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## Longtime Rotarian Is Citizen of the Year

Named 2023 Citizen of the Year, Jon Colton Reflects on Decades of Service



Jon Colton sits with the Elk Grove Citizen of the Year trophy. The Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce honored him as Citizen of the Year for 2023. Photo by Tony Mercado

By Tony Mercado

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - At 86, Jon Colton remains as relevant and inspiring to Elk Grove's community as when he first picked up a dusty mitt 62 years ago to coach big-dreaming little leaguers.

Pull up a chair. Talk with him for a bit. He's pleasant and soft-spoken, a gentleman with an "aw shucks"

humility about his penchant to help, well, just about anyone. At-risk youth, veterans, seniors and unhoused people through the six decades have all benefited in some way from his involvement. It's little wonder the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce honored Colton as its coveted Citizen of the Year for 2023, an award he still can't believe belongs to him.

"I'm humbled and appreciative. You look around our community and there are dozens of volunteers that make our town work that fly under the radar and don't really get this kind of recognition," said Colton during a Dec. 4 ceremony at the Valley Hi Country Club.

The event drew 140 admirers, including state Assemblymember Stephanie

Nguyen, Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume and Elk Grove City Councilmember Daren Suen. The chamber has recognized the city's most involved community members for this award since 1955, and several attended the ceremony, including 2022 Citizens of the Year John and Betty Hall.

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## Ex-Deputy Sentenced After EG Arrest

By Matthew Malone  
Staff Writer

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - A former Sacramento County Sheriff's deputy, who was arrested in Elk Grove earlier this year on suspicion of shoplifting, has pleaded no contest to charges of illegally possessing an assault weapon and of impersonating a peace officer.

Hector Chavez entered his plea on Dec. 7 at Sacramento County Superior Court. The assault weapon charge is a felony, and the charge of impersonating a peace officer is a misdemeanor.

In a release, the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office said that on April 15 Chavez entered The Home Depot on West Stockton Boulevard and took merchandise without paying. According to public payroll records, Chavez had been a Sacramento deputy since 2013. When a loss-prevention officer confronted Chavez, he fled on foot.

He was later detained by Elk Grove police, and he was initially charged with shoplifting, according to the Elk Grove Police Department's daily logs. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office subsequently suspended Chavez and revoked his law-enforcement powers, according to the DA's release.

"Over the next five months, Chavez used an old Sheriff's Office Identification Card to purchase multiple firearms, which only law enforcement officers are lawfully allowed to possess," the release continued. "On August 25, 2023, Sacramento sheriff's deputies executed a search warrant at Chavez's residence and found multiple firearms that had been converted to assault weapons."

Chavez is expected to receive a sentence of 180 days in prison and probation, the DA's office said, and the sentencing hearing is scheduled for Dec. 9, 2024, one year after the recent conviction. ★

## Kubota Opens New Tractor Facility



Shingo Hanada (center), a Kubota executive, performs the ribbon-cutting outside the tractor company's new facility in Elk Grove. He is joined by officials from Kubota, the city of Elk Grove, Greater Sacramento Economic Council and the office of Rep. Doris Matsui. Photos by Matthew Malone

By Matthew Malone  
Staff Writer

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Kubota Tractor Corp. held a celebration on Dec. 12, marking the grand opening of its new distribution center at the southern end of Waterman Road. The company, which manufactures equipment for agriculture, construction and lawn care, said it has invested more than \$70 million completing the facility and expanded to more than 100 employees.

The 630,000-square-foot facility will house offices, training classrooms and repair parts for Kubota's

dealers and customers in 11 Western states.

The grand opening featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony that included Kubota executives and Elk Grove city officials. Kubota's Western Division manager, Kyle Hagen, told attendees that the company is "excited" to come to Elk Grove after deciding three years ago to move to the city from its former location in Lodi.

Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen gave an enthusiastic speech about Kubota's future in Elk Grove.

"The Kubota-Elk Grove story is one of partnership and perseverance, a



Kubota Tractor Corp.'s Western Distribution Facility is located at the southern end of Waterman Road, south of Grant Line Road.

story that dates back several years to when the city and Kubota first sat at a table at City Hall and discussed the possibility of bringing this project right here," she said.

"The project is the result of a multicity and multi-state search by Kubota for the right location and the right community, and that

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Colton received proclamations from the state Assembly, county and city and a \$1,000 check from Rotary of Elk Grove to put towards a charity of his choice. He selected the Elk Grove Rotary Club Foundation, which supports local and global nonprofits.

The Colton name runs deep in Elk Grove, five generations' worth. Jon Colton's father-in-law, Carl Amundson, and his mother, Hilma, were also Citizens of the Year. Hume, a former Elk Grove city councilmember, emceed the ceremony. His family has a long history with Colton, who attended Elk Grove High School with the supervisor's mother. Hume has seen Colton's achievements through the years and remains impressed with his deeds.

"He is truly the embodiment of humility, service and leadership. This community would be hard-pressed to find a more conscientious, deserving and worthy recipient," Hume said. "He's a great example of what it takes to make a community great."

### *A lifetime of service*

After graduating from Elk Grove High, Colton earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from College of the Pacific, now the University of the Pacific, in Stockton. Following a stint with the California National Guard, he returned to Elk Grove to run his own insurance company and was quickly recruited to be a volunteer baseball coach for the Elk Grove Babe Ruth League. He did that for 10 years and eventually served three years as the league's president.

His dedication to Elk Grove only increased since his 2004 retirement. He's contributed to the Elk Grove Regional Scholarship Foundation, volunteered for the HART Winter Sanctuary for homeless people, is a current board member of the Senior Center of Elk Grove and most recently packed meals for Rise Against Hunger, a program that provides food in times of emergencies. But his biggest marks on the community have come as a member of Rotary of Elk Grove, where he was the club's first new member in 1962 and its youngest president in 1967.

He speaks affectionately about the club, crediting it and the members with continuing to spark his fire to do good. And while the Rotary has several pet projects, Colton said the Youth Incentive Mentor Program is one of the best and his personal favorite to take part in.



California Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen (right) recognizes Jon Colton (center) with a state proclamation. They are joined by Elk Grove Chamber President Angela Perry.

Developed in 1999, the program pairs local junior high and high school students with Rotarians who hope to inspire them to reach greater heights despite family, social, financial or motivational challenges. No student in the program has ever failed to graduate from high school, Colton said, but the mentor role wasn't always easy.

"I had an articulate and brilliant kid, but there were times I would pound my head against the wall because he just wouldn't do things. His excuse was always that he was lazy," said Colton. "It took a while to get on track, but he did it. His grandparents once told me that they don't think he would have graduated high school without me. So that's my reward."

Cathy Guy, president of Elk Grove Rotary, said Colton is a vital part of the program.

"When we're sitting there with high school students talking about their grades, challenges and successes, he's the first one to mention words of encouragement and support every time," she said. "They love him for it because they know he's speaking from his heart."

It's not always easy to find the perfect volunteer, but Colton comes close. He's compassionate, patient and wants to see people thrive. Simply put, he wants to make an impact without want or need for publicity for the work he does. And the best thing? He has a darn good time doing it.

"I'm so blessed to have lived in Elk Grove all my life. It's been fun. It's just been plain fun," said Colton. "I hope I can continue to make everybody proud." ★

## Sacramento Diocese to File for Bankruptcy Protection, Facing 250+ Sexual-Abuse Cases

*By Matthew Malone  
Staff Writer*

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)**

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento will seek Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection next year, Bishop Jaime Soto announced on Dec. 9, as it faces hundreds of lawsuits alleging child sexual abuse by clergy. The diocese oversees Catholic parishes in much of Northern California, including Elk Grove.

In a letter published online and distributed to parishioners at local churches, Soto said he expects to file for bankruptcy protection in March 2024.

"It is now clear to me that the only respectful, transparent, and fair way to address the substantial number of claims by those who have been abused by clergy and other members of the Church is to seek a court-supervised reorganization. This process will also allow me to sustain the sanctifying, teaching, and charitable work of the Catholic community in Northern California," the letter read.

Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection generally allows an organization to continue operating while negotiating with creditors to restructure its debts. The letter noted as much and said parishes and schools in the diocese "would continue their operations uninterrupted."

Soto said more than 250 lawsuits alleging abuse have been filed against the diocese. Without reorganization, "it is likely that not all the abuse victim-survivors would receive a fair consideration of their claim," he



The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, the seat of the Diocese of Sacramento, is seen in 2011. 'Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament - Sacramento, California' by TravelingOtter used under CC BY-SA 2.0.

said, with available funds being "depleted" in the first cases brought forward.

"Bankruptcy is a costly and lengthy process, but it also provides supervision and transparency for all the parties involved so that a fair resolution is offered to the victim-survivors of abuse," Soto continued. He expressed hope that the diocese would "emerge from this necessary, penitential exercise with greater resolve to be a humble sanctuary of holiness and healing for all the sons and daughters of God in Northern California."

A list of "credibly accused" priests published by the diocese does not appear to include any who served at Elk Grove parishes.

### **Law Group Decries Plan**

A law firm that represents people alleging clerical abuse, including cases in the Sacramento diocese, criticized the decision.

"On behalf of the many survivors who were gravely hurt, we react with deep disappointment in the choice made by the Bishop of Sacramento to seek bankruptcy protection from

accountability," Jeff Anderson and Associates said in a press release. "We know from all the work we have done with survivors across the country that bishops and dioceses have continuously utilized Chapter 11 to shamefully protect themselves."

The release said other dioceses have used bankruptcy filings to delay court cases and prevent "full disclosure."

"The Diocese might change, but their motivations for filing bankruptcy remain the same — the desire to protect their reputation and their assets, no matter the moral expense," attorney Jeff Anderson said in a statement.

The Sacramento diocese is the fourth in California to seek bankruptcy protection after a wave of sexual-abuse claims under state Assembly Bill 218. The legislation took effect in 2020 and extended the statute of limitations on childhood sexual abuse, allowing much more time for accusers to come forward after reaching adulthood.

The other dioceses filing for Chapter 11 protection are Santa Rosa, San Francisco and Oakland. ★

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# Kubota Opens New Tractor Facility



Cosumnes Fire Chief Felipe Rodriguez (right) accepts the donation of a Kubota utility vehicle while CSD board Chair Gil Albani looks on.

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community is right here in the city of Elk Grove.”

The Kubota facility is located in the city’s Grant Line Southeast Industrial Area, and Singh-Allen said it is “the first of many new projects that will fill this area with millions of square feet of industrial and manufacturing space, attracting hundreds of millions of dollars of capital investment to the city and the region, employing thousands of people.”

Event attendees went on tours of the facility and watched a performance by taiko drummers, a nod to Kubota’s Japanese parent company. There were remarks by Greater Sacramento Economic

Council CEO Barry Broome and V.J. Chue, a representative of Congresswoman Doris Matsui, D-Sacramento.

Also on the speaker list was Shingo Hanada, former president of Kubota North America, who was recently promoted to an executive position with the parent company.

“This facility is not just a building. It represents a key chapter in Kubota’s history,” Hanada said in his speech. He said Kubota is “committed to making strategic investments in infrastructure” and to expanding in the United States.

Finally, Hagen announced that Kubota would donate a utility vehicle, an RTV-X1140, to Cosumnes Fire

Department. He said it can be configured to transport crew or haul cargo, with a payload capacity of more than 1,000 pounds.

Fire Chief Felipe Rodriguez and Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) board Chair Gil Albani accepted the donation. Rodriguez said the vehicle would see use at CSD’s largest event of the year, the Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin Festival, much of which the department’s fire engines and ambulances can’t access.

“This will be used to save lives (and) once again, protect this community, and for that we are grateful, very grateful,” Rodriguez said. ★



Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen speaks at the grand opening.



Kubota Western Division Manager Kyle Hagen begins the grand opening ceremonies.



An RTV-X1140 utility vehicle of the kind that Kubota is donating to Cosumnes Fire Department

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# POLICE LOGS

**Monday, Dec. 4**  
 12:46 a.m., 2400 block of Black Tern Way: Elk Grove police arrested Brandon Navarete, 27, on disorderly conduct charges.  
 3 a.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Brian McGill, 44, on false imprisonment, battery and firearms charges.  
 5:55 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Janaia Hale, 34, on battery charges.  
 1:05 p.m., 10000 block of Willard Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Charles Barksdale, 42, on warrant charges.  
 3:31 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Michael Micheletti, 48, on meth possession and drug paraphernalia possession charges.  
 5:55 p.m., 8800 block of Calvine Road: Elk Grove police arrested Veronica Orozco, 32, on shoplifting charges.  
 6:33 p.m., 6900 block of Springridge Way: Elk Grove police arrested Pearl Knighton, 28, on charges of driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license.

**Tuesday, Dec. 5**  
 12:23 a.m., 9600 block of Webb Street: Elk Grove police arrested Jerry Wall, 36, on warrant charges.  
 1:02 a.m., 7700 block of Elmsmere Court: Elk Grove police arrested Jorge Acuna, 29, on charges of unauthorized driving or taking of a vehicle.  
 2:56 p.m., Franklin Boulevard/Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Charles Cooper, 34, on DUI and warrant charges.  
 4:42 p.m., 5800 block of Laguna Park Drive: Elk Grove police arrested Thomas Hasegawa, 21, on assault with a deadly weapon charges.  
 8:05 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Dontae Reid, 31, on domestic violence charges.

**Wednesday, Dec. 6**  
 5:14 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Joseph Hutchings, 32, on trespassing charges.  
 9:52 a.m., 5020 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Troy Bell, 34, on warrant and resisting arrest charges.

**Thursday, Dec. 7**  
 12:04 a.m., Promenade

Parkway/Kammerer Road: Elk Grove police arrested Cathy Huss, 57, on possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia possession charges.  
 12:33 a.m., West Stockton Boulevard/Auto Center Drive: Elk Grove police arrested Reymundo Maqueda, 32, on warrant charges.  
 10:05 a.m., Trumbauer Way/Gropius Street: Elk Grove police arrested Jamar Cleveland, 19, on warrant charges.  
 2:21 p.m., 9600 block of West Taron Drive: Elk Grove police arrested Amandeep Majhail, 47, on vandalism charges.  
 5:12 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Timothy Killenen, 38, on warrant charges.  
 8:15 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Amelia Fuentes, 52, and William Morales, 57, on grand theft, probation violation and conspiracy charges.

**Friday, Dec. 8**  
 12:05 a.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Ibrar Qamar, 44, on battery charges.  
 2:37 a.m., Bond Road/

Elk Grove-Florin Road: Elk Grove police arrested Jarjot Kalar, 32, on meth possession and drug paraphernalia possession charges.  
 4:54 a.m., Promenade Parkway/Kammerer Road: Elk Grove police arrested Anthony Campbell, 28, on warrant charges. Campbell was wanted on charges of endangering the life or health of a child, according to jail records.  
 10:16 a.m., 9500 block of Bond Road: Elk Grove police arrested Jay Jasper, 52, on vandalism charges.  
 11:20 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Maria Lopez, 19, on domestic violence charges.  
 5:44 p.m., 7600 block of Hendon Way: Elk Grove police arrested Tara Thorn, 40, on trespassing charges.

**Saturday, Dec. 9**  
 4:54 a.m., Promenade Parkway/Kammerer Road: Elk Grove police arrested Ernesto Romero, 27, on drug and firearms charges, as well as charges of disobeying a peace officer, driving with a suspended license, and concealing or destroying evidence.  
 8:44 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police

arrested Luke Merriman, 57, on trespassing and disorderly conduct charges.  
 5:31 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road: Elk Grove police arrested Talmadge Gibson, 45, on trespassing charges.  
 8:41 p.m., Elk Grove-Florin Road/Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Shawn Holmes, 35, on DUI charges.

**Sunday, Dec. 10**  
 1:18 a.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Harbor Point Drive: Elk Grove police arrested Jasmine Carter, 32, on disobeying a peace officer charges.  
 8:54 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Stanley Garner, 49, on trespassing charges.  
 12:41 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Ginther Drive: Elk Grove police arrested Rashaan Sharma, 24, on charges of DUI causing bodily harm.  
 7:46 p.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Manuel Rojas, 50, on trespassing charges.  
 3:39 p.m., 8700 block of Morning Glory Way: Elk Grove police arrested Loretta Stanley, 37, on warrant

charges. Stanley was wanted on larceny and trespassing charges, according to jail records.  
 9:57 p.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Armando Bravo, 42, on trespassing charges.

**Monday, Dec. 11**  
 12:10 a.m., 8400 block of Laguna Palms Way: Elk Grove police arrested Omar Alejo, 39, on warrant charges.  
 7:38 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Jacob Grady, 28, on warrant charges.  
 11:02 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Mindy Avery, 35, on drug paraphernalia possession and possession of a controlled substance charges.  
 6:49 p.m., 7400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Thomas McDonough, 53, on assault with a deadly weapon and vandalism charges.  
 10:22 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Jeremy McDonough, 40, on domestic violence charges.

# MEETING MINDERS

Community members can watch these meetings online and submit public comments for the officials to review.

**The Elk Grove City Council** has their regular meetings at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. To view the meeting, visit the city of Elk Grove's website, www.ElkGroveCity.org.

**The Elk Grove Planning Commission** has their online meetings at 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month. A live video stream of this meeting can be viewed at the city of Elk Grove's website, www.ElkGroveCity.org.

**The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors** has in-person meeting at 5 p.m. the first and third

Wednesday of the month. They govern the Cosumnes Fire Department as well as Elk Grove's parks and recreation system. The CSD board meetings can be watched live at www.CosumnesCSD.gov and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

**The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees** will have their regular meeting Tuesday, Jan. 9 starting at 6 p.m.. This meeting will be held in-person at the Trigg Education Center, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road. Members of the public can also view it online by using the Zoom application and visiting the school district's website, www.EGUSD.net. Past board meetings can be watched on the district's YouTube channel, "ElkGroveUnified."

**The Florin Resource Conservation District Board**, which governs the Elk Grove Water District, holds online meetings every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. These meetings are held via the Zoom application. To access them, visit the district's website, www.egwd.org.

**The Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District Board** will have in-person meetings every second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. They will meet at their district office at 8540 Elk Grove Blvd. Attendees are required to wear face coverings and practice social distancing. For meeting agendas, visit www.EGCCD.com.

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## ARTS CALENDAR

**Elk Grove Dust Bowl Upcoming Events**

Here are some of the upcoming local artists playing at our taproom:

**Thursday, Dec. 21**  
The Taylor Chicks  
5pm-8pm, *Folk, Country*

**Thursday, Dec. 28**  
James Drip  
5pm-8pm, *Rock, Blues*

Elk Grove's Dust Bowl Brewing Taphouse is located at 9679 Railroad St. in Old Town Elk Grove.  
For more information, please visit [dustbowlbrewing.com](http://dustbowlbrewing.com)

**12th Annual Small Treasures Show**  
**December 30, 2023**

Join us for the annual celebration of Small Treasures! This popular tradition opens on First Saturday, November 4 and runs through December 30.

**A Seat at the Table Books**

This bookstore is hosting these ongoing events at their bookstore: every Wednesday, 4:30-5 p.m., Reading Circle Storytime with Samantha Tucey; every Saturday, 11-11:30 a.m., Family Storytime; every Saturday, 10:45-11:15 a.m., Mindfulness Drop-in Group with the store's co-owner Ryan; every first Friday, 5:30-6 p.m., Aloha Friday Storytime with Sergio; every first Friday, 6:15-8:45 p.m., Poetry Night, admission is \$15, which includes a \$10 voucher for anything in the store, suitable for ages 16 or older. A Seat at the Table Books is at 9257 Laguna Springs Drive. For more information, visit [www.ASeatAtTheTableBooks.org](http://www.ASeatAtTheTableBooks.org) or call (916) 538-3482.

**The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center**

Check out the local website for featured rotating local artist. The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is at their new location, 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101. The Center entrance is on Walnut Avenue, with parking available out front or in public lots in Old Town Elk Grove. They are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays through Saturdays, and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit us every First Saturday from 4-7PM at the Center for refreshments, an opportunity to meet featured artists, and enjoy live music. For more information, visit [www.ElkGroveFineArtsCenter.org](http://www.ElkGroveFineArtsCenter.org) or call (916) 685-5992.

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# ABOUT TOWN

## Old Fashioned Christmas in December

The Elk Grove Historical Society invites the community to its annual Old Fashioned Christmas on weekends in December. The society's grounds and three museums have been lavishly decorated for the holidays, and they will open to the public, 3-7 p.m., on Dec. 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23. Activities will include cookie decorating and opportunities to take photos with Santa Claus. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The Elk Grove Historical Society is located at 9941 Stockton Blvd.

## Gardeners of the Grove January 2, 2024 Meeting

The Gardeners of the Grove will hold its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Our speaker will be Mackenzie Wieser, CEO, Sacramento Splash. Sacramento Splash provides science based programs that help children understand and connect to the natural world. Through their formal and informal programs, tours and projects, Splash makes science fun, sparking natural curiosity and interest in the world around us.

The meeting will be held at our NEW LOCATION, the Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd. (Entrance is on the Elk Grove Blvd. side.) Social time starts at 6:00 PM and the meeting begins at 6:30 PM. All are welcome! For more information, contact Anne Padilla apadilla0511@gmail.com

## American Legion Post 55 Hosting a County Veterans Service Officer

American Legion Post 55 with the help of Sacramento County Office of Veterans will have a County Veterans Service Officer at District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr. EG in the Veterans Hall Offices on the 2nd Friday of the month. The Officer will be there from 9-3pm. For an appointment call Larry Sahota 916-847-3184.

## Widowed Persons Social Club Activities for December

The Widowed Persons Social Club (WPSC) will host the following activities in November. Attendees can join up to three gatherings before joining the club. For information on membership, contact Bonnie Dale at (916) 422-1522. **Dec 18** - 11:30 PM American Mah Jongg at Oaks Mobile Park,

116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Contact is Dianne 951-233-3138 or Celine 916-606-7833 **Dec 22** - 10:00 AM Hand and Foot card game at Mountain Mike's, 9320 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Linda at 916-686-6781. **Dec 27** - 1:00 PM - Book Club at Carol Stetskal's Home, contact Carole at 916-685-3981 **Dec 28** - 12:00 Noon - Bunco at Mountain Mikes 9320 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Bonnie at 916-685-3402 A widowed person may attend up to three events before joining WPSC. Contact Bonnie Dale at 916-422-1522 if you are interested in membership

## Caregivers Support Group's Weekly Meetings

The Caregivers Support Group meets every Tuesday at The Park, 9670 Laguna Springs Drive, from 10-11:30 a.m. They offer support for people who take care of friends or loved ones who have dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

The Alzheimer's Aid Society sponsors this 25-year-old support group. Their meetings are anonymous and free.

## EG Lions Club's Monthly Community Breakfasts

Community members are invited to enjoy breakfast every month at the Gil Albani Recreation Center, courtesy of the Elk Grove Lions Club. This feast is held 8-10 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month. On the menu: pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, and fruit. The Lions also serve biscuits and gravy on special occasions. Breakfast is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children. The Albani Recreation Center is at 8830 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove.

## American Legion Post 233's Meetings

The American Legion Post 233, which was established 29 years ago, will have no meeting in December. Our January 2024 meeting is scheduled for Jan. 25 at the Elks Lodge in Elk Grove. Please join us for the first Saturday of the month Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 Social Breakfast. The next Saturday breakfast will be Dec. 2 at 9:00 am at Mimi's Cafe on the corner of Laguna Blvd and W. Stockton Blvd (just off Hwy 99). We hope to see you there. The January 2024 breakfast is scheduled for Jan. 6, also at Mimi's Cafe. The Elks Lodge is at 9240 Survey Road.

For more information, contact Henry at (916) 205-9296 or Sue at (916) 683-6128, or visit them at www.ElkGrovePost233.com

## Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove's Monthly Meetings

The Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove invites you to attend their monthly meeting currently held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Wackford Community Center (9014 Bruceville Road) in Poppy Room B. Join in for social time at 6:30pm by bringing your own meal and dining with the club members or come at 7:00pm for the meeting. Learn how you can help out the kids of our community and be a part of this fun and engaging club. Visit them on Facebook for updates on fundraisers and changes to meetings at www.facebook.com LagunaElkGrove Kiwanis2015.

## American Legion Post 55's Monthly Meetings

Elk Grove's new American Legion Post 55 will meet at 6 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Elk Grove Veterans Memorial Hall. This hall is at the District56 center, 8230 Civic Center Drive. For more information, call (916) 585-3807, email p55eg2022@gmail.com, or visit www.Post55.AmericanLegionElkGrove.com.

## Marine Corps League Monthly Meetings

The Marine Corps League, Detachment #1238 of Elk Grove resumed their monthly meetings at the Veterans Hall inside the District56 center. They meet every first Thursday of the month. Their next gathering will be held on Nov. 2 - the dinner and social hour starts at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. District56 is at 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. The Veterans Hall is next to the Senior Center of Elk Grove.

## Toastmaster Club's Meetings

Local community members are invited to improve their public speaking and leadership skills with Elk Grove's Speaking Machine Toastmasters Club. They meet every Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. at The Park at Laguna Springs, 9670 Laguna Springs Drive. For more information, visit www.SpeakingMachine.org or call (916) 202-5563.

## Local Girl Scout Group Seeks New Members, Leaders

A group called, Discover Girl Scouts in Elk Grove invites girls from across the Elk Grove region to check out the Girl Scouts and attend their "virtual" or online meetings.

They are seeking members as well as new leaders to help form new Girl Scout troops.

Those interested can visit their Facebook group, Discover Girl Scouts in Elk Grove. Parents whose children attend schools east of Highway 99 can email Kara@ElkGroveGirlScouts.com, and those who have children who attend schools west of Highway 99 in the Laguna and Franklin areas can contact Regina@LagunaGirlScouts.com.

## Volunteers wanted at EG Community Garden

The Elk Grove Community Garden's staff seeks volunteers to help them maintain their garden and to also serve on their board. They have monthly workdays at their location at 10025 Hampton Oak Drive, near McConnell Park. Those who are

interested in helping the garden are advised to check on their Facebook page for work dates. For more information on volunteering, visit wwwElkGroveCommunityGarden.org or call (916) 893-8863.

## EG Food Bank Seeks Volunteers

The Elk Grove Food Bank needs volunteers to help clients and sort donations at their warehouse. The facility is open on weekdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon. Those interested in helping the food bank can obtain applications on their website, www.elkgrovefoodbank.org or by visiting their office at 9888 Kent St. For more information, call (916) 685-8453.

## Project R.I.D.E. needs volunteers

Project R.I.D.E., a local therapeutic horseback-riding program for students with special needs, is seeking volunteers who are ages 14 or over. Volunteers are needed for tasks such as assisting in lessons, handling horses, and performing stable duties. Shifts are available on weekdays, year-round.


No experience is needed. To register for the next monthly training, call (916) 685-7433 or visit www.projectride.org. Their facility is at 8840 Southside Ave., behind Jessie Baker School.

## Discovery Shop Seeks Volunteers with Trucks

The American Cancer Society seeks volunteers who own trucks and can pick up donated furniture for their Discovery Shop in Elk Grove. They have a "Pick Up" program for donors who can't deliver their furniture to the store. Community members who are interested in volunteering can contact Phyllis or Diana at the Discovery Shop at (916) 685-7449. Their shop is at 8470 Elk Grove Blvd., near the Elk Grove Auto Mall.

## Volunteers Wanted at EG Discovery Shop

The American Cancer Society's Discovery Shop in Elk Grove seeks volunteers for several positions. Shifts are four hours to four-and-a-half hours per week, but the staff is flexible. For more information, visit 8470 Elk Grove Blvd., near Auto Center Drive, or contact Jenee, Phyllis, or Diana at (916) 685-7449. ★



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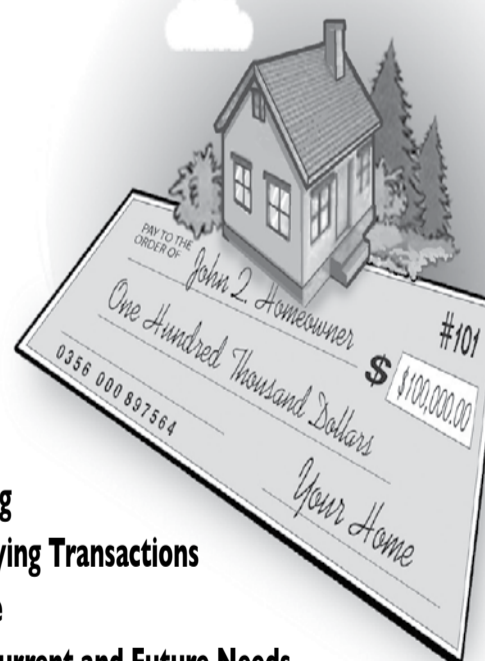
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Babita Sharma, 7995 Shasta Avenue, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Coastline Realty/Coastline Mortgage" 7995 Shasta Avenue, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 16, 2023  
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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  
#23CV011912  
Becky Lynn Boyd has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Becky Lynn Boyd to Becky Lynn Horak. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March, 6, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: November 17, 2023  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
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HORAK 12-22-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#23CV007607  
Abdul Aleem Kaker has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Bibi Khujesta Kaker to Khujesta Kaker.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 17, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: December 1, 2023  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
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KAKER 12-29-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RONALD JAY GRAY  
CASE NO. 23PR000775  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Ronald Jay Gray.  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Laurence (Larry) Jay Gray, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Laurence (Larry) Jay Gray 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 February 28, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept Probate; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with

an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Laurence (Larry) Jay Gray, 1840 NW Saint Andres Drive, McMinnville, OR 97128; 925-817-9425  
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TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 107012-CA APN: 115-1790-036-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/13/2007. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 2/1/2024 at 1:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/21/2007 in Book 20070321 Page 0330 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: WILLIE BURSE AND MAE RUTH BURSE, HUSBAND AND WIFE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; OUTSIDE THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 720 9TH ST., SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: LOT 36, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF "FINAL MAP OF SUBDIVISION NO. 97-0251.3 ARCADIAN VILLAGE UNIT C-1", FILED FOR RECORD ON DECEMBER 6, 2002, IN BOOK 307 OF MAPS, PAGE 10 ET SEQ., SACRAMENTO COUNTY RECORDS. EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL MINERALS, OIL, GAS AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES LYING BELOW A DEPTH OF 500 FEET FROM THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND, WITHOUT ANY RIGHTS TO THE SURFACE, AS RESERVED IN THE DEED RECORDED OCTOBER 18, 1984 IN BOOK 841018, PAGE 161, OFFICIAL RECORDS. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8736 BLUE MAIDEN WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95624 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$615,073.30 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the 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 wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 107012-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108 ELK GROVE CITIZEN  
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APN: 128-0340-101-0000 TS No.: 22-04759CA TSG Order No.: 220620295-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded September 28, 2006 as Book No.: 20060928 Page No.: 1884 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: Charles DeLaRosa and E Ann DeLaRosa, husband and wife as joint tenants, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: December 29, 2023 Sale Time: 2:00 PM Sale Location: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 File No.: 22-04759CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9381 Stablegate Road, Wilton, CA 95693-9208. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other

common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$488,306.87 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you 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 (916) 939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-04759CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 107012-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108 ELK GROVE CITIZEN  
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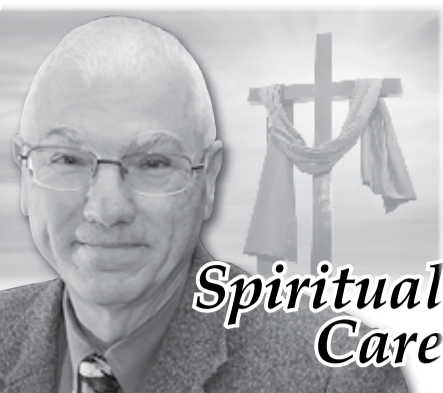
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# 'Adventing' Through the Days



**BY NORRIS BURKES**

*Note to readers: I invited James Wetzstein to write a guest column for Advent. Wetzstein is a cartoonist, PhD candidate, and Lutheran pastor. Be sure and "Load images" so you can see his cartoon.*

Have you ever noticed how enterprising individuals can turn nearly anything into a marketable advent calendar by dividing the merchandise into 24 discrete pieces?

I prefer the traditional choice of chocolate, but now you can find beer, wine and even whiskey advent calendars. Sausage and cheese make for a December-long charcuterie board in 24 bite-size pieces.

For kids, there are small toys behind the little cardboard doors.

If you want to encourage your young charges toward engineering fields, you might buy the one with 24 science projects that, at the end of it all, yield an actual working radio.

Note: Be prepared to answer the question, "Mom. What's a radio?"

The point of these advent calendars is that they give us a countdown to Christmas as, each day, we find the next numbered window. Open it to discover a treat inside, and then enjoy that treat anticipating the big day.

The counting also brings us an element of certainty. We start at the beginning, and we

know when it ends. Christmas is only 24 chocolates from now.

The earliest advent wreaths had the same count-down agenda. The story goes that the 19th-century German pastor and advocate for those living in poverty, Johann Hinrich Wichern, created the first wreath to help the children of his community manage their impatience as they waited for Christmas.

The original wreath featured four large white candles, one for each Sunday of Advent. He added smaller red candles for each day of the week that allowed for daily tracking.

But the wreath's shape — a circle — is significant in its own right.

Had Wichern simply been looking for a way to mark the days, a straight line (or rows) of candles would have done the trick. But the wreath opens up an entirely different story. It's a story with an as-yet-undated end.

While the Advent season marks the days until Christmas, for many of us, it also marks a season of raised awareness of the promised return of Jesus Christ at the end of all time and of death's inevitability.

Here's the thing: nobody knows when that will be.

While each day brings us one day closer, we don't know how many little windows we'll need for that advent calendar.

The circle of Wichern's wreath evokes the cyclical nature of time, inviting us to remember that one day follows the next through a cycle of days, months and years. In a productivity culture, this cycle is one of wanting and achieving followed by the need to want and achieve all over again. The cycle seems never to end.

Yet we know that the days of achieving will end at some point, and if all we have is achievement, we will have nothing but dust.

The Biblical texts read in many churches during Advent offer us a way through this endless cycle of days that will not be satisfied. In these readings, we hear Jesus teaching about the end of all things with images of destruction that seem bent on scaring us to death (Mark 13:24-37).

If it is true, as he says, that the most fundamental realities like mountains and the sun's shining are subject to destruction, what is

left?

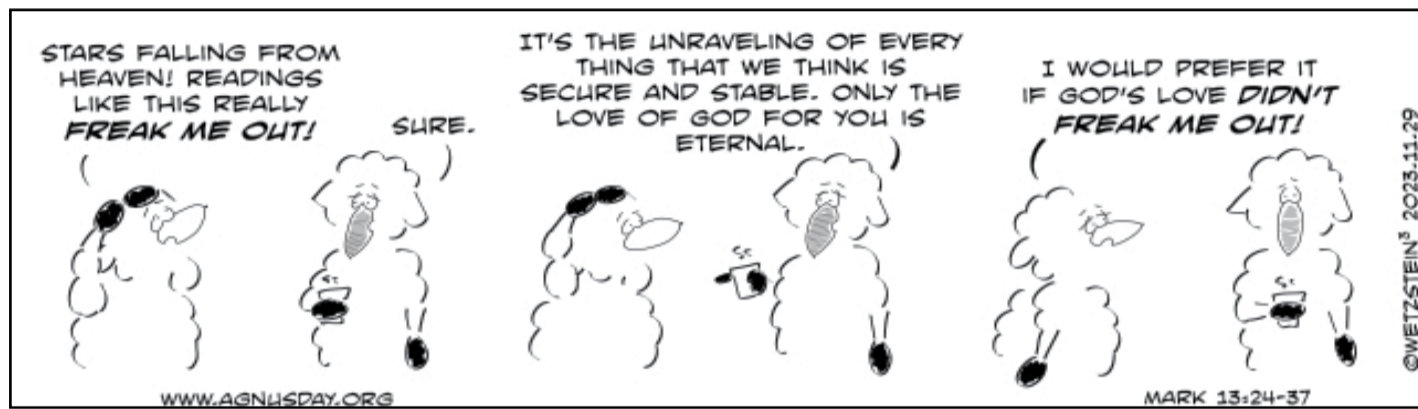
What remains is the eternal love of God coming — "adventing" — that is, coming in love for the you that is you.

Wichern's advent wreath forms an eternity of shape and it becomes your victory crown. It is the shape of love seeking you.

James Wetzstein serves as pastor for Valparaiso University. He is also a PhD candidate in Liturgical Studies at Notre Dame where he studies the interrelationship between theology and art. He draws a weekly comic strip for churches called "Agnus Day" at [www.agnusday.org](http://www.agnusday.org)

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## RELIGION NEWS

### Sermon topics at EG Presbyterian Church in Dec.

#### JAZZ AND BLUES HOUR

One of the monthly events we host at our church is the "Jazz and Blues Hour". The Papa Day Blues Band performed on Nov 5 th .This was the last performance for this year, but this concert series will resume in the spring.

#### SCOTTY INMAN CONCERT

Another musical event, recently sponsored by our church and Diane Sakakihara, was the Scotty Inman concert at District 56. This was a fundraiser primarily for Sacramento Stand Down, Chicks in Crisis and Elk Grove Food Bank. About 140 people enjoyed the concert and Scotty was joined by the Herb Henry Family of Modesto and local singer Bill Miller. It was a great evening of gospel music with a country flair. During the concert, our veterans were honored with a special salute to those who have served.

#### ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Under our sanctuary "Giving" Tree we are now collecting items ( or checks) for Chicks in Crisis and Elk Grove Food Bank. Special events coming up include an Advent potluck at church, a Women's Christmas Tea and our Annual Christmas

Party. The December 24th Christmas Eve service will be held at 10 am.

#### SERMON TOPICS FOR DECEMBER

Rev. Dexter McNamara has announced upcoming sermon topics for the remainder of the year: Dec 17 th – What Do We Anticipate; Dec 24 th (Morning of Christmas Eve) – Beware of Angels' Greetings; Dec 31 st – Rick Hall guest minister. Rev. Deter McNamara welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 am. Our church is located at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn Blvd. For more information Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or [elkgrovepres@gmail.com](mailto:elkgrovepres@gmail.com).

#### Light of the Valley's Service Times

The Light of the Valley Lutheran Church updated their service times. Traditional services will be held at 8:45 a.m., and contemporary services will start at 10:30 a.m.

Light of the Valley is at 9270 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove. For more information, call (916) 691-3568 or visit [www.LightOfTheValley.net](http://www.LightOfTheValley.net).

#### Field of Hope United Church of Christ's Services

Community members are

invited to the Field of Hope United Church of Christ's Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. at 9624 Melrose Ave., Elk Grove. Sunday School and nursery services are available.

For more information, visit [www.FieldOfHopeUCC.org](http://www.FieldOfHopeUCC.org)

#### St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church's Mass schedule

Elk Grove's St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church invites everyone to their celebrations of Holy Mass. Mass will be held there at 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and noon on Sundays. They also have weekday Masses at 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

The church's office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Thursday, and Fridays.

For more information, call (916) 647-4538, visit [www.SMGCC.net](http://www.SMGCC.net), or download the MyParish app and center the code, 55321.

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church is at 8700 Bradshaw Road.

#### Seventh-Day Adventist Church Offers Food Pantry

All Nations Seventh-Day Adventist Church is offering a food pantry for community members in need. This pantry is open every second and third Wednesday from

10 a.m. to noon. Organizers request identification such as a driver's license, Social Security card, or a food stamp card before they offer supplies to recipients.

For more information, contact Rudy at (916) 271-9315. The church is located at 8280 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Sacramento.

#### Grace Church Welcomes You to Join Us as We Worship the One True God

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email: [office@grace-churcheg.org](mailto:office@grace-churcheg.org). Check out our website at [www.GraceChurchEG.org](http://www.GraceChurchEG.org).

#### Good Shepherd Parish Group Helps Needy in Area

St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in the Laguna Creek area of Elk Grove maintains a small storage locker for items for the needy in the church's immediate area, ZIP codes 95757 and 95758.

Members help those in need with utility bills when funds are available, and have clothing and miscellaneous items available on Monday mornings. They do home visits to assess the needs of the family and discuss furniture needs on a one-on-one basis. The organization also offers assistance with utility bills.

St. Vincent de Paul's hours of operation are weekdays 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Closed from noon to 1:00 pm for lunch and all day on Wednesdays.

It is located on the south side of the church parking lot, 9539 Racquet Court, near the tennis courts of the Racquet Club. For more information, call (916) 647-1243.

#### Chabad of Elk Grove's weekly Torah classes

Local community members are invited to attend weekly Torah classes that will be offered by Chabad of Elk Grove. Each class will be held from 6:45-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at a private location.

The course, "Flashbacks in Jewish History" will examine how our past informs our future. Rabbi Chaim Groner is leading the discussion. Classes are free.

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# Jemmott Out at Fortune After Only Four Games

By John Hull  
Citizen Sports Editor

ELK GROVE (MPG) - The boys basketball coach at Fortune Early College School, Raphael Jemmott, was relieved of his duties, just four games into the 2023-24 season, according to the school's athletic director Derek Swafford. He told the Citizen about the decision Dec. 8 during the Panthers' game against Pleasant Grove in the Mark Macres Memorial Tournament at Monterey Trail High School.

Swafford said he couldn't talk further about the situation. Swafford hired Antonio Brown as the interim coach.

The Panthers, last year's runner-up in the Sacramento Section's Division V playoffs, dropped the game to Pleasant Grove, 69-58, to lower their record to 1-6.

On his Facebook page Jemmott, who was in his first season as head coach at Fortune School, said he was relieved of his duties on Dec. 1.

"I do not have details about the reasons of my termination for I have never had a chance to speak with the athletic director directly," he wrote on his post. "I was terminated through a letter given to me by HR. I am extremely hurt by this. After serving six years as an assistant coach of the program I wished I was



Antonio Brown, left, was named interim boys basketball coach at Fortune Early College School on Dec. 1 when first-year coach Raphael Jemmott was relieved of his duties. No reason for Jemmott's dismissal was given by school officials. Photo by John Hull

given more than four non-league games to prove myself."

Jemmott added he will remain employed at the school.

Following the Pleasant Grove game Brown, a former professional basketball player with six years experience in Canada, Australia, the Philippines, Brazil and Mexico, said he's coached more games in the past 10 days than practices with the Panthers.

"We've got a lot of talent and when I got thrust into the position the reason I took it was that I brought two guys personally to the school and one of them is my nephew," Brown said. "And, one of the things I wanted to do with the job switch was they had the opportunity with a coach that was

there for the team and I jumped at it when the time came."

Brown is a 2001 graduate of Cordova High School who played basketball collegiately at Cosumnes River College, Bethany University and William Jessup University.

"My challenge is ahead of me," he added. "We've got to get some practices in because there's a new system. We've had one practices and a bunch of games and we can't get to practice until (Dec. 12)."

Brown thinks he can round his group together and pull out a good season.

"We've got some talent," he said. "We've got some shooters, we've got some really quick guards, we're just trying to find it and put it all together." ★

# Huskies Consolation Champs in Gridley



Sheldon's Jaden Spears goes for a rebound during one of the Huskies' games at the Gridley Invitational, where they were 2-1 and grabbing the tournament's consolation championship. Spears was named to the All-Tournament team. Photo by Steven Bryla

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**Division 3-A**  
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# Inaugural Wildcat Winter Classic



For the first time, Franklin High School hosted its own tournament, the Wildcat Winter Classic, Dec. 7 and 8. One day one Del Oro defeated Laguna Creek, 72-60, and in the second game Franklin defeated Vista del Lago, 80-48. In the second day of the vent Laguna Creek rolled over Vista del Lago, 73-34, for third place and Del Oro defeated Franklin 70-64, for the championship trophy. That loss by the Wildcats was the first one of the season after starting the year 8-0. Photos by John Hull



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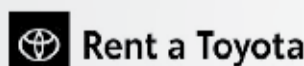
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# McCrystle's Turn to Lead Basketball at Pleasant Grove

By John Hull  
Citizen Sports Editor

**ELK GROVE (MPG)** - After three different head varsity boys basketball coaches in three seasons, Pleasant Grove's athletic director Scott Gradin turned to a known quantity this fall to lead the Eagle's program. He's Tim McCrystle, who had coached the freshman and JV programs in years past.

"I'm having fun," McCrystle said after his team's win Dec. 8 over Fortune Early College School to raise their record to 3-4 on the season. "As a

first-year varsity coach it is a lot of work and I'm also a full-time grade 12 English teacher and that's a lot of work, too. I feel, to be honest, a little bit haggard, but I love doing it."

McCrystle says he likes his players, but they've got a ways to go.

"They're working hard and they are putting in a lot of effort," he said. "We've played well, we've played not-so-well, but the kids are working really hard."

McCrystle realizes there is a different culture he brings into the Eagles' program after the school has had much turnover in that

position in the past few years.

"I've played and coached a lot of basketball in my life, but never at the boys varsity level," he said. "So, it's a great challenge and opportunity for me and I'm thankful to Pleasant Grove for giving me the opportunity. I hope to be there for a long time."

The past three seasons McCrystle had been coaching the girls program at Rio Americano where his daughter was a standout player. Last season he was their head coach.

"We made the playoffs for the first time in like 10

years," he said. "We were 16-12, it was a great season and it was a lot of fun to coach my daughter. I grew up in Sacramento and went to Jesuit and played under Tom Shakely and John Daly and I played basketball for a year in Spain after I graduated from college, so I really love basketball."

McCrystle says the goal for this season is to be competitive in every game.

"And, to have a good league season and to start to develop a culture that puts effort and preparation and the joy of playing basketball into everything we do," he said. ★



A graduate of Jesuit who played at Cal and, more recently, coached the girls basketball program at Rio Americano, Tim McCrystle is the new boys basketball coach at Pleasant Grove. McCrystle is an English teacher at the school. Photo by John Hull

## SCOREBOARD

### Local Sports Results

#### Friday, Dec. 8 Boys Basketball

*Mark Macres Memorial Tournament*  
Pleasant Grove 69, Fortune School 58  
Monterey Trail 58, Vacaville 52  
*Wildcat Winter Classic*  
Del Oro 70, Franklin 64  
Laguna Creek 73, Vista del Lago 34  
*Gridley Classic*  
Sheldon vs. Gridley  
*Titan Classic*  
Antelope 62, Elk Grove 44

#### Girls Basketball

Johnson 50, Brad. Chr. 47  
St. Francis 56, Laguna Creek 26  
Delta 29, Elk Grove 25  
Franklin 42, Calaveras 19  
Cosumnes Oaks vs. Pleasant Grove

#### Men's College Basketball

*Cosumnes River at Reedley Tournament*  
CRC 76, Reedley 74

#### Women's College Basketball

Cosumnes River 70, Skyline 53

#### Boys Soccer

Elk Grove 2, Lincoln 0  
Del Oro 4, Monterey Trail 1  
Edison 3, Valley 1

Laguna Creek 2, Stevenson 0  
Bradshaw Christian 1, Ripon Chr. 0  
Oak Ridge 3, Franklin 2  
Rocklin 2, Elk Grove 2  
Florin 2, Natomas 2

#### Girls Soccer

Vacaville 2, Cosumnes Oaks 1  
Elk Grove 4, Liberty Ranch 1  
Cosumnes Oaks 0, Oakdale 0  
Franklin 1, Christian Bros. 0  
Natomas 6, Florin 0

#### Saturday, Dec. 9 Boys Basketball

Vacaville 53, Fortune School 45  
Cordova 62, Pleasant Grove 58  
San Leandro vs. Monterey Trail  
Bradshaw Christian vs. Mission Coll. Prep

#### Men's College Basketball

*Cosumnes River at Reedley Tournament*  
Cosumnes River 62, San Mateo 54

#### Women's College Basketball

Cosumnes River 71, San Mateo 57

#### Wrestling

*Curt Mettler Invitational, Elk Grove High School*  
Elk Grove 2, De LaSalle 3, Ponderosa



Fortune Early College's Darien Taubodo dribbles the basketball up court during the Panther's loss to Pleasant Grove Dec. 7 in the Mark Macres Memorial Basketball Tournament at Monterey Trail High School. Photo by John Hull

#### Boys Soccer

Sac. Heart Prep 1, Lag. Creek 1  
Wheatland 2, Brad. Chr. 1  
Kennedy 2, Elk Grove 1

#### Girls Soccer

Franklin 0, Inderkum 0  
Elk Grove 2, Ponderosa 1



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# Herd Wrestlers Battle to Win Mettler Tourney

By John Hull  
Citizen Sports Editor

**ELK GROVE (MPG)** - Elk Grove's entire wrestling squad earned a medal by finishing in the top eight spots in each weight class Dec. 9 to capture the team championship of the Curt Mettler Wrestling Tournament. The annual event, honoring the former Herd wrestling coach, brought more than 20 schools to the daylong competition.

The Herd ended with 247 points, 53.5 more points than De LaSalle. Ponderosa and 7-time State champion Buchanan rounded out the top five.

Octavio Negrete won his 120-pound weight class for the second week in a row by defeating Caleb Tatad of De LaSalle, 10-4, in the championship round.

"This week's tournament is a little harder than last week's," Negrete said. "I've had harder matches here. I feel comfortable at 120 (pounds). I feel good. I feel stronger, energized."

Cal Grappler has Negrete ranked 10th in the State at his weight. He's one of eight Elk Grove wrestlers ranked statewide.

Others who did well at the Mettler were:

126 pounds - Josiah Sandoval of Elk Grove took first thanks to a 7-5 decision over Mason Evanow of Fortuna.

113 pounds - Zachary Hoover of Laguna Creek was second, losing the championship match 2-0 to Elijah Valencia of Merced.

106 pounds - Isaiah Gonzaga of Elk Grove placed fourth.

132 pounds - Nicholas



Octavio Negrete who won the 120-pound championship at the Curt Mettler Tournament on Dec. 9 also grabbed first at the Old Dutch Classic at Righetti High School on Dec. 2 and shows off his 'trophy.'

Bulanin of Elk Grove won the weight class thanks to a 14-1 major decision over Giovanni Cuevas of De LaSalle.

138 pounds - Alexander Heide of Elk Grove took sixth place.

144 pounds - Bryce Camara of Elk Grove took the championship with a 10-4 decision over Diego Montalvo of Buchanan.

150 pounds - Richard Alvarado of Elk Grove took fourth place.

157 pounds - Jacob Briggs of Elk Grove got third place.

165 pounds - Travis Posey of Elk Grove placed fifth.

175 pounds - Jordan Ford placed third with an 8-5 decision over Owen Hammel of Righetti.

190 pounds - Julien Ford of Elk Grove took fourth place.

### Curt Mettler Memorial Wrestling Tournament

Team Results:

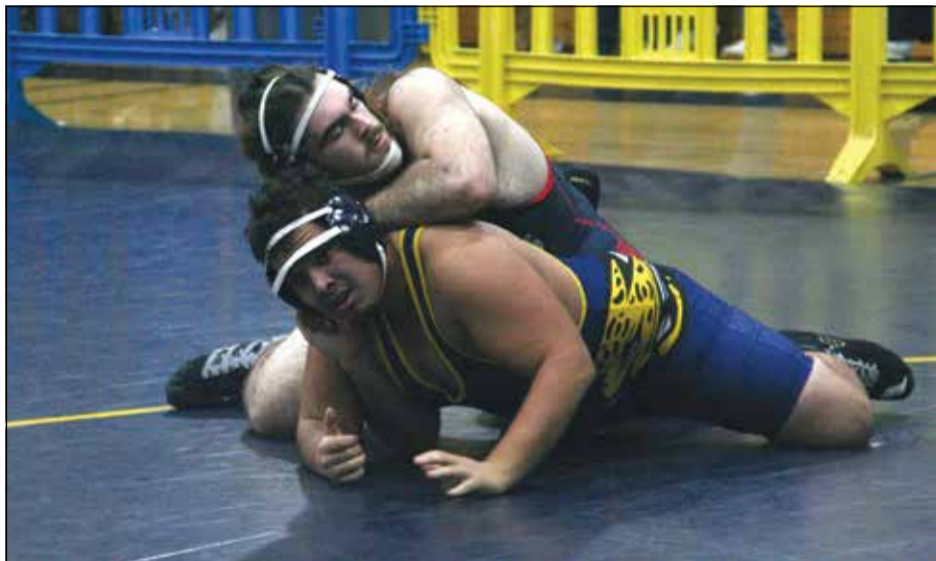
Elk Grove	247.0
De LaSalle	194.5
Ponderosa	190.0
Buchanan	188.0
Righetti	118.5
Merced	109.0
Bella Vista	81.0
Granite Bay	67.0
Las Lomas	64.0
Laguna Creek	58.5

215 pounds - Brady West of Elk Grove was fifth place.

285 pounds - Declan Follette of Laguna Creek took first place with a 7-3 decision over Cooper Rodgers of Buchanan. Peyton Reiser of Pleasant Grove was third and Gabriel Fernandez of Elk Grove too sixth place.



Elk Grove coach Pat Coffing enters his 22nd season at Elk Grove High School with much promise. Eight of his wrestlers are ranked in the top 25 statewide. Photos by John Hull



Peyton Reiser was Pleasant Grove's lone medalist on Dec. 9, taking third at 285 pounds at the Curt Mettler Tournament at Elk Grove High School.

#### Coffing's Comments

Now in his 22nd season coaching Elk Grove wrestling Pat Coffing seemed pleased with the early-season results of his squad.

"We did well last week at (the Old Dutch Classic at Righetti High School), but this is a step up in competition," Coffing said. "These guys have put in quite a bit of time and it's now beginning to show for them. (Alex) Portugal will be down at (106 pounds) where he's a returning Section medalist. Negrete

is a defending Section champ at (120 pounds). These guys have put in a tremendous amount of time. I keep saying it is what it is and they are beginning to show for it."

Coffing says his program has received a bit of a jumpstart during the summer when Rudy Ortega, Jr., a former Elk Grove High School athlete, became the school principal.

"He's come in here and has made it easier to coach here than ever in the past," Coffing said. "Rudy has

made this place better in a week-and-a-half than Eugene Christmas did in his entire career here in trying to burn this place down. And, it's athletic in general. (Ortega) wants everyone to be successful and set out intentionally to make it easier for all the coaches. We cannot be happier. It's never been better."

Next week the Herd travels to Buchanan to compete in the Zinkin tournament, one of the most competitive in the state. ★



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