "breakeven" is longer for self-employed individuals, who must pay both the employee and employer portion of Social Security payroll taxes.

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The Unauthorized War

President Donald Trump says that the Iran war will end "soon," a promise he's been making most of this year. Eventually, he will be right, but it hasn't happened in time for the midterm elections, and his party is bearing the brunt.

If Republicans get thumped, all the polling suggests that prices will be one of the main reasons, with the Iran war's contribution to higher costs looming large. According to a recent New York Times/Siena poll, 65% disapprove of President Trump's handling of the war in Iran, and almost 75% disapprove of his handling of gas prices, two closely intertwined issues.

Given the political risk, it's remarkable how stalwart Trump has been in prosecuting the war, the brief interlude of the misbegotten Memorandum of Understanding aside. "The quickest way of ending a war," George Orwell said, "is to lose it," and Trump has been loath to accept a strategic defeat as the way out of the conflict.

That doesn't mitigate the potential political damage. If the Iran war had been as short as initially advertised, or if it had dragged on with no appreciable cost back home, most people presumably wouldn't have cared very much, even if they weren't on board. It's the combination of a relatively drawn-out war causing elevated prices that's a killer, and it adds insult to injury that Trump has handled the matter with such high-handedness.

He didn't ask Congress to authorize the war, and barely made a public case beforehand, while giving the impression throughout that the entire enterprise depends on his whim.

It's often remarked that Trump's obsession with naming things after himself, or building things in Washington, is hurting him because it makes him seem out of touch and interested only in his own priorities. But none of this directly harms anyone -- unless they, say, hold a season pass to the Washington National Opera at the Kennedy Center.

The Iran war, in contrast, has imposed an economic cost on nearly everyone in the country. President Trump has an idiosyncratic view of representative government. The common understanding of our system is that we elect representatives who debate and vote on important public matters, before standing for election again and finding out if their constituents still want them.

Trump's populist understanding is different -- he's the people's representative. It makes sense that Trump, who has a highly personalized view of government and of his movement, has a highly personal view of himself as the tribune of the people. This tends to render the other representatives an unnecessary encumbrance, and indeed this is how Trump has largely treated Congress in his second term.

So it shouldn't be a surprise that it evidently didn't occur to him to ask Congress to authorize the Iran war. There have been comparisons made between Trump's war and George W. Bush's in Iraq, but this is a stark difference. Bush went to Congress, and by the time lawmakers authorized the war, it was a matter of national consensus (although one that fell apart).

Trump hasn't gone to Congress on his tariffs, either, but he made it abundantly clear in the 2024 campaign that he intended to drastically increase duties. Compared with that, the Iran war was a bolt from the blue.

There have been ongoing efforts to cushion the conflict from public accountability. Republicans have tried to argue that it isn't really "a war," and Trump has said that a renewal of a major bombing campaign will only occur after the election, an effort to keep the war from being front and center during voting.

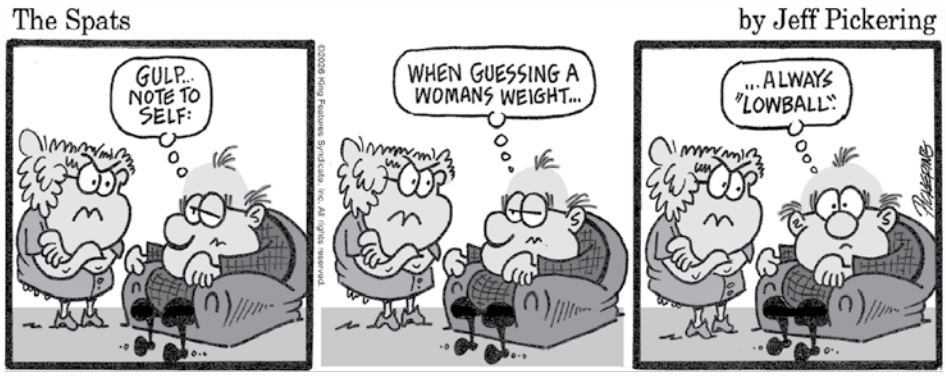
Now, although the war hasn't gone as planned, we need to wait to see how it turns out to make an ultimate judgment -- if Trump manages to crack the regime, it will indeed be a legacy-defining achievement. The problem for now, though, is that you can't expect great patience from the public when it wasn't asked or even informed beforehand.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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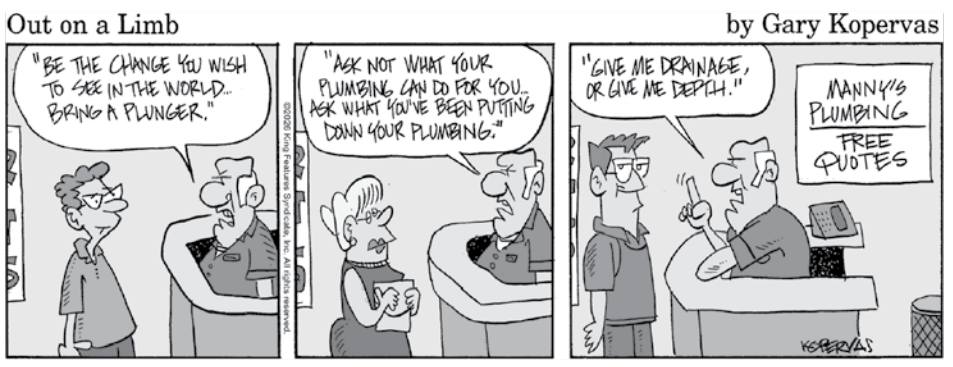
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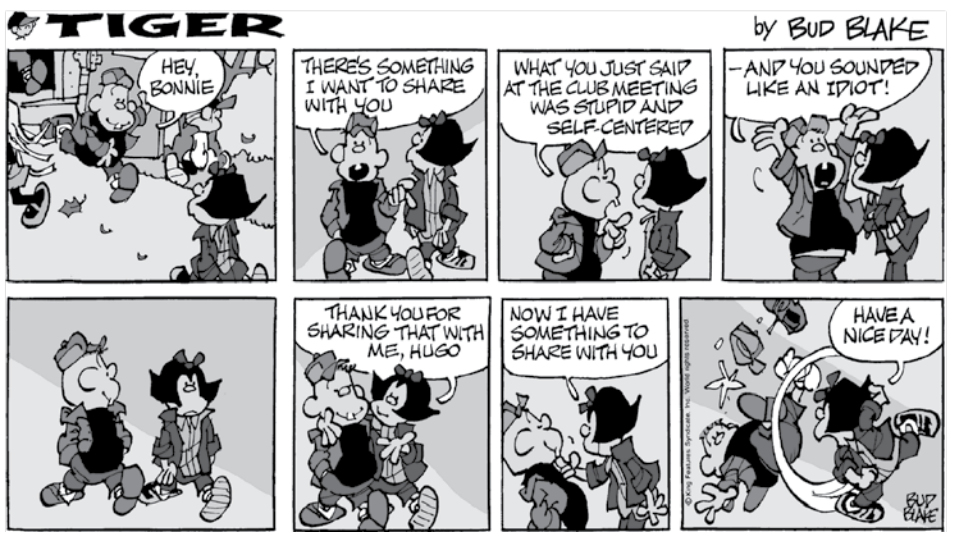
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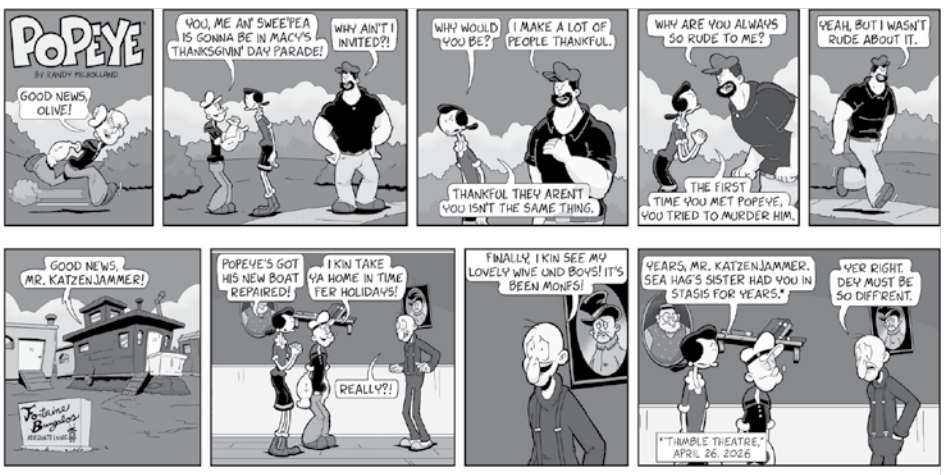


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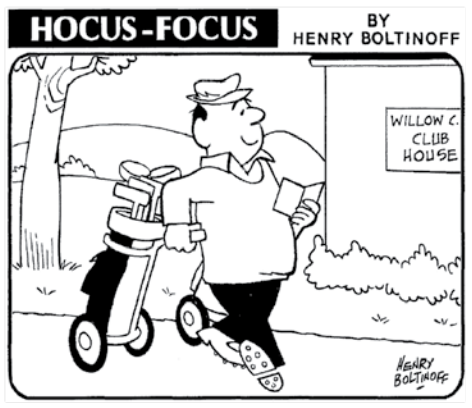


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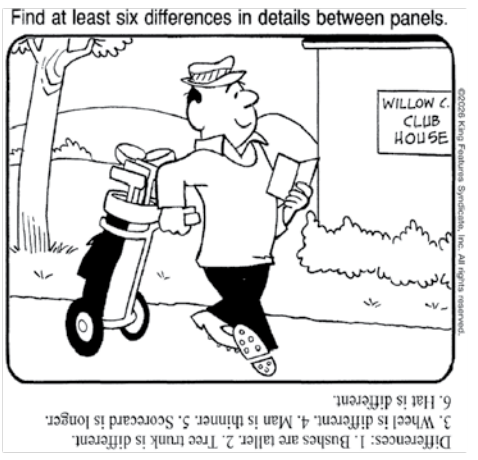




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1. Chevy of "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"
6. Broadcast breaks
9. Electrical current unit, pl.
13. Mineral veins
14. Neighbor of Ger.
15. Gem state
16. 1960s abstractionism
17. "I" mania
18. *The only First Lady to issue official Thanksgiving Day proclamation
19. *First department store to host Thanksgiving parade
21. *Keeping turkey juicy
23. Use one's eyes
24. Same as island
25. Chasing game
28. 4th planet from sun
30. Milk-related
35. 1952 Olympic site
37. *Brad who starred in a Friends Thanksgiving episode
39. Remus Lupin's nickname
40. Continent
41. Most common vowel in English language
43. Try
44. Ascetic holy Hindu
46. Fail to mention
47. Ditty
48. Interruptions
50. "Do ____ others..."
52. P in m.p.g.
53. Partiality
55. Pie ____ ____ mode
57. *Gizzard, heart, liver, neck
61. *Soaking turkey
65. Heart chambers
66. Polite form of address
68. Outspoken
69. Behave like a coquette
70. "But I heard him exclaim, ____ he drove out of sight..."
71. Allergic reaction to bee sting
72. Bloodsucking hopper
73. "Ideas worth spreading" talk
74. Counseled

DOWN
1. Heidi's shoe
2. Kachina doll maker
3. *"The Thanksgiving Song" performer
4. Some Slavs
5. Put on a pedestal
6. Gorillas and orangutans
7. *National ____ Show
8. Pigsty dwellers
9. Mine passage
10. Neither mini nor midi
11. What phonics and cacophony have in common
12. Playlist item
15. Trouser measurement
20. Bounds' partners
22. Opposite of nothing
24. Isthmi, sing.
25. *Charlie Brown's meal: ____, popcorn, pretzels, jelly beans
26. Allegro ____, in music
27. Move like on ice
29. Organized crime-related ____ Act, acr.
31. Selling price minus profit
32. Add (2 words)
33. Absurd
34. *____ Monday after Thanksgiving
36. Hawaiian island
38. "The Parent Trap" child
42. Rose oil
45. Cheerful
49. Dog command
51. Dickens' Twist
54. Opposite of liability
56. Positive electrode
57. Gamecock's spur
58. It will
59. French hors d'oeuvre staple
60. Turkish money
61. Raised
62. Like some cakes
63. ID info
64. Happy
67. Ill temper



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Miguel A. Zarate Ortiz, 9247 Delair Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AiFaqtor" 9247 Delair Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 24, 2026
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AIFAQTOR 11-13-26

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Thomas J. Seidler, 7828 Dearne Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TJS Aviator Services" 7828 Dearne Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 11, 2026
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TJS 11-20-26

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Strength Fusion Inc, 8409 Serafino Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Slay Coffee + Tea" 8161 Elk Grove Boulevard Suite 3, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2026
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Robert Adams, 2609 Waldie Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Just a Coach Baseball" 2609 Waldie Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 30, 2026
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JUST 11-20-26

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Faviola Adams, 2609 Waldie Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "One Fab Batch Bakes & Treats" 2609 Waldie Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 30, 2026
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Jon Roth, 5820 Isaac Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757, is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ahbta Press" 5820 Isaac Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2026
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Ruben Plaza, 8655 Pyrenees Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624, is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Open Circle Bodyworks" 8655 Pyrenees Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2026
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Sheila Moody, 9245 Laguna Springs Drive, Suite 200, Elk Grove, CA 95658, is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sheila Solutions" 9245 Laguna Springs Drive, Suite 200, Elk Grove, CA 95658. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 20, 2026
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SHEILA 11-27-26

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CR Development Inc, 942 Fermoy Way, Galt, CA 95632, is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cali Rays Sourdough Deli" 9089 Elk Grove Boulevard, Suite 101, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 20, 2026
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LGCH Inc, 942 Fermoy Way, Galt, CA 95632, is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lifes Grind Coffee House" 8940 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 19, 2026
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LIFES 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08235
5MCreates LLC, 355 South Grand Avenue, Suite 2450, Los Angeles, CA 90071, is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jari Baro" 3443 Laguna Boulevard #140, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 23, 2026
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JARI 11-27-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

Andreea Anica Toplean on behalf of Emmanuel Ranga, a minor has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Emmanuel 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: October 9, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 2026
TOPLEAN 11-13-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV023655

Timothy Carlin has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Meadow Rae Jamias to Meadow Rae Carlin.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 1, 2027, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 16D, 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: October 5, 2026
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 2026
CARLIN 11-20-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV025867

Mohammad Nabi Ahlyar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohammad Nabi Ahlyar to Nabil Ahlyar.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 28, 2027, 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: October 28, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
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AHLYAR 11-27-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
26CV025571

Charlene Ellen Patrick has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Charlene Ellen Patrick to Charlene Ellen Balfour.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 27, 2027, 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: October 22, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 13, 20, 27, Dec 4, 2026
PATRICK 12-4-26

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: 30-2024-01383612-CU-NP-CJC

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Robert D. McClure dba McClure Appraisal Service

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Thayer Properties, Inc., dba Residential First Capital.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of $10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Orange County Superior Court, 700 Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Patrick J. D'Arcy APLC, 1 Park Plaza, Suite 380, Irvine, CA 92614. 949-988-7640
Date: (Fecha) June 12, 2025
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THAYER 11-13-26

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 2024-00249-CA A.P.N.:116-0740-039-0000 Property Address: 8962 SEDGEWICK COURT, ELK GROVE, CA 95624 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/26/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Trustor: VERA DAVIS, A SINGLE WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 04/02/2004 as Instrument No. --- in book 20040402, page1852 and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California Date of Sale: 12/08/2026 at 09:30 AM Place of Sale: OUTSIDE THE SOUTH-FACING EXIT OF SACRAMENTO CITY HALL, IN THE COURTYARD AT 916 H STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: $ 321,840.33 THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. 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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 this property. Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#d_5 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx using the file number assigned to this case 2024-00249-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (866)-960-8299, or visit this internet website https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-00249-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: October 20, 2026 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1300 Eastman Avenue Suite 221, Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx **This address must be used for the required delivery by certified or overnight mail of postponement requests as specified pursuant to Civil Code section 2924f(e).
Published 10/30/2026, 11/06/2026, 11/13/2026
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 11-13-26

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 92703410 TS No.: 26-001702 APN: 132-1240-025-0000 Property Address: 7226 OVAR CT, ELK GROVE, CA 95757 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/18/2020. 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 12/08/2026 at 11:30 A.M., America West Lender Services, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 06/23/2020, as Instrument No. 202006231229, in book , page , , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, State of California. Executed by: DAWUD ALEKOZAI, A SINGLE MAN, AS SOLE OWNER, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) Courtyard Sacramento City Hall - 915 I St, Sacramento CA 95818 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 132-1240-025-0000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7226 OVAR CT, ELK GROVE, CA 95757 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $ 427,427.57. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the 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 bids are subject to California Civil Code 2924h and are sold "AS-IS". 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 844-693-4761 or visit this internet website www.awest.us, using the file number assigned to this case 26-001702 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. Please be advised that the trustee will require any entity or trust bidder at this trustee's sale to provide beneficial ownership information, documentation, and written certification as required under FinCEN's Anti-Money Laundering Regulations for Residential Real Estate Transfers, effective for transfers to covered transferees closing on or after March 1, 2026. This requirement applies where the purchaser is a legal entity (including an LLC, corporation, or partnership) or a trust, and the transfer is not financed by an institutional lender subject to existing anti-money laundering requirements. The required information and certification must be provided to the trustee prior to issuance of the trustee's deed upon sale. No trustee's deed will be issued for a covered transfer until all required FinCEN information has been received and certified. Additional information regarding these regulations and required transferee disclosures can be found at: https://www.fincen.gov/rre and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 844-693-4761, or visit this internet website www.awest.us, using the file number assigned to this case 26-001702 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: America West Lender Services, LLC 5404 Cypress Center Drive, Ste 300 Tampa, FL 33609 America West Lender Services, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 844-693-4761 NPP0496808 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE)
11/06/2026, 11/13/2026, 11/20/2026
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 11-20-26

T.S. No. 26-78603 APN: 127-0550-061-0000 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALEYOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/1/2024. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.**A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale.Trustor: **KENNY H VO, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY** Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS LAW, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 4/5/2024, as Instrument No. 202404050918, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale:**1/5/2027** at 9:30 AM Place of Sale: In the Courtyard of Sacramento City Hall, located at 915 I St, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid

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TRUSTEE SALE

balance and other charges: **$705,980.59**Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: **9562 E PARK DR ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA 95624** Described as follows: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST.A.P.N #.: **127-0550-061-0000**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. 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 1-866-539-4173 or visit this internet website www.servicelinkauction.com, using the 26-78603. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 1-866-539-4173, or visit this internet website www.servicelinkauction.com, using the 26-78603 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. Dated: **11/5/2026 ZBS LAW, LLP , as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450Irvine, CA 92606For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920For Sale Information: 1-866-539-4173 www.servicelinkauction.com Michael Busby, Trustee Sale Officer**This office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation. EPP 49938

Pub Dates 11/13, 11/20, 11/27/2026
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 11-27-26

APN: 115-1790-007-0000 FKA 115-1790-007 TS No: CA08000504-26-1 TO No: 260385726-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 26, 2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On December 8, 2026 at 09:30 AM, in the courtyard of the Sacramento City Hall located at 915 I St, Sacramento CA 95818, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on April 27, 2007 in Book 20070427, on Page 1861 and that said Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement and recorded March 21, 2011 in Book 20110321, on Page 0972 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by SHEENA D HEER, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8671 ADAMSTOWN WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95624-4506 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 without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be $303,214.53 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www.insourcelogic.com or call In Source Logic LLC at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08000504-26-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 702-659-7766, or visit this internet website www.insourcelogic.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08000504-26-1 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

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice Laguna Self Storage located at **3000 Dwight Rd Elk Grove CA 95758** intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via **www.bid13.com** on 12/3/26 at 10:00 AM. Elizabeth Salone; Karen Daley. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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City of Elk Grove - Planning Commission
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on**, Thursday, December 3, 2026** at **6:00 p.m.,** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall in the **Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way,** Elk Grove, California to consider the following matter:

SOUZA DAIRY VILLAGE CENTER REZONE (PLNG23-030)/MENDES II MAP (PLNG26-019) – GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT/SOUTHEAST POLICY AREA COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT; SOUTHEAST POLICY AREA SPECIAL PLANNING AREA AMENDMENT; DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT; LARGE LOT TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP; SMALL LOT TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAPS; SUBDIVISION DESIGN REVIEW; DETERMINATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF VARIOUS RIGHT-OF-WAY, IODS, AND EASEMENTS:

The Souza Dairy Village Center Rezone Project (PLNG23-030) consists of:

- A First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (DA) to modify the terms and conditions of the previously-approved Amended and Restated Souza Dairy Development Agreement;
- General Plan Amendment, Southeast Policy Area (SEPA) Community Plan and SEPA Special Planning Area (SPA) Amendment to reconfigure land uses within the SEPA SPA within the Souza Dairy Village Center;
- General Plan Amendment, SEPA Community Plan and SEPA SPA Amendment from Public Services to Low Density Residential (LDR) for the previously identified school site as the Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) has determined that a school is no longer needed within the previously adopted Mendes subdivision (APN: 132-2780-006);
- Large Lot Tentative Subdivision Map to adjust large lot parcels within the Souza Dairy Village Center;
- Small Lot Tentative Subdivision Map with Subdivision Design Review to subdivide the Medium Density Residential (MDR) large lots into 257 single-unit residential lots; and
- Determination of Consistency with the General Plan for the Abandonment of existing right-of-way, public utility easements, and drainage easements that are not necessary for present or foreseeable future use.

The proposed Mendes II Project (PLNG26-019) consists of:

- Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) with Subdivision Design Review to subdivide one lot into 58 single family residential lots.
- Determination of Consistency with the General Plan for the Abandonment of existing Irrevocable Offer of Dedications (IODs), public utility easement, and visibility easement that are not necessary for present or foreseeable future use.

PROPERTY OWNER/APPLICANT:	**PROPERTY OWNER:**	**PROJECT AGENT:**
Big Horn RBVP, L.P. Katherine Bardis-Miry (Representative) 940 Emmett Avenue Ste 200 Belmont, CA 94002	KRM Investors, LLC Katherine Bardis-Miry/Les Hock (Representatives) 350 University Avenue, Ste 180 Sacramento, CA 95825	Bardis Land Company Katherine Bardis-Miry/Les Hock (Representatives) 350 University Avenue, Ste 180 Sacramento, CA 95825
PROPERTY OWNER:	**PROPERTY OWNER:**	**PROPERTY OWNER:**
KB Home Sacramento, Inc Leo Pantoja (Representative) 10990 Wilshire Boulevard, 7th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90024	Taylor Morrison of California LLC Jay Pawlek (Representative) 81 Blue Ravine Road, Ste 1450 Folsom, CA 95630	Richmond American of Maryland, Inc Eric Anderson (Representative) 4350 S. Monaco Street, Ste 500 Denver, CO 80237
PROPERTY OWNER:	**PROPERTY OWNER:**	**PROPERTY OWNER:**
KCB Land, LLC Katherine Bardis-Miry (Representative) 10630 Mather Boulevard Mather, CA 95655	Elk Grove Land Investments, LLC Katherine Bardis-Miry (Representative) 10630 Mather Blvd. Mather, CA 95655	City of Elk Grove Jason Behrmann (Representative) 8401 Laguna Palms Way Elk Grove, CA 95758

LOCATION/APN:	A portion of the area bounded by Kyler Road to the north, Bilby Road to the West, Proposed Shed C Drainage Channel to the south, and Lotz Parkway extension to the east. East and north side of Angley Drive APNs: 132-0320-050, 132-0320-049; 132-0320-093; 132-0320-043; 132-0320-040, 132-0320-061; 132-0320-033; 132-0320-031; 132-0320-032; 132-0320-034; 132-0320-035; 132-0320-036; 132-0320-037; 132-0320-038; 132-0320-028; 132-0320-03-040; 132-0320-043; 132-0320-049 through -050; 132-0320-052; 132-0320-061; 132-0320-093; 132-0320-017; 132-0320-110; 132-3120-085; 132-3120-087; 132-3040-037; 132-3050-001through -005; 132-3050-046 through -047; 132-3050-052 through -061; 132-3050-065 through -067; 132-3050-069 through -074; 132-3050-079 through -082; 132-3110-069; 132-3110-072; 132-3070-001 through -038; 132-3080-001 through -038; 132-3080-040; 132-3080-058; 132-3080-060; 132-3080-068; 132-3080-070 through -071; 132-029-0017; 132-029-0019; 132-299-0059 through -060; 132-3000-062; 132-3010-082; 132-3010-087; 132-3020-097; 132-2950-077 through -083; 132-2980-001 through -013; 132-2980-016; 132-2980-019; 132-2990-023 through -024; 132-2990-051 through -056; 132-2990-058; 132-2990-062 through -063; 132-300-0001 through -027; 132-3000-041; 132-3000-043 through -044; 132-3000-047; 132-3000-051 through -052; 132-3000-056 through -059; 132-300-063 through -064; 132-3000-066; 132-3010-004; 132-3010-011; 132-3010-013; 132-3010-016 through -069; 132-3010-074; 132-3010-076; 132-3010-079 through -080; 132-3010-084 through -085; 132-3020-0001 through -014; 132-3020-017 through -019; 132-3020-021 through -036; 132-3020-056; 132-3020-058 through -064; 132-3020-068 through -074; 132-3020-092 through -094; 132-302-0096; 132-315-0074; 132-315-0097; 132-315-0099; 132-3150-100 through -101; 132-2780-006
ZONING: GENERAL PLAN:	Southeast Policy Area Special Planning Area; Mixed Use Village Center, Mixed Use Residential, High Density Residential, Office, Parks and Open Space, Public Services.
ENVIRONMENTAL:	An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified for the Southeast Policy Area Strategic Plan (SCH #2013042054). An Addendum to the EIR has been prepared pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 (Addendum to EIR or Negative Declaration).
PROJECT PLANNER:	Sarah Kirchgessner, Senior Planner 916.478.2245 or **skirchgessner@elkgrove.gov**

Dated/Published: November 13, 2026

NOTICE REGARDING APPEALS

Pursuant to §23.14.060 of the Zoning Code, appeals of a final action by the Planning Commission must be filed with the City Clerk no later than ten (10) calendar days after the day on which the final action was taken, along with the appropriate fee.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District, County of Sacramento, State of California, will receive sealed Bids up to but no later than **December 11, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. PST**, for:

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For assistance, please contact Richard Padilla at **rapadill@egusd.net** or by phone at (916) 686-7773.

Richard Padilla
Buyer II
Elk Grove Unified School District

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the **Monterey Trail High School and Edward Harris Middle School, Roofing 2027** project at the Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, **Room 206**, Elk Grove, California 95624 until **1:00 p.m., PST**, on **Friday, December 18, 2026**, at which time bids will be opened.

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

A **MANDATORY** Pre-bid Conference will be held on **Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.** Meet at the flag pole at **Monterey Trail High School, 8661 Power Inn Rd., Elk Grove, CA 95624**. The District's Representative will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are required to attend the mandatory pre-bid conference in its entirety and are recommended to provide their own personal protection equipment as appropriate.

This project involves the installation of new roof systems per specifications and details. This project requires a **Class C-39** license.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 *et seq.* payment of the appropriate general prevailing rate of wages for all crafts employed on the public works site is required of the Contractor and all subcontractors. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements applies to this project.

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

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
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BY: Joshua Pilorin
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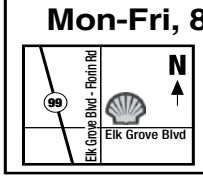
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Veterans Get Green Lights

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - From Nov. 4 through Nov. 8, Sacramento County illuminated the Administration Building at 700 H St. in green as part of the National Association of Counties' Operation Green Light for Veterans campaign. The illumination was expected to continue through Veterans Day Nov. 11.

The initiative encourages counties, parishes and boroughs across the country to display green lights in support of veterans and their families.

The Board of Supervisors will recognize the initiative by issuing a resolution in support of Operation Green Light for Veterans.

"Operation Green Light is a simple but meaningful way to show our gratitude to the people who have served our country," said David Villanueva, county executive. "As we light the Administration Building green, the county joins communities nationwide in honoring veterans, reminding them that their service and sacrifices are valued."

The campaign takes place during the week leading up to Veterans Day and is designed to highlight both appreciation for veterans and awareness of the resources available to them.

Sacramento County's participation in Operation Green Light reflects its ongoing commitment to supporting veterans and their families. Through the Veterans Services Office, the county helps veterans and their loved ones access benefits they have earned through military service.



The initiative encourages counties, parishes and boroughs across the country to display green lights in support of veterans and their families. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

The office provides assistance with disability compensation claims, veterans pensions, healthcare enrollment, survivors benefits, Aid and Attendance benefits, and the California College Tuition Fee Waiver Program.

Accredited veterans claims representatives also help veterans navigate eligibility requirements and advocate on their behalf throughout the claims process.

For Ethan Dye, a veteran and director of the Department of Human Assistance, that work carries personal meaning.

"As a veteran and leader of the department overseeing veterans services, I see firsthand this small team's dedication to veterans and their families. In 2025, the office assisted 13,000 veterans, filed 4,435 new claims, and secured $11.5 million in retroactive payments and $9.5 million in recurring awards. I'm proud of their ongoing commitment to those who served and the families who supported them."

To learn more about the Veterans Services Office, visit ha.saccounty.gov. ★

Season's First Flu Death

Sacramento County News Release, edited for publication

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County Public Health on Nov. 4 confirmed the first flu-related death of the 2026-27 flu season. The death involved a woman in her 50s with underlying chronic medical conditions who was not vaccinated against the flu.

"This is a stark reminder that the flu can cause serious illness and even death, but vaccination remains our best defense," said Sacramento County Public Health Officer Dr. Phuong Luu. "Everyone aged 6 months and older should get vaccinated for influenza now, especially with flu circulating very high in California currently."

The woman developed respiratory symptoms in mid-October and was diagnosed with Influenza A (Flu A). She was hospitalized a few days later and died shortly after.

This season's report of the first flu-related death comes about a month earlier than last year's, which was reported in late November 2025.

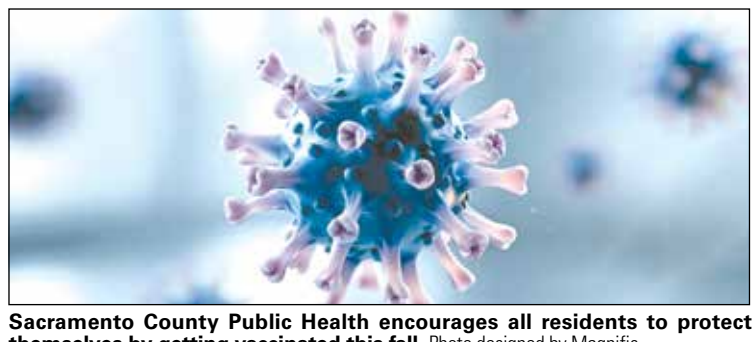
Sacramento County Public Health encourages all residents to protect themselves by getting vaccinated this fall. Vaccines are key in preventing and protecting against respiratory viruses including flu, Covid-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

People can get vaccinated by dropping into one of the SCPH 2026-2027 free flu vaccine clinics. Use the HealthMap Vaccine Finder to find a clinic nearby. Contact the SCPH Immunization Assistance Program for more information.

An annual flu shot is recommended for everyone six months of age and older who is able to get vaccinated safely. It takes two weeks for the body to build up protection after getting the vaccine, so early vaccination is advised.

Dr. Luu recommends getting vaccinated for the flu now, as flu is circulating high in our community and will continue to increase as we enter the holiday season and families start to gather together indoors.

Covid-19 vaccines are available for everyone age 6 months and older and RSV vaccines are recommended for specific high-risk groups.



Sacramento County Public Health encourages all residents to protect themselves by getting vaccinated this fall. Photo designed by Magnific

SCPH offers the following tips to stay healthy.

Encourage a person to stay at home if the person is sick. If a person has symptoms of respiratory illness, staying home helps prevent the spread of viruses.

Test for COVID-19 and flu if symptoms occur. Contact a healthcare provider promptly if the test is positive, especially if someone is at high risk for severe illness.

Practice good hygiene. Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always cover coughs and sneezes. Use a tissue to cover the mouth and nose or the upper sleeve of a shirt if a tissue is unavailable.

Ventilate indoor spaces. Ensure good airflow by opening windows and doors when possible.

Consider wearing a mask. Wearing a high-quality mask in crowded or indoor spaces can reduce transmission, especially if someone is feeling unwell or has a preexisting illness that affects the body's immune system. ★

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Make Old Sacramento Waterfront Your Holiday Destination

The historic district has something for everyone this season

Downtown Sacramento Partnership News Release



Kick off the holiday season with the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 5:30 p.m. Photo courtesy of Downtown Sacramento Partnership

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - This year, Old Sacramento Waterfront invites visitors to make the most of the most wonderful time of the year. Guests can look forward to the return of the beloved Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and Theatre of Lights performances, as well as the chance to be rewarded for shopping small with Small Business Spree Bingo and explore a pedestrian-friendly district during Holidays on K. There are plenty of ways to celebrate the season, with holiday traditions, unique gift finds and festive sights and sounds around every corner.

Kick off the holiday season with the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy performances from community groups before the district's 60-foot Holiday Tree illuminates the waterfront with nearly 24,000 lights, followed by the first Theatre of Lights performance of the season.

Produced by the Downtown Sacramento Partnership, a longtime Sacramento tradition, Theatre of Lights returns for its 18th year, transforming the historic district's balconies into a holiday stage. This free immersive performance is a family-friendly production that blends a retelling of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas with stories from Sacramento's history, narrated by Disney voice legend Bill Farmer (Goofy) and created by Stage 9 Exhibitions' Troy Carlson. Performances run Fridays and Saturdays at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 27 through December 20, with special performances Dec. 23 at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

New this year, rotating coffee partners Blueprint Coffee, Pittador Brews and Steamers will serve beverages throughout the season, adding a little extra holiday cheer. To help make the experience accessible to more visitors, American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation will also be present for the Tree Lighting Ceremony, Saturday showings, and the final show on Dec. 24.

Make a day of holiday shopping with Small Business Spree Bingo! With more than 150 small businesses throughout the district, visitors can explore unique shops, restaurants and attractions, check off their bingo squares, and play to win exciting prizes, all in one visit. Complete the bingo challenge and submit an entry to receive a guaranteed prize, with additional opportunities to win even bigger rewards. Prizes include a $100 parking voucher, a family four-pack of tickets to the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink, a museum membership, the chance to guest star as a Mama or Papa in Theatre of Lights, and more. For participation instructions and FAQs, visit https://www.oldsacramento.com/seasonal-activity/small-business-spree-bingo/.

Enjoy a little extra holiday magic along K Street as it transforms into a pedestrian-friendly gathering place with family-friendly fun, including live music, outdoor seating and games. Come down each weekend to experience something new with events curated by the local businesses in Old Sacramento Waterfront. Holidays on K takes place Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 28 through Dec. 20, from noon to 4:30 p.m. along K Street in Old Sacramento Waterfront.

For more information about Old Sacramento Waterfront and its holiday events, visit www.oldsacramento.com. ★

Destiny Christian Wins Championship

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia



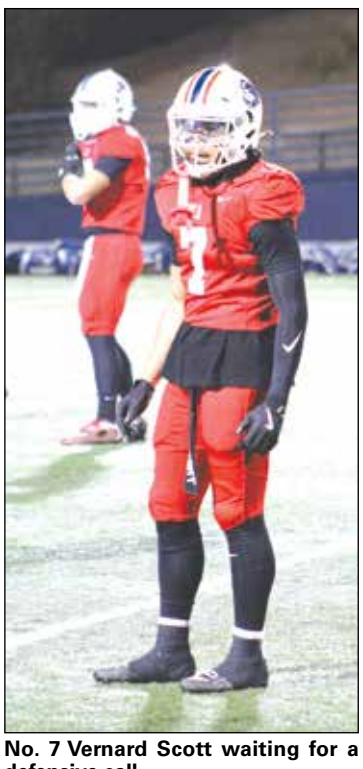
Destiny Christian's offensive line looking at play call.

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - West Park High School traveled to take on Destiny Christian Academy Lions Nov. 6 in what would be the final game of the regular season and for the Metropolitan League Championship.

The Panthers came into the game looking to give Destiny Christian their first loss of the season, along with forcing the league championship to be split among multiple teams. They were 5-4 on the season but were 3-1 in league competition.

Destiny Christian on the other hand was looking to finish what was already an impressive season with an outright league championship as they were undefeated at 9-0.

In West Park's last matchup, they fell to Grant Union High School 44-7 and were looking to make up for the loss in a statement fashion against the top team in their league.



No. 7 Vernard Scott waiting for a defensive call.

Destiny Christian, however, was coming off a dominant 55-0 victory against Cordova High School in their previous game. And the Lions picked up right where they had left off, showing their dominance on both offense and defense.

West Park could not find any answers on either side of the ball, falling behind 21-0 in the first quarter. Destiny Christian did not stop there as they kept the ball moving downfield on offense, scoring at will, while forcing stops on defense to get the ball back.

Putting up another 28 points in the second quarter alone, Destiny Christian kept the game out of reach for the entirety of the second half.

Although the Lions' offense did not score again, the deficit was too great for West Park to come back.

Destiny Christian was even able to score in the fourth quarter, but this time coming from the defense, as the Lions forced a turnover deep in West Park's territory that resulted in a touchdown.

Destiny Christian was standing tall after the game ended, having won back-to-back games 55-0. The Lions put an exclamation point on an undefeated season with standout performances by quarterback Vincent Scott, running back K'Aden Minor and wide receiver Ahmir Laster.

Scott completed 12 of 14 passes for 290 yards with five touchdowns and rushed for another.

Minor ran for 106 yards on six carries with a touchdown, while Laster would total 100 receiving yards on just two receptions. He scored a touchdown, too.

Destiny Christian just a year ago went 5-6 on the season. At 10-0 this season and outright league champions, they have earned themselves the No. 1 seed in the Division 3 Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs. They play Johansen High School in the first round Nov. 13. ★



No. 1 Josiah Webb (left) and No. 2 Antonio Johnson (right) running off the field after scoring.

Outstanding Season for Huskies



Sheldon switches sides of the field after the quarter ends.



No. 7 Brooklyn Kimmons gets ready on defense.

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Sheldon High School flag football team continued playing in the Division 1 Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs Nov. 2 where they faced Grant Union High School in the second round.

Grant advanced into the second round after a dominant win over River City High School 39-0. In similar fashion, Sheldon had advanced to the second round in a blowout 51-0 win against Rodriguez High School.

And this was not the first time these two teams faced each other. The teams previously faced off two times earlier in the season, and Sheldon came out on top both times. Sheldon was looking to go 3-0 on the season against Grant.

It is, however, difficult to beat a team three times in a season as the other team is going to pick up on things. But Sheldon was not going to allow that to stop them.

The Huskies jumped to an early lead and kept it throughout the game. Grant would fight and consistently force changes of possession, but the offense was unable to find any rhythm. The Pacers fell to Sheldon 24-6.

Sheldon advanced to the semi-finals on Nov. 4, but this time would face the No.1 seed in Oak Ridge High School. Oak Ridge was coming off a 39-6 win against Monterey Trail High School.

Sheldon faced a tough task against Oak Ridge as the Trojans lost only one game in the regular season and were 14-0 in league competition.

But Sheldon took the fight head on without backing down. Sheldon forced a close game where neither team could grab momentum and managed to keep the game a one-score contest until the end, winning 31-27.

Advancing to the Section championship on Nov. 7, the Huskies faced West Park High School. West Park came into the game beating second seed Turlock High School. But at this stage of the season, what each team accomplished previously was unimportant as both teams' only concern was winning the Section title.

West Park jumped ahead early in the game and although Sheldon fought throughout, the Huskies were unable to swing the pendulum back in their favor. West Park won 34-6.

Although Sheldon fell short of the Section championship, the Huskies still had a tremendous season. They posted an impressive 26-5 record, went 11-1 in league play and were Delta League champions.

And this is just the beginning of what could be, as the Huskies are losing only three seniors in the off-season. Most of the team is returning with a desire to get back to the Section championship and win. ★



No. 3 Saniah Wiley and No. 1 Mila Salas ready themselves for offense.

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