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Santa and Mrs. Claus ride in a vintage Elk Grove fire truck during the 2025 Old Town Elk Grove Dickens Street Faire. Photo courtesy of Dave Soto Productions

By Keith Burbank

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - A parade of lights, shopping and Santa's rescue come Nov. 28 to Old Town Elk Grove.

The Holiday Parade of Lights, which is still open to groups that want to participate, starts at 6 p.m. in the parking lot at the Cosumnes Community Services District building, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

Eight categories of participants will show off their talents during the parade, which travels down Elk Grove Boulevard and ends at Second Avenue. The categories are school, choir, church, business, youth organization, senior organization, family and friends, and musical group such as a marching or riding band.

But "anybody can be in it," said

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Santa and Mrs. Claus pose with two children during the 2025 Old Town Elk Grove Dickens Street Faire. Photo courtesy of Dave Soto Productions

Training Dogs for Vets

Story and photo by Keith Burbank

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A local veteran has turned to dogs to help himself and other heroes.

U.S. Army veteran Steven Barnett co-operates Service Dogs 4 All Disabilities, a nonprofit, that helps veterans and first responders train dogs as service animals at no charge for those who qualify.

"We are teaching them to be dog trainers," Barnett said of veterans and first responders.

Service Dogs 4 All Disabilities can help heroes with another dog if they lose the first, Barnett said, but if they move away, they can train their own dog.

He spoke Nov. 5 to veterans at Ray Clark Chapter 35 of the Disabled American Veterans on Grant Avenue in Carmichael.

Training takes place



U.S. Army veteran Steven Barnett speaks to members of Ray Clark Chapter 35 of the Disabled American Veterans on Nov. 5 in Carmichael. Barnett told veterans about his nonprofit Service Dogs 4 All Disabilities.

in three phases, Barnett said. They include basic manners training, the beginnings of task work and training that teaches tasks specific for each hero, Barnett said.

Basic manners include sitting. Task work includes fetching and placing an object in the hero's hand while specific tasks might include leading a veteran with PTSD to an open area if the person is suffering from a living nightmare, for example.

And a dog can be trained to latch on to the scent of its owner's car 4 miles away, Barnett said, and lead them to it.

Once a dog is trained, additional tasks can be added to the animal's repertoire, Barnett said. Training takes about 18 months and can be extended if needed.

Service Dogs 4 All Disabilities offers times for alumni to socialize and further train their

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Honoring Dolores Huerta's Impact on Literacy and Youth

Sacramento County Office of Education News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - As we honor Dolores Huerta's legacy, the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) reflects on her lifelong commitment to education, civil rights, and youth empowerment. Huerta's impact was felt deeply at the 2025 Sacramento Latino Book & Family Festival where she championed literacy as a fundamental civil right.

"Dolores Huerta understood that education has the power to change lives," said Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools Jacqueline White. "She spent her life encouraging young people to believe in themselves, speak up for what matters and make a difference in their communities."

Before co-founding the United Farm Workers and inspiring generations with her famous call, "Sí, se puede," Dolores Huerta began her career as an educator. She earned her teaching credential from Delta College in Stockton and taught children of farmworkers. Seeing students arrive at school hungry and barefoot helped shape her conviction that improving their lives required addressing the economic injustices facing their families.

For Sacramento County Board of Education President Mariana Corona Sabeniano, Huerta's legacy is both personal and profound. As the daughter of farmworkers, she understands the impact Huerta had on generations of families seeking better opportunities for their children.

"I had the privilege of working with Dolores Huerta on a variety of issues," Corona Sabeniano said. "Dolores understood that education, opportunity and economic justice go hand in hand. Her loss is deeply personal, but the movement she helped build and the generations she inspired will carry her legacy forward."

At the 2025 book festival, Huerta connected with local educators and Valley High School Health Tech Academy students pursuing Community Health Worker certification, inspiring them to use their voices, engage in civics and serve their communities. She also celebrated

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Sky River Casino Launches Fifth Annual Wreaths of Hope



Representatives of Sky River Casino and Wilton Rancheria, along with nine participating local charities, gathered inside 32 Brews on Nov. 17 to kick off the 5th Annual Wreaths of Hope. The annual holiday program celebrates the season while supporting charitable partners throughout the Elk Grove and Sacramento County region. During the event, participating nonprofits delivered and unveiled their creatively decorated wreaths, which will be displayed throughout Sky River Casino beginning Dec. 1. Guests will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite wreaths throughout the holidays. The nine charities participating in the festive and fun 5th Annual Wreaths of Hope were: Asian Resources Inc., Chicks in Crisis, Cosumnes Firefighters Community Support Foundation, Elk Grove Food Bank, My Sister's House, Project RIDE, Paws for a Purpose, Runnin' for Rhett, and Wilton Animal Rescue.
Photo courtesy of Sky River Casino

Elk Grove's Holiday Kickoff

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Lynden King, parade coordinator for the past 30 years and 2026 Elk Grove Citizen of the Year.

Visit https://elk-grove.gov/event/parade-lights/november-28-2026-0600pm for the entry form.

Judges will evaluate each category of participants and winners will receive a plaque, King said.

Santa will be the last of the parade participants, he said. The Elk Grove Lions will be handing out candy canes and Amazon and other groups will be handing out items, too, King said.

Dickens Street Faire

About 150 vendors, including 10 to 12 food trucks, will be selling their wares and entertainers will be sharing their talents Nov. 28, during the Dickens Street Faire in Old Town Elk Grove.

Presented this year by the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce, the street faire begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 7 p.m. along Elk Grove Boulevard between Second Avenue and School Street. Things will be happening along Walnut Avenue and Railroad and Grove streets, too.

Elk Grove Boulevard from Second Avenue to School Street will be closed to traffic starting at about 6 a.m.

Entertainment lasts until at least 4 p.m. Free cookies and a tree-lighting program begin at 5:30 p.m., the tree-lighting is at 6 p.m. and visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus are available from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"As of last year, we had 9,000 people who attended," said Coordinator Amy Labowitch.

"I'm really focused on hitting all of the notes, meaning adults with the shopping, kids with the games and the crafts and then entertainment for everybody," she said.

Entertainers this year include Neil Nayyar, who plays more than 100 instruments, the Stauss Festival dancers, The Why Nots, School of Rock, Richie Bee One-Man Circus and the Light Opera Theatre of Sacramento.

Crafts and games for free for children will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Tiny Tim's Alley on Railroad Street.

The main entertainment stage kicks off with performances at 10 a.m. on Elk Grove Boulevard between Railroad and School streets.

Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available from noon to 4 p.m. at the corner of Railroad and Grove streets.

The lighting of the holiday tree at Elk Grove Boulevard and Walnut Avenue is special this year. The tree has all new lights, which were strung this fall.

Carolers will sing to begin the tree-lighting program followed by a reading by Santa and Mrs. Claus of Twas the Night Before Christmas. The tree is lit at 6 p.m.

"It's become just tradition for a lot of people," Labowitch said. "Even the people that put it on." ★

Training Dogs for Vets

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dog, too, Barnett said. He has been training dogs for 10 years and his partner has the same amount of experience. They started Service Dogs 4 All Disabilities in 2025.

The aim of the nonprofit is to give heroes the ability to live life, rather than sit at home.

But training the dog, Barnett said, is 10% dog and 90% person. That means training requires the owner to change.

Dick Brink, a retired Air Force chief master sergeant, heard Barnett's presentation Nov. 5 and thought it was great.

"Dogs are real important to GIs," Brink, 88, said. "They need the friendship and the partnership between the dog and the veteran."

Brink is a past commander of Ray Clark Chapter 35 and a past adjutant, having served 14 years in that role.

Brigt Skjerpe, a Marine Corps veteran and a national service officer with the Disabled American Veterans, thought Barnett's presentation was good, too.

"It doesn't just help the veterans," Skjerpe said. "It ends up helping the families as well." ★

MEMORIAL

BARRY WRIGGLESWORTH — 1938 -2026



Barry passed away peacefully with family by his side at the age of 88, due to Alzheimer's disease.

Barry was born in Oakland, California. He was the only child of Orville and Phyllis Wrigglesworth.

Barry grew up in the Concord, California area, where he eventually met and married his wife, Bettye. A few years later they moved to Wilton and raised their two children, Dale and Lori. During the time they were raising their children they also took in Bettye's niece, Vicky, after her father passed away. While living in the Wilton area for over 59 years, Barry made many lifelong friends. He was involved in various cutting horse clubs and loved helping local cattle ranchers.

Barry was preceded in death by his beloved wife, of 65 years, Bettye.

Barry leaves behind his 2 children Dale Wrigglesworth (Kathy) and Lori Holmes (Rick), his devoted niece Vicky Landreth (Howard), Great Nephews Jason (Deborah) and Aaron (Michelle), 3 grandchildren (Cody, Cassidy and Sierra) and 4 great grandchildren (Chandler, Grayson, Nora and Hazel).

Private graveside services and final resting place for Barry will be at Sutter Creek City Cemetery.

A reception will be held to honor and celebrate the life of Barry on Saturday, January 23, 2027, at 2:00pm. Located at The Barn, 10854 Walmort Road, Wilton, CA 95693.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



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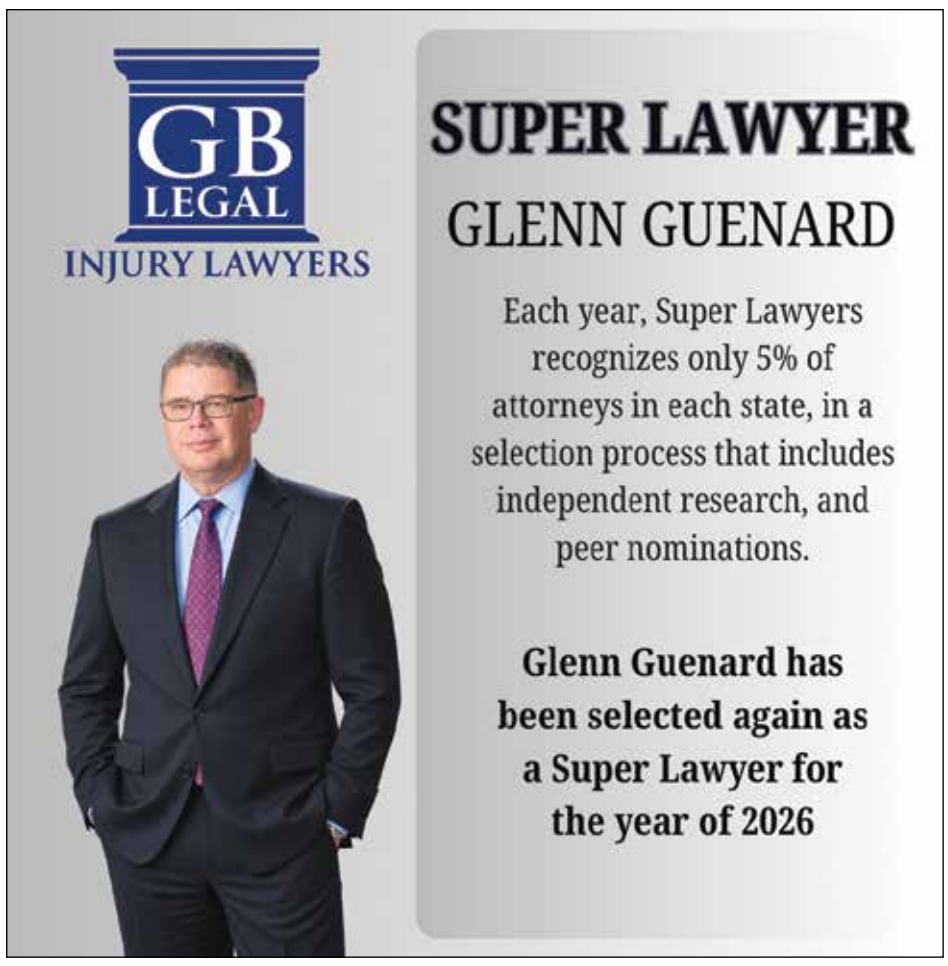


Camp Okizu Aiming to Rebuild

Story and photos by Keith Burbank



Board Chair Ana Brubaker (left) and Executive Director Suzie Randall stand in front of a pond at Camp Okizu's new property in Valley Springs on Nov. 7.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Leaders and staff of Camp Okizu – a camp for children with cancer and their families – opened the gates Nov. 7 to a new location in Valley Springs.

Valley Springs is about 30 miles east of Galt in Calaveras County and will be home to a new camp following the destruction of the previous one by the Bear Fire in September 2020. No one at the camp, which was in Butte County, was hurt in that fire.

Camp Okizu is still offering camps since the fire, but at rented locations. The Valley Springs property is owned by Camp Okizu following a purchase about two years ago.

Okizu, a word from the Sioux language, means "unity, to come together, to heal from a hurt, to make whole," according to the organization's website. Camp Okizu serves children from Northern California with "peer support, respite and community" at no charge, the website says.

"We need to raise the funds that it will take to build the camp," said Okizu Board Chair Ana Brubaker, which she and Executive Director Suzie Randall estimate will cost tens of millions of dollars.

The new location has existing cabins that will need to be modified, buildings that need to be torn down and buildings, such as a lodge, that need to be built.

"We have some price estimators," Randall said.

And a contractor joined the team recently who might be able to provide a cost for construction that can be used for planning purposes for Phase I, she said.

Phase I will include the lodge, health center, swimming pool and amphitheater where campers can gather for campfires, Randall added.

"Unless we can find a very generous donor" who can "give us tens of millions of dollars," Brubaker said, chuckling but serious, too.

A public campaign to raise the necessary money has yet to start. Three million dollars is what is required to provide the camps each year, Brubaker said.

It is unclear when the Valley Springs camp will open to campers. Permits from the county must be obtained and buildings designed.

"We're sort of at the mercy of that schedule," Randall said.

One reason for choosing the Valley Springs location is the ability to get off the property in an emergency, she said.

Camp Okizu serves children 7 to 17 years old. And the camp offers weekends for families when parents and children of any age can participate. Another program offers a camp for teen adults and adults in their 20s.

Camp Okizu has served children with cancer and their families for more than 40 years.

"We serve all kinds of kids," said Brubaker.

Even the sickest children can come to camp here, she said.

"Accessibility is a big part of what we do," she added. "We want to make sure that the most vulnerable can come."

Camp Okizu hosts camps for siblings, too.

"As you can imagine, being in a family where one of the kids is sick, there's a lot going on," Brubaker said. "Those kids have a lot of feelings, scared that their brother or sister is sick, jealous that they're not getting their parents' attention, and a lot of conflicting feelings."

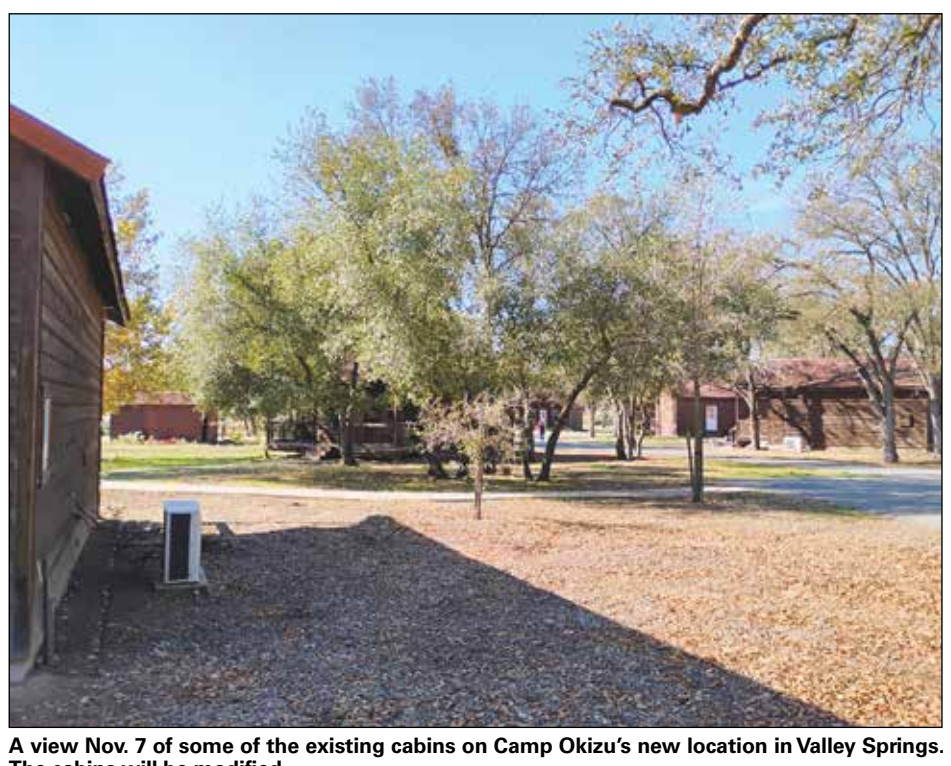
Few services exist to help siblings, she said.

Even children who had cancer and lived through it can come to camp, Brubaker said, which many teenagers do.

"But that actually creates a very nice thing for our campers," she added, "because it's this hope that somebody who has the same disease can look at someone older that went through it and are on the other side and are healthy and doing well." ★



A view Nov. 7 of part of Camp Okizu's new location in Valley Springs.



A view Nov. 7 of some of the existing cabins on Camp Okizu's new location in Valley Springs. The cabins will be modified.

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MLS Next Wraps Up

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Nov. 22 marked the final day of play for the Elk Grove Soccer club before the players begin playing for their school teams. The final matches occurred at Franklin High School and each age group of the club played against Modesto Ajax United.

Elk Grove had a great day from start to finish within each age group. Teams were able to win each game in dominant fashion, with the closest game of the day being the 13-year-old age group. They won 4-1.

That capped off a tremendous fall season as the team in each age group lost no more than twice on the season. The 16-year-old team went undefeated at 9-0. That just showcases how talented each player is as well as the club.



The 17U team breaks a huddle before a game.

And that is what Elk Grove Soccer strives to accomplish year in and year out: being the best soccer club in the area, providing a professional environment and allowing their players to grow with the help of an experienced coaching staff.

No matter the age or experience of the player, they are going to be put on a path that will benefit them and get them where they want to be.

Elk Grove Soccer has multiple teams that will be a part of different leagues depending on the level of competition. So, each player will be able to compete and benefit from the experience.

Recreational leagues, national leagues and premier leagues are the leagues a player can be a part of to improve their soccer skills. The club even has a Future Stars league for children 4 to 8 years old.



A 17U player takes a warm-up shot.

Elk Grove Soccer takes pride in teaching generations of players the skills to put them on the path to be successful even past high school and into college, placing players on each level across collegiate soccer, from Junior College to Division 1.

And more importantly, it's placing them to succeed in the classroom. Players are encouraged to get a degree to be set up for life after sports. Playing the game will end at some point, and players can use their education from there on out. ★

Incoming High School Sports

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - With high school football coming to a close, winter sports are slowly taking hold once again. Basketball, soccer and wrestling for both boys and girls are beginning their pre-season phases.

Although football was the biggest sport in the fall, it was not the only sport played. There were multiple other sports that were played like girl's golf, flag football, boy's and girl's cross country, boy's and girl's water polo, girl's tennis and volleyball.

Pleasant Grove High School was the school that had the most Delta League champions during the fall season, as its teams took home four league titles: girl's golf, girl's water polo and both boy's and girl's cross country.

Franklin High School and Cosumnes Oaks High School both took home two league titles out of the five remaining sports. Sheldon High School took home the flag football title, but the team fell short in the Section Championship.

Now with the end of November and the beginning of December approaching, each team that was a Delta League champion last year is looking to repeat, while other teams are looking to dethrone them.

Sheldon High School and Elk Grove High School are looking to dominate the winter sports: basketball for Sheldon and wrestling for Elk Grove. Both teams missed out last year.

The Sheldon girls basketball team lost to Laguna Creek in the league championship, and Elk Grove's girl's wrestling team lost in the league championship against Cosumnes Oaks.

Cosumnes Oaks made history in the win against Elk Grove, as that victory was the first league title in school history. Now both Elk Grove and Sheldon are looking to get both of those titles back this year.

On the other hand, Franklin High School boys soccer team and Pleasant Grove's girls soccer team are looking to have the same performances as last year.

Both teams dominated league play to win the league championship and secure a place in the post-season.

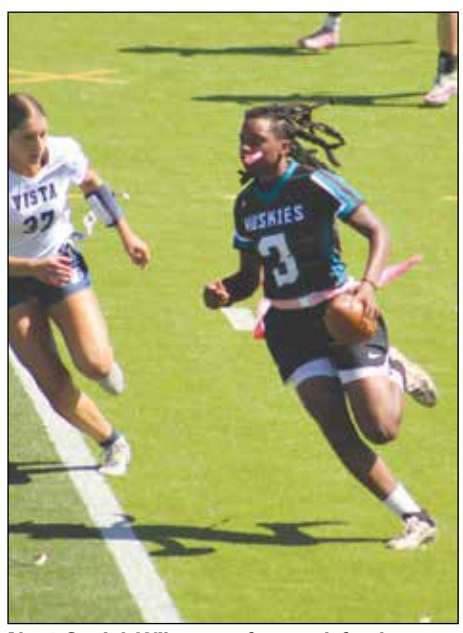
Pleasant Grove went undefeated at 12-0 in league play. Franklin was undefeated but not perfect. Three games ended in a tie, but the team was still named league champion and went to the playoffs. ★



No. 3 Jovan Harper returns the opening kickoff.



Franklin and Pleasant Grove are ready as ball is served.



No. 3 Saniah Wiley runs from a defender.

Historical Society Hosts Gala

Elk Grove Historical Society News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Historical Society will welcome the holiday season with its annual Black Tie & Santa Gala on Nov. 29. The event will start at 6 p.m. at the historic Elk Grove House & Stage Stop Museum, bringing together community members for an evening of holiday festivities, entertainment, and support for local history.

Guests will enjoy an elegant occasion featuring food, live music, drinks, wine, caviar, and chocolate, along with a silent auction and holiday boutique. The event offers an opportunity for residents, local businesses, and community supporters to gather in a historic setting while celebrating the season and supporting the preservation of Elk Grove's heritage.

In keeping with the spirit of giving, attendees are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy for Santa to distribute to a child in need in the Elk Grove community, from birth through five years old. This special collection will help bring additional holiday cheer to local families during the season.

Tickets are $60 per person for Elk Grove Historical Society members and $70 per person for non-members. Attire is dressy casual.

Community members are encouraged to attend, enjoy an evening of holiday celebration, and support the ongoing work of the Elk Grove Historical Society.

Tickets are available online through Nov. 28 at https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/black-tie-and-santa-gala.

The Elk Grove Historical Society was founded to preserve and share the history of Elk Grove and surrounding communities. The historical society operates out of Heritage Park and works to protect local historical resources through education, advocacy, and community partnerships. ★

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. ★



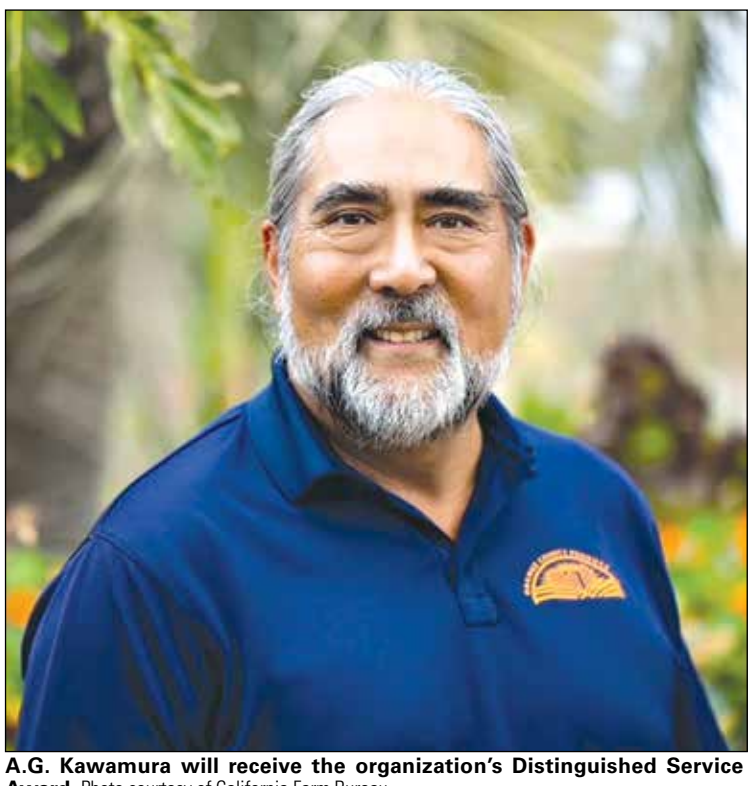
California Farm Bureau Announces Recipients of Its Highest Service Awards

California Farm Bureau News Release

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - The California Farm Bureau will recognize two distinguished leaders whose careers have shaped California agriculture for decades.

A.G. Kawamura will receive the organization's Distinguished Service Award, and Karen Mills will receive the Helen Roberti Lifetime Service Award. Both honors will be presented on Dec. 6 during the California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada.

For more than six decades, the Distinguished Service Award has honored individuals whose dedication, leadership and advocacy have strengthened California agriculture and Farm Bureau.



A.G. Kawamura will receive the organization's Distinguished Service Award. Photo courtesy of California Farm Bureau



Karen Mills will receive the Helen Roberti Lifetime Service Award. Photo courtesy of California Farm Bureau

A third-generation fruit and vegetable grower from Orange County, Kawamura has spent more than four decades advancing agriculture at the local, state and national levels. He served as California secretary of food and agriculture from 2003 to 2010 and remains a leading voice on food security, agricultural innovation, climate resilience and land stewardship. Throughout his career, he has championed practical solutions that support farmers as agriculture respond to a growing population and a changing environment.

Before his state service, Kawamura was president of the Orange County Farm Bureau and chair of Western Growers. He continues to farm with Orange County Produce and serves agricultural, educational and nonprofit organizations working to strengthen the future of food production.

Established in 2013, the Helen Roberti Lifetime Service Award honors the legacy of longtime Plumas-Sierra County Farm Bureau manager Helen Roberti. It recognizes current and retired Farm Bureau employees whose dedication and leadership have made a lasting impact on the organization and California agriculture.

Karen Norene Mills served Farm Bureau members for more than three decades, drawing on her legal and policy expertise. After joining the organization in 1988, she became one of California agriculture's most respected advocates on energy, utility and regulatory issues. She represented farmers and ranchers before state agencies, the Legislature and regulatory bodies, helping secure policies that improved the affordability, reliability and availability of essential services for agricultural operations statewide.

As Vice President of Legal Advocacy and Corporate Secretary, Mills mentored staff, guided Farm Bureau's legal advocacy and helped develop policy solutions to some of the most complex issues facing farmers and ranchers. Colleagues across the state have long recognized her steady leadership, institutional knowledge and unwavering commitment to agriculture.

"A.G. and Karen have dedicated their careers to serving agriculture and the people who make it possible," Shannon Douglass, president of the California Farm Bureau said. "Their leadership, integrity and commitment have strengthened Farm Bureau and helped farmers and ranchers navigate challenges for decades. We are grateful for all they have done and proud to recognize them with these well-deserved honors."

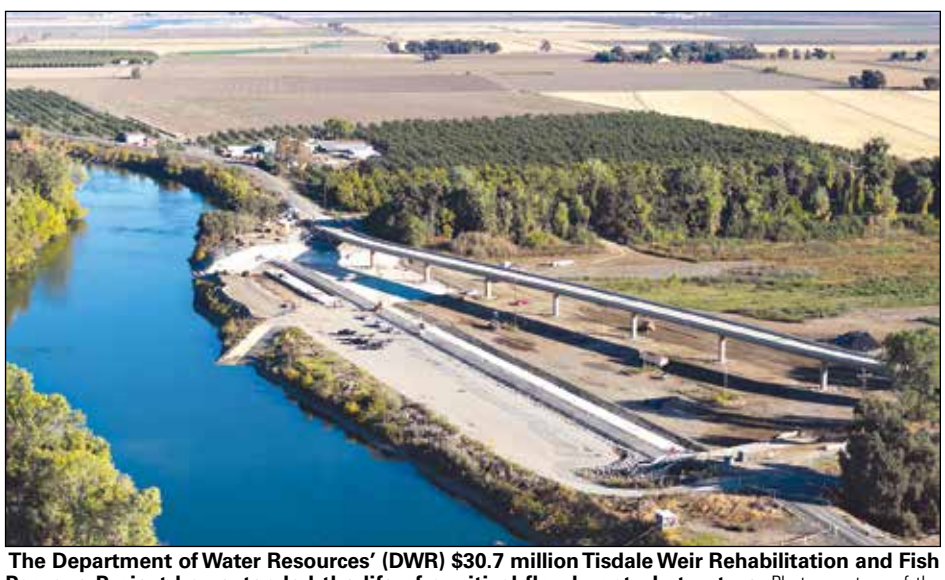
"I've been fortunate to spend my life working alongside people who care deeply about agriculture and the communities it supports," Kawamura said. "This recognition is especially meaningful because it comes from Farm Bureau, an organization that has long been a strong voice for farmers and ranchers. I am honored and grateful to be included among those who have received this award."

"Serving California Farm Bureau members has been one of the great privileges of my career," Mills said. "For nearly four decades, I had the opportunity to work alongside dedicated farmers, ranchers and colleagues who care deeply about the future of agriculture. I am honored by this recognition and grateful for the many people who made that work so rewarding."

The awards will be presented at the California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Reno, where farmer and rancher delegates from across the state will discuss policy issues and set organizational priorities for the coming year.

California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches as part of a nationwide network representing more than 5 million Farm Bureau members. Learn more at www.cfbf.com or follow @cafarmbureau on Instagram, LinkedIn, X or Facebook. ★

Valley Flood Infrastructure Project Completed Ahead of El Niño Winter



The Department of Water Resources' (DWR) $30.7 million Tisdale Weir Rehabilitation and Fish Passage Project has extended the life of a critical flood control structure. Photo courtesy of the Governor of California



Constructed in 1932 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tisdale Weir required significant structural rehabilitation after 87 years of operation. Photo courtesy of the Department of Water Resources

Department of Water Resources News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With El Niño conditions raising concerns about potentially heavy winter storms and flooding in California, a major Sacramento Valley flood control project has been completed just in time for the rainy season. The Department of Water Resources' (DWR) $30.7 million Tisdale Weir Rehabilitation and Fish Passage Project has extended the life of a critical flood control structure, helping ensure the historic weir can continue to safely move floodwaters, reduce pressure on levees and protect communities during major storms.

When winter storms cause the Sacramento River to rise, Tisdale Weir is one of the first structures to help protect Sacramento Valley communities from flooding. The Sacramento Valley's system of flood bypasses relies on large structures known as weirs to divert high flows from the Sacramento River, reducing pressure on downstream levees and helping protect communities from flooding.

Constructed in 1932 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tisdale Weir required significant structural rehabilitation after 87 years of operation. Historically, fish could become stranded behind the weir when the Sacramento River receded below the weir crest. As part of the project, a new fish passage was incorporated into the rehabilitated structure to help avoid fish stranding while maintaining the weir's critical flood protection function.

"With El Niño potentially bringing significant storms to California this winter, the completion of this project couldn't be more timely," said Laura Hollender, DWR deputy director for flood management and dam safety. "By extending the life of this critical structure, we're helping ensure the Sacramento Valley's flood management system can continue to do its job when high water arrives, protecting communities and reducing flood risk for generations to come."

The Tisdale Weir is a critical component of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project (SRFCP) and is one of five weirs on the Sacramento River. During high flow events, the Tisdale Weir can convey up to half the river's flow into the Sutter Bypass, relieving pressure on downstream levees. This capability is especially important during prolonged periods of heavy rainfall, when successive storms can cause river levels to remain elevated and place additional stress on the flood control system.

Statewide Flood System Preparations Underway

Every fall, DWR and partner agencies ready California's flood control system for high water by inspecting all 1,600 miles of levees in the State Plan of Flood Control and ensuring the system is ready to operate as designed to reduce flood risk and protect communities.

With El Niño conditions adding uncertainty to the upcoming winter storm season, California is preparing now for potential flooding. DWR's flood operations staff are coordinating closely with local partners in cities and counties across the state, conducting 13 regional workshops, and pre-positioned flood-fighting materials at 74 locations. These materials include 4.4 million sandbags and 400,000 tons of rock for potential emergency levee repairs.

For information on how you can prepare your household for flood emergencies, visit https://www.ready.gov/kit.

For more information on finding your flood risk, visit https://myhazards.caloes.ca.gov/.

For information on obtaining flood insurance, visit https://www.floodsmart.gov/. ★

Society for the Blind Students Take the Stage in 'Roxy's Place'

Society for the Blind News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Local residents with vision loss at nonprofit Society for the Blind in Sacramento debuted their original musical stage play, "Roxy's Place" in early November. Several Society for the Blind students formed their creative arts collaborative, writing, producing and performing in the play. Live audio description was provided for the audience, which was comprised mostly of people who are blind or have low vision.

"Roxy's Place" tells the story of Roxy, described as a "blind no-nonsense café owner," who motivates her guests with vision loss to face their fears, overcome obstacles and fulfill their dreams.

"Roxy is a fantastic embodiment of our mission here at Society for the Blind to empower people with vision loss to discover, develop and achieve their full potential," Shari Roeseler, executive director, Society for the Blind said. "Everyone involved in this production gave their all and developed countless skills while flexing their creative muscles and having fun. What a joy to see this come to life on stage."

Society for the Blind offers an onsite Low Vision Clinic and assistive technology store, as well as four core classes – orientation and mobility, independent living skills, assistive technology and braille – to ensure people with vision loss can stay active, employed and living life to the fullest. The nonprofit also provides a program for seniors that includes support groups, classes and social activities. For youth, Society for the Blind offers a support groups for caregivers and parents of children with vision loss. The nonprofit also provides a braille production program and hosts events open to the public.

For more than 70 years, Sacramento-based Society for the Blind has continued to create innovative ways to empower individuals living with low vision or blindness to discover, develop and achieve their full potential. Since 1954, Society for the Blind has grown from a dedicated group of volunteers to a nationally recognized agency and the only comprehensive rehabilitative teaching center that provides services for a 27-county region of Northern California. The nonprofit provides low-vision eye care, life and job skills training, mentorship and access to tools to maintain independence for more than 5,000 youth, working-age adults and seniors experiencing vision loss each year.

To learn more or make a donation, visit www.SocietyfortheBlind.org. ★

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

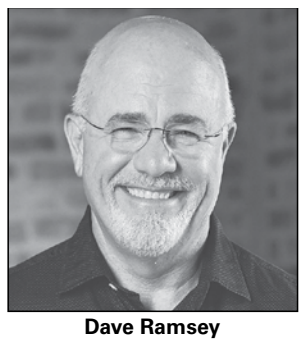
Community members are invited to Sunday worship services at 10:30 a.m. at 9624 Melrose Ave., Elk Grove. Sunday School and nursery services are available. More at FieldOfHopeUCC.org.

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. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says

The Ultimate To-Do List

Dear Dave,

Do you have a list of the important, immediate things people should think about if they have to deal with being laid off from a job?

– Oscar

Dear Oscar,

It's great to know you're thinking ahead. Hopefully, you're not facing this problem at the moment, but if you are, here are just a few ideas that come to mind to help hold things together until you're back on your feet again.

First, take any severance pay — plus all the other money you have — and put it in an emergency fund. You never know how long money will be tight in a situation like this. I mean, even if you immediately find a part-time job to tide you over, you're still going to be facing a significant loss of income in the short term.

You know how much I love beating down debt, right? At this point, you need to stop paying extra on any debt you have. Pull the plug on retirement planning temporarily, too. You don't need to worry about this stuff when you're in the middle of a full-blown crisis. A detailed, bare-bones household budget is also a necessity. It's beans and rice time when something like this happens, so no eating out, buying new things or vacations for a while.

Many times, people don't want to experience the pain of a scaled-back lifestyle while they're also feeling the pain of a job loss. Some of them even turn to credit cards, and that's a really bad idea. It only makes a bad situation worse.

Be on the hunt for life insurance, as well, if you previously had it only through your employer. Everyone needs a good, inexpensive level-term life insurance policy outside of what's offered at the workplace. And when it comes to medical insurance, consider looking into a government health care plan, or health savings account (HSA), one with a high deductible and low premium.

Finally, you've got to be willing to take any honest work that comes your way. This means even part-time jobs like delivering pizza. There's no shame in honest work, and you might even be surprised by how much some people make doing this very thing.

Great question, Oscar!

– 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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Website: https://stpeterseg.org
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St. Luke's Lutheran Church (ELCA)
7595 Center Parkway
Sacramento, CA 95823
Pastor Rob Williamson
916-421-5039
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POLICE LOG

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. 16

10:19 a.m., 10400 block of Grant Line Road, Elk Grove police arrested Joseph Manzi, 68, on DUI charges.

2:44 p.m., First block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove police arrested Carmelita Appling, 60, on warrant charges.

9:01 p.m., confidential, Elk Grove police arrested Vincent Berry, 45, on charges of domestic violence.

Nov. 19

12:24 a.m., confidential, Elk Grove police arrested Marcos Brito, 26, on domestic violence charges.

8:42 a.m., Whitelock Parkway/Bruceville Road, Elk Grove police arrested Layton Haynes, 43, on warrant charges.

7:06 p.m., state Highway 99/Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove police arrested Michelle Lopez, 50, on warrant charges.

9:04 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Laguna Springs Drive, Elk Grove police arrested Sean Clark, 33, on DUI charges.

Nov. 20

9:01 a.m., 9400 block of Windrift Lane, Elk Grove police arrested Jaylen Gonzales, 31, on brandishing charges.

9:11 p.m., Interstate Highway 5/Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove police arrested Yahaira Jordan, 21, on warrant charges.

Nov. 21

3:21 p.m., 8400 block of Bond Road, Elk Grove police arrested Tish Padilla, 38, on DUI charges.

9:02 p.m., 8100 block of Orchard Loop Lane, Elk Grove police arrested Ronald Servantes, 56, on warrant charges.

Nov. 22

10:13 p.m., Bruceville Road/Di Lusso Drive, Elk Grove police arrested Amarjot Dhillon, 52, on DUI charges.

Emergency Preparedness Packets

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) is helping residents prepare for emergencies by distributing thousands of free preparedness packets throughout the community.

OES has distributed more than 4,000 packets to volunteer fire districts, community organizations and other locations throughout the county.

Each packet includes a waterproof envelope to protect important documents, an envelope to help residents set aside emergency cash, an emergency communications card and a jar opener.

These supplies can help residents take simple steps toward preparing for emergencies, including winter storms, flooding and power outages. Keeping important documents protected and having emergency cash and communication information readily available can make a difference during an emergency.

Packets will be available in the coming days.

Locations with packets: Elk Grove Senior Center at 8230 Civic Center Dr., Elk Grove; Wilton Fire Station at 9800 Dillard Rd., Wilton; Herald Fire Station at 12746 Ivie Rd., Herald; Courtland Fire Station at 154 Magnolia Ave, Courtland; Walnut Grove Fire Station at 14150 Grove St., Station 96; River Delta Fire Station, 16969 Jackson Slough Rd., Isleton; and Isleton Fire Department, 201 2nd St., Isleton.

Packets are still available for community partners to distribute. If you are a a community partner who would like to distribute packets at your location, contact SacOESInfo@saccounty.gov. ★

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.

Saturday, Nov. 28 and Sunday, Nov. 29

Holiday Makers' Fair – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Lavender Estates. This event promises a delightful experience. With over 20 curated talented vendors showcasing their unique creations, you'll find the perfect gifts to spread holiday cheer while supporting local artisans. Embrace the holiday spirit and discover one-of-a-kind treasures that will make your season even more special. Let's come together as a community to celebrate creativity, craftsmanship, and the joy of giving. Mark your calendars and bring your loved ones along for a festive shopping experience. 9050 Tavernor Rd., Wilton.

Saturday, Nov. 28

Dickens Street Faire – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Old Town Plaza. This annual event, organized with pride by the Old Town Elk Grove Foundation, promises your entire family a delightfully festive experience. Witness Santa's dramatic rescue by our esteemed fire department. Wander through Old Town, discover local shops, relish live entertainment, explore crafts, vendor booths, and food trucks. The Old Town Plaza will be the center stage for entertainment, free kids' activities and professional photo opportunities with Santa. At 5:00 p.m., the sun sets, and the vendors will close shop. However, stick around for Christmas carols, and a story with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Please join us for the Christmas Tree Lighting at 6:00 p.m. Santa will flip the switch to illuminate the town's Christmas tree on Walnut Street. 9515 Railroad St.

Holiday Cookie Tasting & Craft Fair – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at All Roots Allowed Farm Stand. Enjoy fresh food, homemade goodies, local crafters, and more. 12003 Walmort Rd., Wilton.

Big Oak Nursery Small Business Saturday – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Take a picture with Santa, enjoy free kids' activities, and shop our selection of treats and Christmas trees. 10071 Grant Line Rd., Elk Grove.

Parade of Lights – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Come out and celebrate the season with the Elk Grove Lions Club. The parade starts from 8820 Elk Grove Blvd. and moves eastbound crossing Elk Grove-Florin Road, and it will end between Gage and 2nd Street on Elk Grove Blvd.

Sunday, Nov. 29

Black Tie and Santa – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Elk Grove House & Stage Stop Museums. Join us for an elegant evening supporting the Elk Grove Historical Society's work to preserve, share, and celebrate our local history through our museum, research library, and tours. Spent an elegant evening with wine, caviar, chocolate and good friends. Food, live music and a silent auction and new this year – a Holiday Boutique. Tickets available at elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com. 9941 East Stockton Blvd.

Monday, Nov. 30 through Friday, Dec. 4

Holiday Gift Wrapping – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Explore Elk Grove Visitor Center. We are excited to connect with the community and our wonderful partners this holiday season by hosting a gift-wrapping week. We'll happily wrap up to 5 gifts per guest, so there's plenty of holiday cheer to go around while you cozy up with a cup of cocoa and shop the Main Street Marketplace. 9045 Elk Grove Blvd.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

A Very Merry Market – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Wilton Hall. Join us for a little shopping and a lot of giving. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy or baby item to donate. Our drive supports Miracles in Old Elk Grove. 11040 Wilton Rd., Wilton.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

CRC Music: Instrumental and Vocal Ensembles Concert and Awards – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the CRC Recital Hall. Featuring Contemporary Gospel Choir, Chamber Singers, College Chorus, Concert Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Commercial Music Ensemble. Tickets $10 general or $5 student, available at crc.losrios.edu. 8401 Center Parkway, Sacramento.

Thursday, Dec. 3

International Day of Persons with Disabilities Celebration – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Wackford Community & Aquatic Complex. This inclusive event brings our community together for an evening of fun, connection, and entertainment. Enjoy games and activities while watching performances by RAD participants in a welcoming, supportive environment designed for individuals of all abilities. More information at cosumnescsd.gov. 9014 Bruceville Rd.

Friday, Dec. 4 through Saturday, Dec. 12

"The Last 5 Years" – playing at the Arts Studio at Cosumnes River College. Tickets and more information at riseuptheatreco.com. 8401 Center Parkway, Sacramento.

Friday, Dec. 4 through Sunday, Dec. 6

Old Fashioned Christmas – 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day at the Elk Grove Historical Society Museum and grounds. Come see us sparkle with Christmas cheer. Enjoy cookie decorating and ornament crafting for the little ones, and don't miss a visit from Santa himself. A joyful family event for all. $10 per adult, $5 per child 16 and under. 9941 East Stockton Blvd.

Saturday, Dec. 5

Wilton Winter Festival and Parade – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wilton Community Center. Enjoy one of Wilton's favorite holiday traditions as our community comes together to celebrate the season. Join us for a festive day filled with holiday cheer, family fun, shopping, delicious food, and a visit from Santa himself. Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase during the event. 9717 Colony Rd., Wilton.

Breakfast with Santa – choose from seatings at 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. at the Gil Albiani Recreation Center. Tickets will be sold per table of 8 or individually. Each table will have the opportunity to visit with Santa and his friends Sammy the Duck and Peter Pumpkin. Cosumnes CSD is excited to partner with the Pride of Laguna Creek Lions, who use this annual fundraiser to support many schools, non-profits, and individuals in need throughout the Elk Grove Community. Registration required at cosumnescsd.gov. 8830 Sharkey Ave.

Bufferlands Wetlands and Waterfowl – 9 a.m. to noon. Come join Bufferlands biologists for an early morning 1-1/2-mile walk around some of our seasonal wetlands. We will talk about our roles as wetland managers as we look for waterfowl and other waterbirds that rely on these wet habitats. Advance registration is required for this free event as space is limited – email Chris Conard at conardc@sacsewer.com to register. Location details will be emailed to registered participants ahead of the event.

Illumination Holiday Festival – 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at District56. Enjoy an evening of free, family-friendly activities, including holiday shopping in the vendor village, bounce houses, ice skating, rides aboard the Grover Express Holiday Train, food trucks, photos with Santa and the annual Ribbon Tree lighting ceremony at 7:30 p.m. that ushers in the holiday season, followed by a special holiday drone show. 8230 Civic Center Dr.

"Oh. What. Fun!" – 4 p.m. at the Charlene Powers Lange Performing Arts Theatre. Join us for an unforgettable celebration of talent, creativity, and the joy of dance as performers from Galaxy Dance Arts take the stage. Tickets and more information at lodi.gov/845/events-performances. 125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

Sunday, Dec. 6

Camden Neighborhood Association Holiday Faire – noon to 2 p.m. at the Cooperston Way Greenbelt. Meet your neighbors – this wonderful, free event gives you the opportunity to take pictures with Santa and his Elves, drink hot cocoa, shop local vendors, decorate a cookie or two and create a fun kids craft. We offer train rides on the trackless train, too.

Paid CNA members get to jump the line when you check in and pick up your ticket. 8728 Cooperston Way.

Light Up Elk Grove – 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Old Town Elk Grove. Chabad of Elk Grove will be hosting this special event, free and open to the public. There will be live entertainment and food vendors. The evening will conclude with the lighting of the menorah. 9615 Railroad St.

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, Dec. 19. 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 has a variety of events coming up this month:

November 27 – 10:00 a.m. Mixed variety game day at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Gerri at 916-698-1940. vv

November 28 – 1:00 p.m. Book club at special location for this month. Contact Merrylyn at 916-549-4264.

December 3 – Noon: no-host lunch and Bunco at Patty's Pizza, 8591 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

December 4 – 10:00 a.m. Pinochle at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Jim at 916-768-1923.

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. 27: Libraries closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

Saturday, Nov. 28: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) STEAM for kids, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (VH)

Tuesday, Dec. 1: Homework zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can work with teen volunteer homework coaches to get help on their homework assignments. No registration is required, drop-ins welcome. (F)

Wednesday, Dec. 2: Explore and learn play group, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH) Homework zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can work with teen volunteer homework coaches to get help on their homework assignments. No registration is required, drop-ins welcome. (F)

Thursday, Dec. 3: Family story time, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (EG) Adult space, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (VH) Homework zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can work with teen volunteer homework coaches to get help on their homework assignments. No registration is required, drop-ins welcome. (F)

Friday, Dec. 4: Explore and learn play group, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. This week, we'll paint with yarn. (EG)

Saturday, Dec. 5: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Modified yoga. (NW) STEAM for kids, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EG)

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: 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

IT'S A WIN

By V.G. Harris

How much does an NBA win mean to a fan base? If you ask the Sacramento Kings fan base, the answer is a lot!

The last two games have seen the Sacramento Kings become the team that competes, and it is a pleasure to watch.

Going into Los Angeles and facing the mighty Lakers was not where anyone wanted to be, especially on an extended losing streak. What happened next was more than just surprising, it was completely unexpected.

Holding Luka Doncic to 25 points and 2-for-9 shooting from 3-point range is no small feat, but that is exactly what the high-energy Sacramento Kings did. Although the Kings ultimately lost the game, the intensity and competitiveness made it riveting to watch.

106 to 104 was the final score, but something was brewing, and it was about to be unleashed on the vaunted Boston Celtics.

On their home floor the Sacramento Kings hosted the Boston Celtics the following night, and everyone in Boston had apparently already put this game in the win column, because the Celtics decided to rest their best player in Jason Tatum.

Ultimately, that decision would prove big for the Sacramento Kings, as they battled the Celtics from the opening jump to the final buzzer, in a game that neither team will soon forget.

For the Sacramento Kings fans, they are watching the maturation process of rookie Darius Acuff Jr., as he played team basketball from start to finish and gave the Kings 21 points and eight big assists to defeat the heavily favored Celtics by the score of 97-96.

For Sacramento fans to see fifth year man Keegan Murray contribute 15 points and 12 rebounds was a thrill to watch, but his ferocious defense in the final possession was what ultimately won the game. Yes, I said it was defense that won this game, as the Kings held the Celtics to only 96 points and made them wonder what they were thinking of when they gave all-star Jason Tatum the night off.

The Sacramento Kings could easily be celebrating a two-game winning streak, and many fans are scratching their heads and asking, what changed?

I am finally beginning to see a rationale as to the substitution patterns for the Kings, and that in large part is contributing to more fluid offense that fans have witnessed over the past two games.

Recognizing who can get the job done and then letting the best players play together is a critical start in trying to turn around the most abysmal start in Sacramento Kings history.

Monday night at Golden One Center will undoubtedly see a larger crowd, and many fans will want to see the return of DeArron Fox, and the offensive juggernaut Victor Wembanyama.

If David can defeat Goliath, the Sacramento Kings can face the Spurs with a game plan. Underestimate this team and pay the price!

Progress Kings fans, progress. Rome wasn't built in a day, and it will take a little time to see the Sacramento Kings espousal as they become the competitive team they want to be night in and night out.

Once again, big man Domantas Sabonis made his presence felt contributing 15 points and a huge 17 rebounds in the win over the Celtics and it was just what the doctor ordered.

Although Zach Lavine scored only 13 points, he was 2-3 from the 3-point line and has shown flashes that his shooting stroke is once again a valued commodity.

Likewise, Keegan Murray fans are raising eyebrows and asking if this valued forward is turning his game around. Although still not the 3-point sharpshooter Kings fans got to know in his rookie season, Keegan is beginning to do two very important things and it's making a difference.

Number one is attacking the basket, and good things happen when Murray drives to the hole. He is an accomplished finisher, and it opens the floor for potential 3's when he's more active.

Number two and even more important has been his combination of stringent defense and aggressive rebounding. Helping Sabonis on the boards leads to all good things, and if Keegan's recent successes are a glimpse into the future, more wins are coming.

It's heating up Kings fans. Still early and auspicious things are beginning to happen!

All the best! ★

With California's Insurance Crisis at an Impasse, It Might Be Time for a Different Approach



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Nobody really likes writing those premium checks to insurance companies that always seem to be increasing — until they need their insurance to cover losses from auto crashes, fires or other calamities.

The conflict between those two priorities has been particularly acute in California in recent years as a series of horrendous wildfires swept through the state, taking lives, destroying billions of dollars in property and disrupting lives — even of those who escape direct losses.

Californians spend more than $100 billion a year on what the industry calls "property and casualty" policies, according to the state Department of Insurance.

Bills for fire and homeowners coverage topped $19 billion in 2025, but thanks largely to the destructive fires that hit Los Angeles and its suburbs 22 months ago, insurers incurred more than $31 billion in losses on those policies — more than four times the losses in 2024.

As payouts mounted over several years of wildfires, insurers began either pulling out of the California market or imposing tighter restrictions and higher premiums, forcing millions of property owners to scramble for coverage mortgage lenders require.

The state's last ditch "FAIR plan" was deluged with applications for coverage that was both costly and minimal, putting its finances in jeopardy.

It was — and is — a genuine crisis, needing a solution that provides consumers with adequate coverage at affordable prices and makes insurance profitable enough to keep insurers in the market.

After the Legislature failed to come up with a solution, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara weighed in three years ago with a plan he said could advance both priorities, allowing insurers to base rates on estimates of future losses, rather than past experience, while requiring them to meet coverage quotas.

Lara has taken heat from consumer groups, such as Consumer Watchdog, accusing him of caving in to insurers.

Oddly, however, the industry and consumer groups forged a strange bedfellows alliance this year to oppose a scheme Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed, limiting the liability of electric utilities such as Pacific Gas & Electric when their transmission lines fail and spark fires.

Without such limits, utilities argued, their financial stability would be undermined, making it difficult for them to borrow money and attract investors. The plan would, in effect, shift more of fire losses to insurers or property owners.

However, adding utilities' liability to an already dicey insurance coverage crisis was too much to swallow, and as the legislative session ended that plan remained on the table.

Lara could not run for another term, and the election of his successor this month adds still another factor to a situation already fraught with political complexity.

Two Democrats, former San Francisco Supervisor Jane Kim and state Sen. Ben Allen, finished in the top two in the June primary, putting both on the Nov. 3 ballot. Their duel took on an ideological aura. On the left, Kim proposed that the state set up its own fire insurance system, while Allen, a moderate, said Kim's proposal would cost too much and the state should build on Lara's plan.

Kim won decisively, one of many political races that progressives claimed this year. Her victory sets the stage for another legislative struggle.

Kim's notion of having the state directly provide at least some coverage is not particularly novel. The state already has an insurance program for workers' compensation, and it offers earthquake insurance.

Nor is it fatally unworkable, as Allen and the industry contended. Having base coverage provided by the state through taxes or mandatory fees tied to property value — and backed by reinsurance — could, if designed adroitly, protect insurers, utilities and consumers from the economic jolts of catastrophic wildfires.

At the very least, it warrants an independent and authoritative examination.

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

Have My Social Security Survivor Benefits Increased Since I Claimed Them?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My ex-husband died in 2013. We were married for 24 years and I have never remarried. I am now over 70 years old. I don't remember when I started collecting my Social Security. When he died, I applied and received 50% survivor benefits. Have there been any changes in the survivor benefits that would increase my Social Security payments? I know I may need to contact Social Security for further help, but I would like to know if there have been changes and what to ask. Thank you. ***Signed: Widowed Ex-Spouse***

Dear Widowed Ex: FYI, the rules about ex-spouse survivor benefits haven't changed - how much you get as a surviving ex-spouse depends upon your age at the time you claimed your ex-spouse survivor benefit. If you were married for at least 10 years (which you were) and if you didn't remarry before age 60 (which you did not), and you had reached your SS full retirement age (FRA) when you claimed it, then your monthly SS payment as a surviving ex-spouse would equal 100% of the amount your ex-husband was receiving when he died. However, if you applied for your surviving ex-spouse benefit before you reached your Social Security full retirement age – somewhere between age 66 and 67 depending on the year you were born – it would have been reduced. So, depending on your age when you claimed the ex-spouse benefit, the survivor benefit amount you are entitled to could be less than 100% of the amount your ex-husband was receiving when he died.

The SS rules for surviving ex-spouse benefits have not changed since your ex-husband died in 2013, but it's also important to understand how your ex-spouse survivor benefit is paid. If you have your own SS retirement benefit and claimed that benefit first, and you were awarded more as your ex-husband's surviving spouse when he died, you would continue to receive your own SS retirement amount, supplemented by an additional amount to make your payment equal to the amount you're entitled to as a surviving ex-spouse. You get only one SS payment, but it is comprised of two elements – your own SS retirement benefit and a supplement to make your payment equal your benefit entitlement as a surviving ex-spouse.

If you are uncertain about any of this and wish to confirm that you are receiving the correct amount as your deceased ex-husband's surviving spouse, then I encourage you to contact Social Security to make an appointment to review your current survivor benefit amount. You can make that appointment at your local SS field office (go to www.ssa.gov/locator), or you can call the national SS number 1.800.772.1213 to make an appointment. Social Security will almost certainly conduct this appointment over the phone, so you will likely not need to make a personal visit to your local SS office to confirm your monthly SS benefit amount. You simply need to tell them that you and your ex were married 24 years and that you didn't remarry. Also tell them when he died and when you previously claimed your surviving ex-spouse benefit. Social Security will then do the necessary research to confirm your current benefit amount (it will facilitate the discussion if you have your ex-husband's Social Security Number available).

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Thank you, Specialist Thomas Iglesias

The Secretary of Defense visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Veterans Day, and yet the true voice of military authority on this occasion was an Army specialist.

When the group with Pete Hegseth laughed and began to chatter after taking a photo, the voice of Specialist Thomas Iglesias rang out, "All visitors will maintain an atmosphere of silence and respect at all times!"

It was a stunning moment. We aren't used to high-level officials getting so publicly and starkly upbraided by their underlings, but Iglesias, as part of the Old Guard, or 3rd Infantry Regiment, is a different breed.

The Old Guard stands vigil over the Tomb of the Unknown, 24 hours a day, rain or shine, in heat and cold, and protects it from any indignities, whether from thoughtless tourists or the briefly voluble entourage of the secretary of defense.

There was much tsk-tsking about the episode in the media, which relishes any opportunity to make Hegseth look bad. The secretary, though, cleverly and appropriately embraced the moment. He invited Iglesias and his colleagues to the Pentagon the next day and pinned a Joint Service Commendation Medal on him.

It's been a rocky tenure for Hegseth at the department, but there's no doubting his bond with the troops and his positive influence on recruiting. His handling of this matter showed why. "We love soldiers. We love standards. Well done, Specialist," Hegseth wrote in a social-media post.

Beyond the media commentary and jostling over Hegseth -- who narrowly escaped impeachment the day before -- the episode tells us something about America's egalitarian spirit, and about the sacred status of the Tomb of the Unknown and the amazing fidelity of the Old Guard.

Despite all the talk of inequality in America, we are still a culture that appreciates challenges to status and hierarchy -- think Hank Morgan in "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," disdaining all aristocratic trappings.

An analogue to the Hegseth episode is the famous story of Abraham Lincoln going to witness a battle outside of Washington, D.C., at Fort Stevens in 1864. He supposedly exposed himself to enemy fire and a soldier yelled, "Get down, you damn fool!" The president indeed took cover.

Of course, Specialist Thomas Iglesias wasn't seeking to defy authority, but rather to uphold his duty to see that the Tomb is afforded respect at all times. Established after World War I and containing the remains of war dead from World War I, World War II and the Korean War, the Tomb symbolizes the bond of the nation to its citizen-warriors who have made the ultimate sacrifice. "HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AN AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN BUT TO GOD," reads the inscription.

The Tomb has been continuously guarded since 1937, and since 1948 by the Old Guard. Its standard for carrying out its mission is nothing less than perfection. Every movement is precise and fraught with meaning. For instance, the sentinel's 21 steps walking in front of the tomb and then the 21-second pause before turning and walking back again is a reference to the high honor of the 21-gun salute. The inspection of the rifle during the changing of the guard is a strange and wondrous thing to behold, as elaborate and punctilious as a well-choreographed ballet.

It all betokens the nation's profound gratitude to its fallen, known and unknown, of whatever rank and from whichever walk of life. In his book about the Old Guard, Arkansas Senator Tom Cotton, who served with the Guard, includes an anecdote about a foreign military dignitary visiting Arlington Cemetery and commenting, "Now I know why your soldiers fight so hard. You take better care of your dead than we do our living."

Specialist Thomas Iglesias had so imbibed this ethic that he didn't hesitate to shout his admonition to a group of high-falutin visitors, a sterling example of duty and honor worthy of the 3rd Infantry Regiment he serves.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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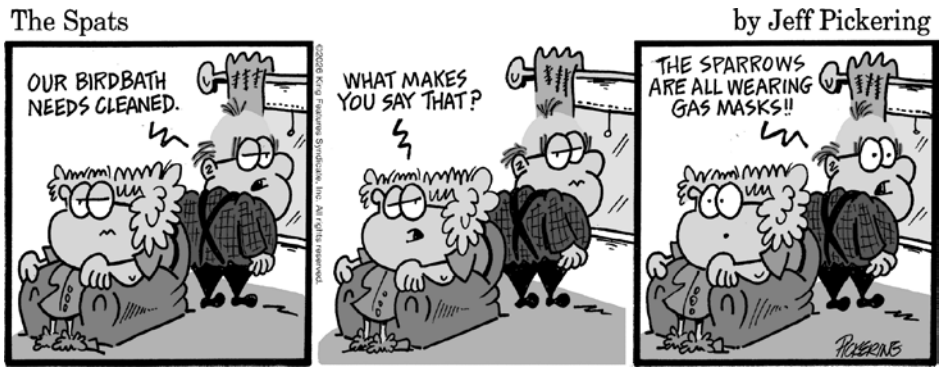

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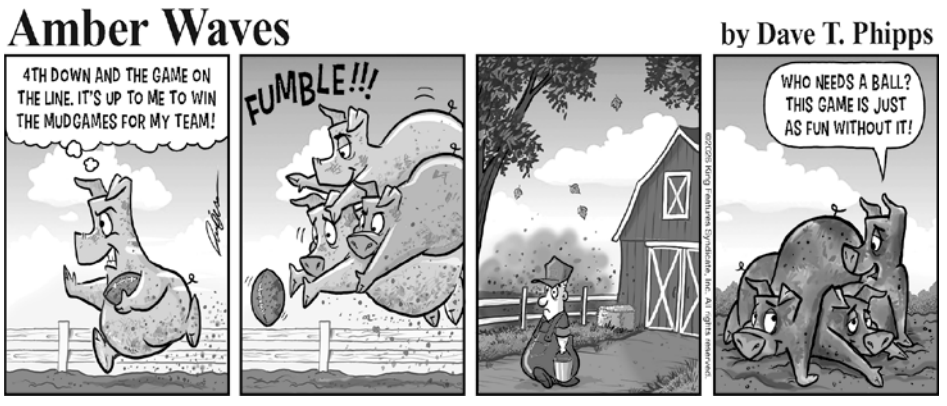

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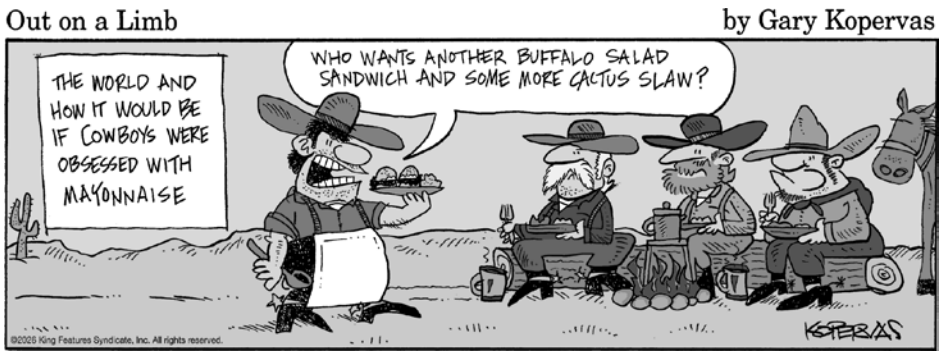

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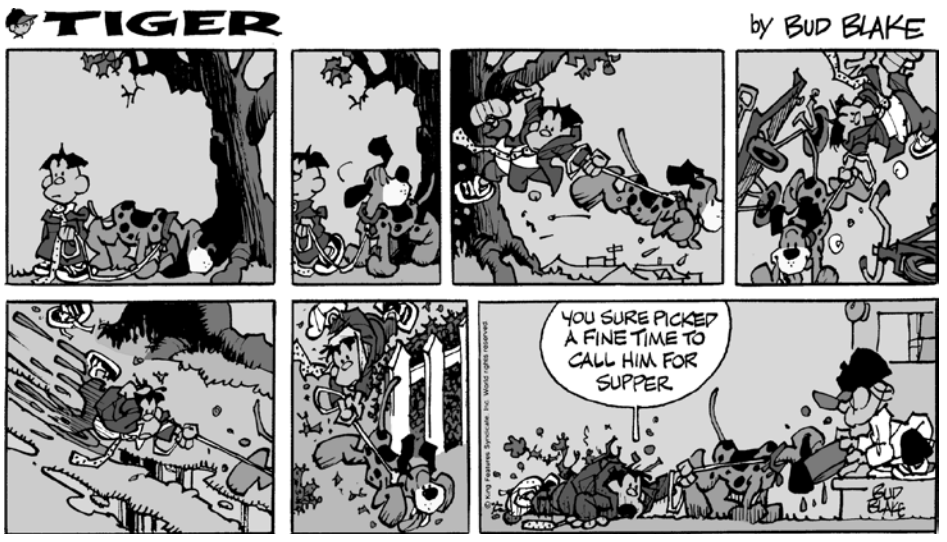





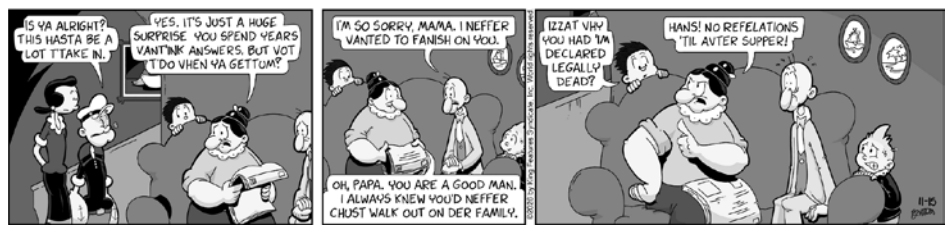

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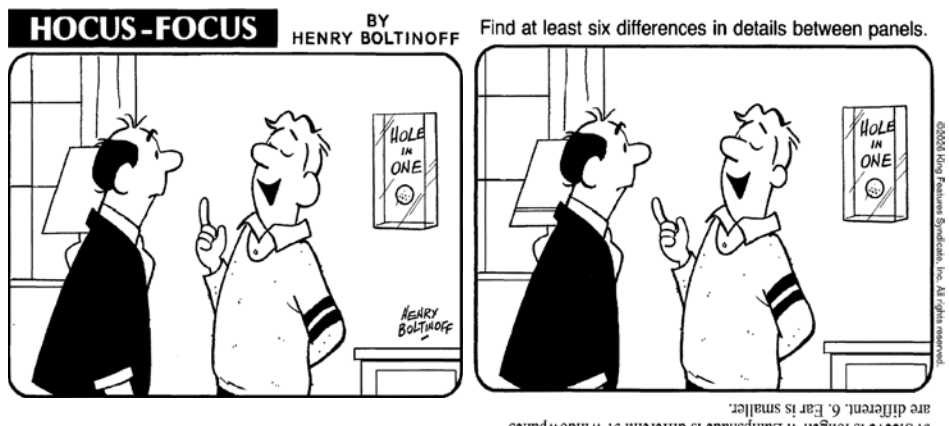

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Grin and Bear It



"OK, I need to pick one of you for my vice president."

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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30. Like some breads
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41. *Sasha Baron Cohen's role
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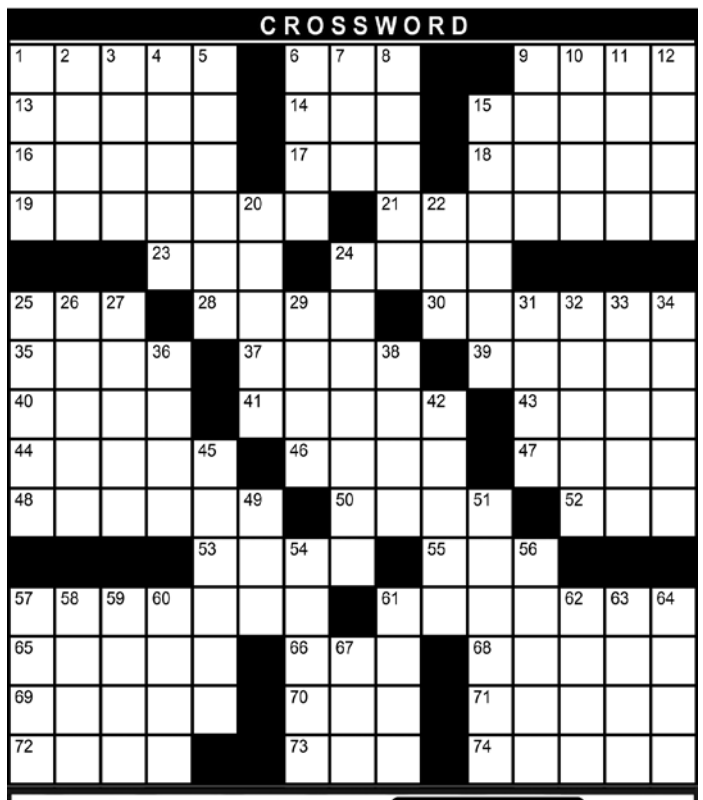

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#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
Publish: November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
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
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PATRICK 12-4-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV026412

Westley Earl Iacob has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Westley Earl Iacob to Westley Earl Kimble.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 21, 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: November 3, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
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IACOB 12-11-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF FARIMA LATIFI
CASE NO. 26PR003037

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

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

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows January 11, 2027, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 126; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Pamela Ross, 22283 Main Street, Hayward, CA 94541; 510-397-9220
Publish: Nov 20, 27, Dec 4, 2026
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CITATION TO PARENT

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF PLACER
In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of: SAMANTHA HANSEN CASE NO. S-AD-0004629 CITATION TO PARENT THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO: LACY HANSEN By order of this court you are hereby advised that you may appear in Department 42 of this court on located at 10820 Justice Center Dr., Roseville, California on 12/17/2026 at 3:00 PM then and there to show cause, if any you have, why your parental rights related to CRUZ HANSEN should not be terminated. The following information concerns rights and procedures that relate to this proceeding for the termination of custody and control of said minor as set forth in Family Code Section 7860 through 7864:1. If a parent of the minor appears without counsel and is unable to afford counsel, the court must appoint counsel for the parent, unless the parent knowingly and intelligently waives the right to be represented by counsel. The court will not appoint the same counsel to represent both the minor and his parent. 2.The court may appoint either the public defender or private counsel. If private counsel is appointed, he or she will receive a reasonable sum for compensation and expenses, the amount of which will be determined by the court. That amount must be paid by the real parties in interest, but not the minor, in such proportions as the court believes to be just. If, however, the court finds that any of the real parties in interest cannot afford counsel, the amount will be paid by the county. 3.The court may continue the proceeding for not more than thirty (30) days as necessary to appoint counsel to become acquainted with the case. Date:10/15/2026
Jake Chatters, Clerk By:T. Gibbs, Deputy Clerk
Published 11/20/2026, 11/27/2026, 12/4/2026, 12/11/2026
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 12-11-26

TRUSTEE SALE

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 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 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 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. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Date: November 2, 2026 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08000504-26-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic LLC AT 702-659-7766 Order Number 129763
Pub Dates: 11/13/2026, 11/20/2026, 11/27/2026
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 11-27-26

T.S. No. 26-79833 APN: 119-1740-004-0000 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALEYOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/16/2025. 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: **MIGUEL ANGEL TORRES ACEVEDO AND SYLVIA SILVA TORRES, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS** Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS LAW, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 6/3/2025, as Instrument No. 202506030764, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale**:12/8/2026** at 9:30 AM Place of Sale: Outside the south-facing exit of Sacramento City Hall, in the courtyard at 916 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **$106,971.64**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: **9313 ELBERON WAY ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA 95758**Described as follows: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST.A.P.N #.: **119-1740-004-0000**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



Adaptability Fuels Pomegranate Potential

California's history as a major pomegranate producer is relatively short. But according to farmers and researchers, the crop possesses traits that could give it a promising future in the state. Compared to most fruits and nuts grown in the Central Valley, pomegranates are better able to tolerate water scarcity and soil salinization, both of which are expected to worsen in the region. "Pomegranates get planted in really poor soils because they're highly adaptable," said Louise Ferguson, professor of Cooperative Extension at the University of California, Davis. "There aren't many options for poor ground that would have the ease of production." Farmers have also planted pomegranates to make the most of low-quality soils. The trees grow well in rocky, gravelly and sandy soils, thrive in soils with a wide pH range and without many nutrients, and tolerate drought and relatively high soil salinity, Ferguson said. On top of that, they require little or no nitrogen fertilizer, hand pruning, fruit thinning or ladders for harvest, all of which reduces costs for farmers, she added.

Farmers Seek New Tools to Ward Off Copper Wire Theft

With California experiencing a rise in copper wire thefts, farmers are looking for new ways to protect their property. Copper wire is often a component of water pumps used for irrigation, and such thefts can threaten crops and create costly damage for farms. Sacramento County farmer Ray Yeung was hit five times this year, with one theft as recently as last week and another occurring in July, a critical growing period. "Your crop needs water, so you're kind of screwed," Yeung said. "You might have a million dollars' worth of crop out there that you could lose because these guys stole 50 bucks worth of wire." Some technological developments have become available to farmers. Last year, agricultural automation company Farmblox released COP-R-LOCK, a security system specifically made to prevent copper wire thefts. The system uses sensors to detect activity in an area. When a sensor is triggered, it sets off an on-site siren. It also sends a wireless signal to a solar-powered base station that then sends the alert to the grower.

Lima Bean Breeders Explore Regional Differences in Trial

New research being conducted at the University of California, Davis, aims to help lima beans climb the culinary ladder by breeding beans that are tastier, higher yielding and more resilient. During the past year, researchers conducted field trials in California's intermountain region and different parts of the Central Valley. Antonia Palkovic, a specialist who is working on the breeding project, said findings from this year's field trials could help the researchers determine how to breed beans that are more resistant to lygus bugs or other production challenges. "If you have a really good, strong seed, it's going to germinate and produce a strong plant that yields well and is resistant to different pests and diseases," said Rachael Long, an emeritus farm adviser for UC Cooperative Extension. "That's farm resilience because it's almost like an insurance policy." ★

Honoring Dolores Huerta's Impact on Literacy and Youth

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the power of books and reading to spark imagination and open doors to endless possibilities.

"Meeting Dolores Huerta and seeing her interact with our students was an unforgettable experience," said Vanessa D. Caigoy, vice president of the Sacramento County Board of Education. "Her life reminded us that true education extends beyond the classroom into civic action and community service."

SCOE remains committed to advancing civic learning, youth leadership and literacy across Sacramento County. ★

Elk Grove Seeks Public Input on Emergency Operations Plan

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The City of Elk Grove is asking residents to review and comment on an updated Emergency Operations Plan before it is presented to the City Council for adoption.

The plan outlines how the city prepares for, responds to and recovers from disasters and other emergencies. Public comments will be accepted through Dec. 5.

The update includes a new framework for assisting people with access and functional needs during emergencies. It also identifies District56 as an alternate location for the city's Emergency Operations Center and incorporates Elk Grove's Real Time Information Center as an operational resource.

The Emergency Operations Plan establishes roles and responsibilities for city staff during a disaster and describes how Elk Grove coordinates with Sacramento County, the state and other agencies and organizations.

It also addresses how the city communicates emergency information to the public, supports residents who may require additional assistance and works to restore services following a disaster.

Emergency operations plans are intended to provide a framework for coordinating personnel, resources and decision-making when an emergency affects the community.

The city said community feedback will help inform its approach to emergency preparedness, response and recovery before the final plan is considered for adoption.

For more information visit https://elkgrove.gov/. ★

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TRUSTEE SALE

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 (866) 266-7512 or visit this internet website www.elitepostandpub.com, using the 26-79833. 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 (866) 266-7512, or visit this internet website www.elitepostandpub.com, using the 26-79833 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: **11/2/2026 ZBS LAW, LLP, as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450Irvine, CA 92606For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920For Sale Information: (866) 266-7512 www.elitepostandpub.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 49881
Pub Dates 11/13, 11/20, 11/27/2026
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 11-27-26

T.S. No.: 26-41012 A.P.N.: 132-1600-070-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/25/2022. 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. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: Judy Vilayphone-Nom, an unmarried woman Duly Appointed Trustee: Vylla Solutions, LLC Recorded 8/30/2022 as Instrument No. 202208300454 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California , Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. Date of Sale: 12/17/2026 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 500 G St, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $590,980.03 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property:4925 CHAMBERLIN CIR ELK GROVE, CA 95757 A.P.N.: 132-1600-070-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. 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CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 11-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4.10, ARTICLE IIIC (MOVIE AND TELEVISION PRODUCTIONS) AND ADDING CHAPTER 12.27 (STREET USE PERMITS) TO ESTABLISH A PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CITY STREETS FOR NON-CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES (CEQA EXEMPT). The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 4.10, Article IIIC (Movie and Television Productions) and add Chapter 12.27 (Street Use Permits) to the Elk Grove Municipal Code to establish a coordinated regulatory framework for temporary street and public corridor closures and uses for non-construction purposes. Introduced November 18, 2026; to be adopted December 9, 2026. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, BREWER, ROBLES, SPEASE; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: SUEN**.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, November 27, 2026
A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email **cityclerk@elkgrove.gov**

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COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AMENDING COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES RELATED FEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, December 16, 2026, the Board of Directors for the Cosumnes Community Services District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Board Chambers located at 8820 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, California 95624. At the public hearing, the Board of Directors will consider the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-29, without limitation, to update the 2027 Cosumnes CSD Book of Fees with amended fees related to general fees Park Development and Construction, Fire and updates to staffing fees.

At the public hearing, the Board of Directors will receive oral and written testimony regarding the proposed modification to fees. Written comments may be filed at any time prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments should be addressed to the attention of the Clerk to the Board at the following address: Cosumnes Community Services District, 8820 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, California 95624.

To improve access to public information, residents may access meetings remotely. Visit the District's website at **https://www.cosumnescsd.gov/896/Live-Board-Meeting** or call the Board Clerk at (916) 405-7169 for instructions regarding how to access the meeting and how to submit a speaker card for any item on the agenda.

If you challenge any of the fees adopted or increased pursuant to the resolution in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Cosumnes Community Services District at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The proposed resolution and any related documentation, including the data required by Government Code Section 66016, are available for public review at 8820 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, California 95624.

The proposed 2027 Cosumnes CSD Book of Fees will be available on the District's website at **https://www.cosumnescsd.gov/992/Financial-Documents** by December 2, 2026.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Nou Vang, Chief Financial Officer at **nouvang@cosumnescsd.gov** or (916) 405-7161.

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Caltrans Receives $480,000 Grant to Strengthen Highway Safety

Caltrans News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Caltrans announced Nov. 17 that it received approximately $480,000 in grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to help expand and improve traffic data collection that will help support safety on the state highway system.

Caltrans analyzes a wide variety of data sets to help evaluate road safety, including lane conditions, intersection and shoulder types, traffic controls, speed limits and traffic volumes. The federal fiscal year 2027 funding for the program will help streamline the collection and is provided by a grant from OTS through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Strengthening California's roadway data helps us better understand crash patterns and make smarter safety investments. This grant will boost our ability to improve safety statewide and advance our goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries," said Dina El-Tawansy, director of Caltrans.

"Accurate and timely traffic records data helps inform our understanding of the most urgent traffic safety issues in California communities. By funding modern reporting systems, we're helping agencies streamline how critical information is collected and shared to strengthen effective, data driven strategies that make our roads safer," said Stephanie Dougherty, director of the California Office of Traffic Safety.

The funds will support data collection of average annual daily traffic (AADT) on non-Federal Aid System (NFAS) roads, which include rural roads, collector roads that feed into the state highway system and urban local roads.

The funds will also support statewide outreach and coordination with local and regional agencies, including Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), cities, counties and tribal agencies.

Caltrans is aligning departmental operations with the Safe System approach, which identifies several interconnected elements to achieve a vision of zero fatalities and serious injuries – safe road users, safe roads, safe speeds, safe vehicles and post-crash care.

As part of this policy, Caltrans commits to prioritizing "safety first" in highway planning, operation, construction and maintenance; focusing on eliminating the most serious crashes; and eliminating race, age, ability and transportation mode-based disparities in road safety outcomes by addressing historic and current barriers to transportation access and safety.

Safety is also one of the key pillars of the Caltrans 2024–2028 Strategic Plan. Caltrans is committed to maintaining and improving the state's transportation network to make it safer, more reliable and climate resilient.

For more information about transportation and other infrastructure projects funded with state and federal investments, visit build.ca.gov. ★

Sites Reservoir Reaches Major Permitting Milestone with Clean Water Act Approvals

Sites Reservoir News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On Nov. 18, the Sites Project Authority (Authority) approved the execution of the Sites Reservoir Project's (Project) Section 404 authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, following receipt of its Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the State Water Resources Control Board on Sept. 10. This marks another major milestone, moving the Project from years of planning and permitting to construction.

"These permits reflect years of rigorous analysis, thoughtful collaboration, and a shared commitment to advancing a project that balances California's water supply needs with protecting the environment," said Fritz Durst, chair of the Sites Project Authority Board of Directors. "Sites Reservoir has been a shared vision for generations, and these approvals affirm that we can strengthen California's water future security while safeguarding the lands, waters and natural resources."

The Clean Water Act approvals establish requirements to protect water quality, wetlands, streams and other aquatic resources during construction. They also allow the Authority to advance individual construction work packages as it completes permit conditions, mitigation measures, monitoring requirements and other pre-construction steps.

The approvals build on years of environmental and permitting progress. In 2023, the Authority certified the Final Environmental Impact Report, a comprehensive analysis of how the Project would affect the surrounding environment. Since then, the Project has secured state Incidental Take Permits and completed federal Endangered Species Act consultation, establishing protections for threatened and endangered species. It also reached a Master Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, which governs work in and around lakes and streams.

"We appreciate the tremendous work by the State Water Resources Control Board, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and our state and federal partners to reach this point," said Jerry Brown, executive director of the Sites Project Authority. "With these approvals in place, the Sites Project has the key permits and approvals necessary to initiate construction. Our focus now turns to completing final participation agreements and securing construction and operations funding commitments. With the approval of the water right, Sites Reservoir will become a reality – not because of any one agency or action, but because local, state and federal partners have come together to make it happen."

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. ★

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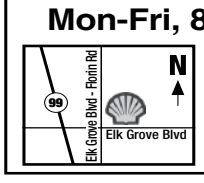

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Strong Member Demand Leads to Sellout of Republic Stadium's First Two Clubs

Sacramento Republic FC News Release



Quail Club members will have direct access to a climate-controlled space with select refreshments and food included, as well as a private bar for speedy service. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Well in advance of the club's 2028 stadium opening, Republic FC announced that the first two club seating products introducing a new standard of comfort and premium hospitality for matchdays have sold out in just over three weeks.

After the club opened Republic Preview Center to guests in mid-October, Season Ticket Members were provided with an exclusive presale window as a thank you for their unrivaled support since the 2014 inaugural season. Since opening, the club has hosted over 600 appointments, and fans selected all the available inventory for the team's two new top tier premium experiences. As a result of the incredible demand from fans, Republic FC is accelerating its stadium offerings and introducing its next seating product – the Quail Club. Seat-selection appointments began by appointment only, Nov. 17.

"Our Season Ticket Members built this club, and selling out our two top-tier club offerings in three weeks shows how excited fans are for the amenities and experience that is coming in our new home," said Tim Holt, president and general manager, Sacramento Republic FC. "We're excited to welcome more people to Republic Preview Center to showcase the thoughtfully appointed Quail Club and the special experiences that we'll have for fans in 2028."

A world-class fan experience is a guiding principle in the development of Republic FC's new home. For the first time in the club's history, the team will be able to provide a modern, elevated matchday experience with amenities that will rival the best soccer-specific venues in the country.

Republic FC's new stadium ticketing, premium and partnership sales are being led by Elevate, the award-winning global sports and entertainment agency. Elevate also partnered with Republic FC to develop and design Republic Preview Center, where fans and customers can get a first look at the stadium design features and experiences awaiting fans in 2028.

"This is what it looks like when a club and its partner work as one team," said Dustin Vicari, chief revenue officer, Sacramento Republic FC, and EVP, Property Sales, Elevate. "The Republic Preview Center has given fans a chance to envision the type of matchday experience they desire by providing an incredibly personalized seat selection opportunity. Tunnel Club sold out in only 13 days, and based on that pace, we fully expect Quail Club to move quickly as well, therefore anyone who wants a premium seat should place a deposit now."

Season Ticket Members who did not purchase in Tunnel Club or The Fourteen keep their priority for Quail Club Seats and will receive details directly from their Republic FC representative. Premium Seating depositors will receive an email to begin booking their seat-selection appointments as well.

Fans can become a depositor and secure their place in line for an appointment by placing a $50 Premium Seating deposit at RepublicStadium.com. Based on demand for the first two clubs, Quail Club Seats are expected to sell out.

Embedded in the East Stand, Quail Club brings fans closer to the pitch than ever before. Twenty-two-inch-wide mesh seats with high back rests provide additional fan comfort. Quail Club members will have direct access to a climate-controlled space with select refreshments and food included, as well as a private bar for speedy service. With only 300 seats, Quail Club seats are expected to go quickly.

Tucked into the stadium's West Tower, Republic FC's first club offerings – The Tunnel Club and The Fourteen – are examples of the club's commitment to creating a world-class fan experience. The first-floor Tunnel Club puts guests at the heart of the action, located behind the team benches with a view to the team lineup before players step on the field. The Fourteen is designed as a club within a club located on the second floor of the West Tower located on the field's midline. Its name is homage to the inaugural season of the club when Republic FC smashed records, made Sacramento a soccer city, and earned our first championship hardware – proudly on display in the club. Award winning designer Edith Ponciano of EP Atelier worked with the club to develop the spaces with Sacramento Elegance as the central theme. EP Atelier has curated premium experiences at Chase Center, LAFC's BMO Stadium, Austin FC's Q2 Stadium, San Diego FC's Snapdragon Stadium, and most recently the Tennessee Titans' Nissan Stadium ahead of Super Bowl LXI.

Republic Stadium construction continues to make significant progress toward a 2028 opening. Foundations for the stadium super column structures that support the massive 4,300-ton canopy and trussing grid are actively pouring and curing. Some of the vertical elements of the stadium are set to begin later this month with structural retaining walls. Stadium infrastructure continues with construction of the streets surrounding the stadium site east of 7th Street. Over 100 jobs have been created since groundbreaking, with an expected $750 million in economic impact connected to construction.

For more information, visit RepublicStadium.com. ★

Akridge Makes History as the Hornets' First-Ever Big West Women's Basketball Player of the Week

Sacramento State Athletics News Release



Junior guard Koko Akridge became the first-ever Sacramento State women's basketball player to be named The Big West Player of the Week on Nov. 16. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Junior guard Koko Akridge became the first-ever Sacramento State women's basketball player to be named The Big West Player of the Week on Nov. 16 after helping the Hornets to a pair of victories to improve to 4-1 overall on the year.

Entering the week as the leading scorer in The Big West, Akridge spearheaded the offense for the green and gold, averaging 20.7 points, 2.7 rebounds, 3.7 assists and 2.3 steals per game against Cal State East Bay, University at Buffalo, and Niagara, while shooting a robust 56 percent (20-for-36) from the field overall and 50 percent (9-for-18) from beyond the arc.

After opening with an 18-point showing on 7-of-10 shooting in the win over the Pioneers to tip-off the home portion of the schedule, the San Diego, Calif., native netted her second and third 20-point performances of the year during the team's first-ever trip to New York, finishing with 21 points against the Bulls and matching her collegiate high with 23 points against the Purple Eagles.

She added three rebounds, a team-high six assists, and a pair of steals against Buffalo, while playing only 28 minutes in a rout of Niagara, adding two rebounds, two assists and two steals as part of a 57-point victory.

All told, Akridge has scored in double figures in each of the team's first five games, while her 99 points in that stretch are the most by a Hornet in the first five games of a season since Lianna Tillman collected 113 in her first five games in 2021-22 en route to Big Sky Conference Player of the Year laurels.

Aside from her conference-leading scoring average, Akridge also leads the league in total points, field goals made, and free throws made, while standing second in three-pointers made and three-pointers per game, sixth in both free throw and three-point percentage, and ninth in field goal percentage.

Her two 23-point performances against Nevada and Niagara are tied for the third-most in a single game in The Big West this year, while her five makes from beyond the arc in both of those contests are tied for the second highest total in a game this year as of press time. ★

Brent Martin Named Preseason All-American



Cosumnes River College sophomore Brent Martin has been named a 2027 California Community College Baseball Coaches Association (CCCBCA) Preseason All-American. Photo courtesy of Consumnes River College

Consumnes River College News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Cosumnes River College sophomore Brent Martin has been named a 2027 California Community College Baseball Coaches Association (CCCBCA) Preseason All-American, earning recognition among the top returning players in California community college baseball.

Martin enters his sophomore season following an outstanding freshman campaign in which he established himself as one of the Hawks' most productive two-way players and earned First-Team All-Conference honors.

The standout infielder/pitcher was a key offensive contributor for Cosumnes River throughout the 2026 season, leading the team with seven home runs while hitting .370 with 57 hits, 35 RBIs, 41 runs scored and 18 extra-base hits in 41 games. Martin also posted a .418 on-base percentage and .584 slugging percentage, finishing with an impressive 1.002 OPS.

His 57 hits ranked among the team's top offensive totals, while his seven home runs made him one of the Hawks' leading power hitters. Martin's combination of contact, power and run production made him a consistent presence in the Cosumnes River lineup.

"Brent, being named a Preseason All-American is a tremendous honor and a special accolade," said Don Mico, Cosumnes River head baseball coach. "He is a very good player but also a great human being."

Martin's contributions extended beyond the batter's box. He also appeared in 15 games on the mound as a freshman, recording 40 strikeouts in 34.1 innings while earning three saves. His ability to contribute in multiple roles made him one of the most versatile players on the Hawks' roster.

"Brent has earned the respect of his teammates and coaches through his work ethic, leadership, and competitiveness," said Scott Haynes, Cosumnes River associate head coach. "Being named a preseason All-American is well deserved."

Martin's freshman season also included a strong finish to the year. He helped the Hawks close the regular season with a three-game sweep of Diablo Valley from April 22-24, collecting wins in each of his final two appearances of the regular season before continuing to contribute on both sides of the ball during the postseason push.

Now entering his sophomore season, Martin returns as one of the Hawks' most experienced offensive weapons and a proven two-way contributor. His combination of power at the plate, defensive versatility and ability to impact the pitching staff gives Cosumnes River a dynamic piece as the Hawks prepare for the 2027 campaign.

The preseason honor adds to a growing list of accolades for Martin, who was already recognized as a First-Team All-Conference selection following his freshman season.

With Martin returning to the Hawks' lineup and continuing his role as a two-way player, Cosumnes River enter the 2027 season with one of the region's premier returning talents looking to build on a breakout freshman campaign. ★

CITY OF ELK GROVE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR

ONE MEMBER OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE SEAT ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE SACRAMENTO-YOLO MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

CITY OF ELK GROVE

The City of Elk Grove is seeking applications to fill one vacancy for the City of Elk Grove representative seat on the Board of Trustees for the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District.

Qualifications. Applicants of the general public are encouraged to apply who have experience, training, and education in fields that will assist in the governance of the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District. Applicants must reside in the jurisdiction of the City of Elk Grove.

Specific Tasks or Objectives. The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees assists the mission of the District to provide safe, effective and economical mosquito and vector control for Sacramento and Yolo counties through ongoing surveillance of mosquitoes and other vectors to determine the threat of disease transmission and lower annoyance levels. The District promotes cooperation and communication with property owners, residents, social and political groups as well as other governmental agencies to help in these efforts. The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District website can be accessed at https://www.fightthebite.net/

The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District is governed by a thirteen member Board of Trustees appointed by each county and incorporated cities in its jurisdiction. The board meets on the third Tuesday of the month, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board room at the District office at 8631 Bond Road in Elk Grove.

Appointment and Term. The City Council shall make the appointment of the Elk Grove representative to the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees; members serve an initial appointment term of two years, and may serve subsequent two- or four-year terms, at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

APPLICATIONS: A Fact Sheet and application are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California 95758 and are posted on the City's website at www.elkgrovecity.org. Applications may be emailed, mailed, or hand-delivered to the Office of the City Clerk.

The deadline to submit an application is January 6, 2027 or until such time as sufficient applications have been received.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk
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