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Planning Approves Jollibee Restaurant

Planning Commission Also Approves New Cell Tower



A rendering shows the Jollibee restaurant planned for The Ridge shopping center. Image via city of Elk Grove planning documents

By Sharon Pearce

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG8) - The Dec. 7 Elk Grove Planning Commission faced confusing and puzzling problems approving design reviews for construction of AT&T extra tall cell tower wireless facilities at 10371 Bruceville Road and at Calvine Crossing. It

discussed the possibility of traffic backups at The Ridge shopping center with the addition of a Jollibee restaurant.

A spokesman for the applicant noted that the height was compliant with the needs in this increasingly dense area; design graphics were to be corrected later. Residents voiced

concerns on the verbiage used in the tower plan, saying it was similar to that found in other projects that eventually led to health hazards. It was asked if AT&T was receiving a special deal on this project.

One resident said they would oppose the project if it led to more development, adding that it

would decrease property values.

Staff Planner Cindy Gnos reported CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) standards included a study showing this tower meets federal guidelines for exposure rates.

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**Elk Grove
Man
Among 3
Indicted for
Insurance
Fraud**

**By Matthew Malone
Staff Writer**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - A federal grand jury has indicted an Elk Grove investment adviser, along with two insurance executives, accusing the three of insurance fraud crimes related to the collapse in 2020 of a Livermore insurance company. The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California announced the charges on Dec. 19.

Jaspreet Padda, 40, of Elk Grove, was the outside investment adviser for Global Hawk Risk Retention Group. The indictment alleges that Global Hawk's president, Jasbir S. Thandi "misappropriated over \$19 million in Global Hawk funds" from 2017 to 2019, sending more than \$1 million to the British Virgin Islands and more than \$7 million to other entities under Thandi's control.

Further, Padda, Thandi, and Global Hawk Vice President and Secretary Sandeep Sahota are accused of submitting fraudulent financial statements to regulators, overstating the company's assets "by tens of millions of dollars" and concealing Thandi's alleged misappropriations.

Global Hawk primarily provided automobile liability insurance coverage for truck drivers and small trucking companies. It was declared insolvent and liquidated after regulators discovered the misappropriation in May 2020.

"The indictment charges Thandi, Sahota, and Padda with conspiracy to commit insurance fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 as well as two counts of insurance fraud (false statements to regulators), in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1033(a)

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Council Approves Women's Rights Resolution

Elk Grove City Council Accepts Engineering Contract for Expressway



A map shows the path of the planned expressway connecting Interstate 5 to Bruceville Road. Elk Grove City Council approved a contract for engineering on the project. Image via city of Elk Grove planning documents

By Shaunna Boyd

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - At the final meeting of the year, the Elk Grove City Council conducted its annual selection of a new vice mayor to serve for the coming year. Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen recommended Councilmember Rod

Brewer, who accepted and was unanimously approved. Brewer said he is honored to serve as "representation for our community."

The council approved a resolution supporting the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination

Against Women (CEDAW), which is an international treaty adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1979 and signed the following year by then-President Jimmy Carter. Countries that have ratified CEDAW are legally bound to put its provisions into place, but the U.S.

still has not done this, as it has never been considered by the Senate for a vote.

This item was brought forward at the request of the Sacramento County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls (SCCSWG), which helps
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discussed that three antenna were confirmed but a request for a fourth antenna might be made later.

The commission considered another AT&T tower project at 8432 Bader Road; to construct a stealth monopine cell tower, 50 feet by 50 feet, enclosed by a chain-link fence around the monopine and associated equipment. It would be 100 feet tall to the top of the monopine branches, with the top of the antenna array at 94 feet. AT&T requested an exception to the 55-foot height limit.

A resident reported that there was poor reception in this rural area and a tower this size "would kill all birds with one stone." It would increase broadband and capability for first responders, and have a backup generator. It was requested to lower the chain-link encompassing fence to 6 feet rather than 10 feet. Height of the tower was needed for spacing

between center lines. The applicant suggested it would increase service accessibility for other carriers as well.

A resident said that the property owner on Bader Road has only been there 1½ years, while he has lived there since 2017; and the commenter questioned why that individual wanted this tower at his site.

Commissioner George Murphey disclosed he resided in the area and said he supported the project due to complaints about current service.

The commissioners passed a motion, 4-0, to approve the project, and to modify the fence height change.

A motion to continue the permit hearing for an AT&T Wireless Telecommunications Facility at Mesa at Laguna Ridge to the Jan. 4 meeting passed unanimously.

A motion to modify the layout within Ridge Shopping Center with a minor design review for the Jollibee

restaurant building at 7590 Elk Grove Blvd. at the southwest corner of the Ridge Shopping Center was considered. It would bring to five the number of drive-thrus there. Questions were asked as to multiple order lanes backing up traffic while merging into one pick-up lane, and other facilities using the same drive-thru. The applicant indicated that, at its busiest, there would be 15-20 cars queued.

Commissioner Juan Fernandez asked about synchronizing the lighting at Ginther and Elk Grove Boulevard with the crosswalk. Murphey noted that congestion at the shopping center is an issue.

Applicant representatives indicated that Costco may be changing its stacking lane there, and they were confident a backup would not be created. Staff reported no further environmental review was necessary.

A motion to amend to modify the layout was passed unanimously. ★

Elk Grove Man Among 3 Indicted for Insurance Fraud

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and 2," the attorney's office reported. "The indictment also charges Thandi with two counts of insurance fraud (misappropriation) in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1033(b).

"The indictment also charges Thandi with two counts of bank fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1344. The indictment alleges that in 2016, Thandi obtained a \$6.4 million bank loan based on false representations, and in

2017, obtained another \$14.75 million bank loan, also based on false representations."

Sahota was arrested on Dec. 18. Padda was arrested in the Eastern District of California.

Individuals who believe they may be a victim in this case should contact the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California at usac-nv.devictimasst@usdoj.gov.



MEMORIAL

GERALD H. DERR • 02/05/1934 – 12/10/2023

Gerald H. Derr, retired Elk Grove Fire Chief, passed away peacefully on December 10th at age 89. He leaves behind his beloved wife Elizabeth, his only son Wade, and his two grandsons, James and Aaron.

Gerald resided in Elk Grove his entire life. He was part-owner and manager of J.M. Derr Lumber Company, but was best-known for his fire department career. He became a volunteer fireman in 1949 at age 15, later became the Assistant Fire Chief, and in 1969 was promoted to Fire Chief.

In 1986, Gerald was named Elk Grove's Citizen of the Year.

Gerald retired from his Fire Chief position in 1990, but performed the duties part-time until 1992.

In 1999, the Cosumnes Community Service District dedicated its new fire

station 75 to Gerald. During retirement, until 2008, Gerald continued to serve the District as a member of its Board of Directors. Following his Board service, he enjoyed a peaceful retirement in his Laguna Creek home with his wife, Elizabeth.

Gerald was a tireless and heroic community servant. He loved Elk Grove and its people. He worked hard all his life, enjoying every day. One could always depend on him for a hearty handshake, a smile, and a joke. His boundless enthusiasm and love for the fire service never diminished.

Gerald's contributions to his family, his community, and to firefighting will never be forgotten.

For a more detailed obituary and memorial service information, please visit the "Obituaries" section of east-lawn.com.

MEMORIAL

DIANE MARJORIE PAVEY 5/12/1950 – 10/6/2023

Diane Marjorie Pavey, age 72, passed away on October 6, 2023, in Elk Grove, CA. She was a kind, smart, and devoted Granny, as well as an amazing mom and incredibly artistic individual. Diane's passion for crafting was evident in her various artistic pursuits, including painting, gourding, felting, and

more. She was not only talented but also a wonderful teacher. Diane is survived by her daughter, Stephanie Tseu (Nied), her son-in-law Marc Tseu, her grandsons Carter Tseu and Beckett Tseu, her daughter Abigail Williams, son-in-law Jay Williams, her granddaughter Rachel Williams,

her grandson Jacob Williams. She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Pavey, and her mother, Marjorie Pavey (Smale).

A small memorial service will be held for family only in 2024. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Elk Grove Animal Shelter.

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shape policy decisions and acts as a resource to advance economic and educational opportunities for women. SCCSWG Vice Chair Timiza Wash said that after decades of social, political, and economic advancement, "women and girls are still tragically unsafe in their homes and on our streets, making less on the dollar than their male counterparts, falling into poverty and homelessness at astonishing rates."

This resolution would give Elk Grove the opportunity to review the recommendations and best practices outlined in CEDAW to see how they can be implemented in the City's policies and budgets to support the rights of women.

CEDAW provides a universal definition of discrimination against women and girls as any "distinction, exclusion, or restriction made on the basis of sex which has the effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by women, irrespective of marital status, on the basis of equality between women and men, of human rights or fundamental freedom in the political, economic, social and cultural, civil, legal or any other field."

Ratification of CEDAW in 189 countries has had significant impacts around the world, with women in Tanzania now able to inherit property, and in Botswana a woman is no longer considered part of the inheritable property if her husband dies. And in Turkey, there is now a minimum marriage age of 17, when previously a girl child of any age could be married.

During public comment, Elk Grove resident Kirk Thompson said that he supported the resolution after hearing the presentation. But he said that because he has a daughter, "red flags always pop into my mind when I see resolutions like this." He likened his concern to Ronald Reagan speaking against the Equal Rights Amendment, with the fear that it could be used by "mischievous men" to "eliminate proper discriminations that women absolutely deserve based on physical differences and differences in making choices that are obviously different between genders." He said he wants to ensure this couldn't be misused against women in the future.

Councilmember Sergio Robles, who was raised by a single mother, said, "I'm proud to say that Elk Grove stands with women and we're standing to end discrimination."

Vice Mayor Brewer said, "When you read it and understand, it makes perfect sense. ... It's fundamental for us, from a humanistic standpoint, to really do what we can to be advocates for equal rights." Brewer said it's important to "have these ideals ... in the front of our minds and wear them on our sleeves every day."

Councilmember Kevin Spease said it was unfortunate that such a resolution was needed: "We should have gotten this figured out long ago."

Councilmember Darren Suen agreed, stating that all men have a mother, and maybe even a sister or a daughter, and should fully support their fair treatment.

Singh-Allen said, "It is aspirational work. This is a goal that we strive towards."

She echoed her fellow councilmembers: "It is unfortunate that we need resolutions like this. It's more unfortunate that we don't have the United States as part of this."

The council voted unanimously to approve the resolution in support of CEDAW.

Expressway Contract Approved

The council considered a contract with Jacobs Engineering Group for professional engineering services for the Kammerer Road Two-Lane Extension I-5 to Bruceville Road Project.

This project is part of a southeast connector that has been a vision for the region even before the incorporation of Elk Grove. The goal is to connect Interstate 5 and Highway 99 in Elk Grove to Highway 50 in El Dorado Hills with a 34-mile expressway. Elk Grove's portion of the connector is planned in five segments, with the design for Project A1 being considered at this meeting.

Project A1 would extend two lanes of Kammerer Road west of Bruceville Road to a connection with the I-5/Hood Franklin interchange. Jacobs Engineering Group would handle right-of-way acquisition and the final design phases. The firm would also oversee public outreach, grant applications, railroad coordination, other utility coordination, structural design, drainage analysis, traffic analysis, project phasing analysis, and plans, specifications, and estimating to get the project out to bid. This work is expected to take two to three years to complete, with a recommended contract total not to exceed roughly \$8 million.

This project is already

included in the 2023-28 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget.

Actual construction of the project will depend on funding availability, but construction cannot start until after ROW acquisition and design are finalized.

Suen said he "can't wait to keep this moving forward and get it done."

Robles said, "This is going to alleviate traffic, and it's going to help out Elk Grove, and it's going to create an easier access from 5 all the way to 99 and all the way up north."

Singh-Allen said, "It's much needed for the city of Elk Grove and all of our residents. And I'm sure the region will also see the benefits and also be supportive."

The contract for this phase of the project was unanimously approved by Council.

Underground Utilities for Old Town

A public hearing was held on the proposed establishment of an underground utility district for Phase 2 of utility undergrounding along Elk Grove Boulevard. Phase 1 was completed in 2006, from Walnut Avenue to just east of School Street. Phase 2, under consideration at this meeting, will continue the work to Waterman Road.

The purpose of undergrounding the utility lines is to enhance the aesthetic of Old Town by removing the variety of utility wires crossing above the streets. Existing utility poles will be removed as part of this process, which will result in a continuous sidewalk to enhance the walkability and accessibility of Old Town.

Existing utilities will be placed in an underground utility trench, with all affected properties retaining their existing utility companies.

The establishment of an underground utility district will prohibit any future overhead utilities within the district, requiring any future utilities be added to the underground utility trench.

Construction on this project is funded by \$7.99 million in federal grants, and work is expected to begin in 2025.

During public comment, Elk Grove resident Randy Becker suggested that there needs to be significant traffic mitigation during construction, with lower speed limits and detours for through-traffic.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the underground utility district. ★

CSD's Traci Farris Named New Parks and Rec Chief

By Matthew Malone Staff Writer

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - A new person is overseeing parks and recreation in Elk Grove. At its Dec. 6 meeting, the Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) board of directors approved the employment contract for new Parks and Recreation Administrator Traci Farris.

Farris has worked for the district since 2018 and has 21 years of experience in the parks and rec field. She has served as the interim administrator since September.

Board President Gil Albiani said he has observed the way fellow parks and rec colleagues "respect" Farris "and know that you are a real professional. I'm really happy that we chose you for this spot."

The board approved the contract by a 4-0 vote. Director Angela Spease was absent.

The parks and rec administrator's base salary starts at about \$215,000 per year. They oversee more than "1,000 acres of green spaces, including 103 parks, and a diverse range of recreation programs," according to CSD. Farris replaces Mike Dopson in the role.

In a release, the district said Farris played a role in initiatives such as opening the Elk Grove Aquatics Center, participating in a Government Alliance on Race and Equity cohort, and providing "crucial" support



Traci Farris. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes CSD

during the winter storms that struck Sacramento County in January 2023.

In a written statement, CSD General Manager Phil Lewis said, "Traci has a gift of bringing people together. Her passion will resonate within the community, fostering an environment to improve the lives of our residents and visitors. With her extensive knowledge of the District, Traci is well-positioned to provide exceptional parks and recreation services to our

community."

In remarks after her contract was authorized, Farris said she was glad to be able to drop "interim" from her title.

"I just wanted to take a moment — I promise not to cry — to thank you so much for your belief in me," Farris told the board members, thanking colleagues in attendance for their support.

"I promise to make all of you proud," she said, concluding later, "I am your parks and recreation administrator." ★



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POLICE LOGS

Tuesday, Dec. 12

2:21 a.m., 9500 block of Arbon Court: Elk Grove police arrested Stephen Wong, 39, on DUI charges.

7:50 a.m., Emerald Oak Drive/Lodestone Circle: Elk Grove police arrested Chase Hunt, 34, on vandalism charges.

9 a.m., 8700 block of Elk Grove boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested James Henry, 29, on concealed dagger and probation violation charges.

10:16 a.m., 9100 block of Newport West Way: Elk Grove police arrested Clarence Ringo, 42, on drug paraphernalia possession and domestic violence charges.

10:43 a.m., 8900 block of Blakemore Court: Elk Grove police arrested two unidentified 14-year-olds on vandalism charges.

7:50 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Christa Rose, 52, on trespassing charges.

1:27 p.m., 7700 block of River Otter Way: Elk Grove police arrested Tomas Jauregui, 30, on trespassing charges.

4:59 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Carlos Zamora, 45, on battery and restraining order violation charges.

6:47 p.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Marcos Lozoya, 56, on disorderly conduct charges.

8:35 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Elk Grove-Florin Road: Elk Grove police arrested Gaudencio Rivera, 77, on DUI charges.

8:45 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Sergio Almanza, 42, and Stephanie Fonseca, 45, on shoplifting charges.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

12:54 a.m., 2300 block of Bastona Drive: Elk Grove police arrested Don Hanscom, 27, on DUI charges.

11:17 a.m., Sheldon Road/East Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Michael Garcia, 26, on concealed dagger and probation violation charges.

1:12 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road: Elk Grove police arrested Ronnie Roman, 35, on domestic violence charges.

7:59 p.m., 6600 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Kevin Sypert on concealed dagger charges.

4:48 p.m., 9300 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested James Anderson, 44, and Kristen Anderson, 38, on conspiracy, forgery, false impersonation and fraud charges.

Thursday, Dec. 14

6:01 a.m.: Elk Grove Police arrested Jen Kham, 35; Mariah Marshall, 27; and Thaveesak Kham, 33, on charges of unlawful driving or taking of a vehicle, receiving stolen property, false impersonation, forgery, identity theft, obtaining money under false pretenses, meth possession, and drug paraphernalia possession.

5 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Oliverio Mendez-Ruiz, 20, on shoplifting charges.

Friday, Dec. 15

2:07 a.m., Calvine Road/Waterman Road: Elk Grove police arrested James Ly, 45, on DUI charges.

9:40 a.m., 5000 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Rissan Zawadi, 33, on shoplifting

charges.

10:57 a.m., Elk Creek Court/Elk Ridge Way: Elk Grove police arrested Jackie Hitchcock, 61, on DUI charges.

5:50 p.m., 9100 block of Elk Grove-Florin Road: Elk Grove police arrested Ernesto Olguin, 59, on warrant charges.

7:55 p.m.: Elk Grove police arrested an unidentified person on DUI and cannabis possession charges.

8:30 p.m., 10600 block of Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Bonnie Nguyen, 38; Carlos Sulamo, 41; and Hanschris Balleste, 42, on identity theft and meth possession charges.

8:40 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Williamson Drive: Elk Grove police arrested William Reager, 23, on DUI charges.

Saturday, Dec. 16

12:08 a.m., 6100 block of Laguna Villa Way: Elk Grove police arrested Jesus Soletto, 18; Miguel Saldan, 18; and an unidentified 17-year-old on grand theft, conspiracy, resisting arrest, burglary tool possession and vehicle tampering charges.

12:11 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Cu Le, 47, on DUI and drug paraphernalia possession charges.

4:41 a.m., 10400 block of Grant Line Road: Elk Grove police arrested Christine Harrell, 60, and Darren Hoffman, 46, on drug paraphernalia possession charges.

1:36 p.m., Grant Line Road/Calvine Road: Elk Grove police arrested Mario Rafanan, 52, on warrant charges and charges of receiving a stolen vehicle.

3:30 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard:

Elk Grove police arrested Destiny Adams, 22; Naomi Jackson, 20; and an unidentified 14-year-old on shoplifting and conspiracy charges.

10:06 p.m., 9100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Roman Wilson, 26, on DUI charges.

Sunday, Dec. 17

4:04 a.m., 9800 block of Black Swan Drive: Elk Grove police arrested two unidentified 14-year-olds on charges of unauthorized driving or taking of a vehicle, vehicle tampering, burglary, burglary tool possession, and conspiracy.

6:59 p.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Tony Mitchell on disorderly conduct and resisting arrest charges.

11:41 p.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Arthur Boatman, 48, on DUI charges.

Monday, Dec. 18

2:04 a.m., 8500 block of Felton Crest Way: Elk Grove police arrested Jacob Sandoval, 39, on charges of drug paraphernalia possession, meth possession and calling 911 with the intent to annoy or harass.

9:15 a.m., 6600 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Chad Sherman, 40; Joseph Nasca, 41; and Veronica Martinez, 43, on charges of meth possession, drug paraphernalia possession, identity theft, concealed dagger, burglary tool possession, false impersonation, false ID, fraud, probation violation, and conspiracy.

3:41 p.m., 4800 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Natanael

Gonzalez-Hernandez, 19, on charges of receiving a stolen vehicle.

8:41 p.m., 8800 block of Apple Pear Court: Elk Grove police arrested Daniel Saldana, 47, on warrant charges.

10:05 p.m., 9300 block of Big Horn Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Jane Abanum, 51, on assault with a deadly weapon charges.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

10:11 a.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Gurjinder Singh, 36, on restraining order violation charges.

5:30 p.m., 8800 block of Calvine Road: Elk Grove police arrested Carlos Perez, 48, on shoplifting charges.

7:55 p.m., 8800 block of Calvine Road: Elk Grove police arrested Christina Vasques, 38, and Evangeline Lewis, 63, on shoplifting charges.

6:40 p.m., Bond Road/Elk Grove Florin Road: Elk Grove police arrested Dylan Tweten, 32, on DUI charges.

9:03 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road: Elk Grove police arrested Joe Soto, 45, on drug paraphernalia possession and meth possession charges.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

1:12 a.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Davinder Singh, 37, on battery, assault with a deadly weapon, criminal threats, and domestic violence charges.

8:57 a.m., Calvine Road/Bradshaw Road: Elk Grove police arrested Jorge Calderon, 28, on warrant charges.

1:09 p.m., 7600 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Crystal Worthington, 33, and Jennelle Brooks, 43, on

shoplifting, organized retail theft and meth possession charges.

3:54 p.m., 8700 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested James Henry, 29, on weapon brandishing and trespassing charges.

7:37 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Raheem Pryor, 41, on shoplifting charges.

8:39 p.m., 8800 block of Calvine Road: Elk Grove police arrested Laquoya Cobia, 36, on shoplifting, possession of a controlled substance, and drug paraphernalia possession charges.

Thursday, Dec. 21

2:17 a.m., Highway 99/Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Hau Quach, 42, on drug paraphernalia possession and meth possession charges.

2:14 a.m., Sheldon Road/Excelsior Road: Elk Grove police arrested Trayveon Greenwade, 24, on DUI charges.

8:42 a.m., 7400 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Andyhon Chonhg, 53, on burglary, burglary tool possession and probation violation charges.

1:18 p.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Traia Wensel, 56, on DUI charges.

3:58 p.m., Highway 99/Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Luis Gonzalez-Sandoval, 58, on DUI charges.

11:01 p.m., 8100 block of Cosumnes River Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Georgella Cook, 38, on identity theft, unlawful tear gas use and meth possession charges.

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MEMORIAL

RONALD SCOTT BRAZIEL • 12/26/1963 — 11/22/2023

Ronald Scott Braziel passed away peacefully at home on November 22, 2023, after a brave fight against cancer. Ron was deeply loved by family and friends, and had the same love for all of them. Ron had two passions – family and work. At family gatherings, he always had the first questions – “how are you doing?” followed by “how’s work?”

During his work life, Ron gave his all for a decade at Elk Grove McDonald’s, and then 30-plus years at the Sacramento Bee, where he worked overnight shifts. No one gave more at work than Ron; he enjoyed the physical



part of work every day. During his final career stop, at L&D Landfill, Ron gave 100% and loved his team. His family is so grateful for L&D’s support during these last challenging months.

Ron was selfless – he cared more about people in his life than himself. He loved his nieces and nephew,

and was so happy to see their kids. He adored family pets, and animals gravitated towards him. Ron is survived by his mother, Pat Braziel, and stepfather, Sam Anderson; his two brothers Rick and Randy, and a host of family that will miss him dearly. Services were private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to InAlliance, a non-profit organization that is committed to helping people with developmental disabilities live the lives they want to live. Visit InAllianceInc.com for details. InAlliance was very important in helping Ron live his best life.

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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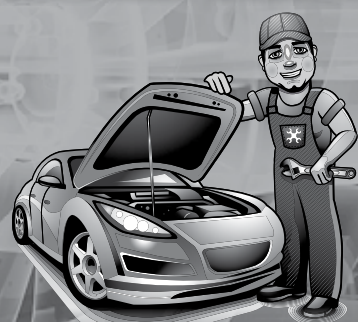
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American Legion Post 55 Hosting a County Veterans Service Officer

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 January

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.

Jan 4 - 12:00 Noon - Bunco at Mountain Mikes 9320 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Bonnie at 916-685-3402

Jan 5 - 10:00 AM - Pinochle at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923

Jan 8 - 10:30 AM - WPSC Board Meeting at Patt Taylor's home 9883 Hatherton Way Elk Grove

Jan 8 - 12 Noon - Lunch at Yum Buffet & Grill 4300 Florin Rd, Sacramento Contact Barbara 916-516-6609

Jan 10- 12:00 Noon no-host Lunch followed by Beginners' Pinochle at Original Mike's, 9139 East Stockton Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Jan 12 - 10:00 AM - Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Linda at 916-686-6781.

Jan 15 - 11:30 PM American Mah Jongg at Oaks Mobile Park, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Contact is Dianne 951-233-3138

Jan 18 - 11:45am General Meeting at Valley Hi Country Club. Contact is Pat B. 916-802-4524

Jan 19 - 10:00 AM Pinochle at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923

Jan 24 - 1:00 PM - Book Club at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd, Contact is Merrylynn 916-549-4264

Jan 25 - 12:00 Noon - Bunco at Mountain Mikes 9320 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Bonnie at 916-685-3402

Jan 26 - 10:00 AM Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Linda at 916-686-6781

Jan 30 - 5PM Dinner at the Brick House 9027 Elk Grove Blvd Contacty

Susan Leoni 916-798-0007

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 www.ElkGroveCommunityGarden.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-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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08982
Veronica Munoz, 5516 Hirsch Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Los Topo Gigios" 5516 Hirsch Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 7, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08894
Donna Kwan, 7501 Cordially Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Worthwhile Details" 7501 Cordially Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08900
Paradise Pool Service, Inc., 6101 Castaway Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Paradise Pool Service, Inc" 6101 Castaway Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09129
Tedco Inc, 9020 Elk Grove Boulevard #103, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) Elk Grove Lock and Safe Co/Sacramento Locksmith Services" 9020 Elk Grove Boulevard #103, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 14, 2023

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV013880
Thais Helena McAbeer Turner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Thais Helena McAbeer Turner to Helena McAbeer Turner.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 10, 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.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV013082
Liam John Francis Abair has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Liam John Francis Abair to Liam John Francis Abair Alcantara.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 27, 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.

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-23-961451-AB Order No.: DEF-562694 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/10/2012. 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 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 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. 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(s): VIRGINIA SEGUISABAL, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Recorded: 11/21/2012 as Instrument No. XXX in Book 20121121 Page 1469 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 1/23/2024 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the East Main Entrance of the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$221,453.80 The purported property address is: 6701 RAYCROFT WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95757-4015 Assessor's Parcel No.: 132-1320-012-0000 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 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-23-961451-AB. 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. 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 800-280-2832, or visit this internet website http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-23-961451-AB to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary'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 holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION . TS No.: CA-23-961451-AB IDS Pub #0189938 ELK GROVE CITIZEN Publish:12/22/2023, 12/29/2023, 1/5/2024 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 1-5-24

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-23-960962-BF Order No.: DEF-560469 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/20/2018. 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 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 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. 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(s): JOHN TRAN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 12/28/2018 as Instrument No. 201812280545 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 1/23/2024 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the East Main Entrance of the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$333,917.75 The purported property address is: 10178 NICK WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95757-5972 Assessor's Parcel No.: 132-0910-055-0000 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 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-23-960962-BF. 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.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105) Escrow No. 15085T NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: COMPLETE PERFORMANCE, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 8999 ELK GROVE BLVD, ELK GROVE, CA 95624

described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL and are located at: 8999 ELK GROVE BLVD, ELK GROVE, CA 95624

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the anticipated sale date is JANUARY 18, 2024

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSAL TO PERFORM LEASE-LEASEBACK CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE ELOP 2023-2024

The Elk Grove Unified School District ("District") is requesting a Statement of Qualifications/ Proposal (SOQ/P) from Contractors holding a Class B license, to perform Lease-Leaseback construction services for the ELOP 2023-2024 project.

If your firm is interested in being considered for this project, the submittal requirements and deadline for SOQ/P responses are as follows:

- Electronic copy in PDF format of a completed SOQ/P, submitted thru Dropbox
As part of this RFQ, all participants must complete a Pre-qualification Application, if you have not already
SOQ/P packet, and Pre-qualification Application can be accessed at www.egusdplans.com
Completed SOQ/P must be received no later than Friday, January 26, 2024 by 4:00 p.m.

The District will not review submittals received after the time and date above. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the SOQ/P will not be accepted. The Administration reserves the right to accept or reject any and all SOQ/P, to negotiate with any and all responsible firms, and to waive any informality in the process. The District is not responsible for any expenses related to the preparation or presentation of the SOQ/P, including travel costs. The SOQ/P may be withdrawn at any time prior to the closing date and time for receipt of SOQ/P.

Legal Advertising Hotline 916-483-2299 Legal Advertising Fax 916-773-2999	<h2 style="margin: 0;">LEGAL ADVERTISING</h2> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">The Elk Grove Citizen Adjudicated For and By the County of Sacramento, Case No. 14303 - October 14, 1910 The Elk Grove Citizen Adjudicated For and By the City of Elk Grove, Case No. CS01032 - August 25, 2000</p>	Legal Advertising 7144 Fair Oaks Blvd #5 Carmichael, CA 95608
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the anticipated sale date is JANUARY 18, 2024. The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. [If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be JANUARY 17, 2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above. Dated: NOVEMBER 29, 2023 AP FOODS INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Buyer(s) 2042778-PP Elk Grove Citizen 12-29-23	
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**City of Elk Grove – City Council
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at the hour of 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove City Council will conduct a public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, to consider the following matter:

**8651 BADER ROAD MAP PROJECT (PLNG21-010)
REZONE AND TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP:**

The 8651 Bader Road Map (the "Project") consists of a Rezone to amend the zoning designation of ±10.47 gross acres from the Agricultural Residential-Minimum 5-acre (AR- 5) designation to the Agricultural Residential-Minimum 2-acre (AR-2) designation and a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) to subdivide one existing parcel into four parcels ranging in size from approximately two acres to 3.6 acres. No new construction is proposed with this Project; however, any new home construction will be required to comply with the City's Climate Action Plan ("CAP") measures for new single-family dwelling construction.

The Planning Commission reviewed this matter at its meeting on December 7, 2023, and voted 4-0 to recommend the City Council approve the Project.

PROPERTY OWNER: Paulin Tang 500 Hazel Avenue Millbrae, CA 94030	PROJECT APPLICANT: CWE (R Squared Enterprise, Inc.) Shawn Somers (Representative) 2260 Douglas Avenue Roseville, CA 95661
LOCATION/APN: 8651 Bader Road/APN: 122-0240-008;	ZONING/GENERAL PLAN: AR-5 (Agricultural Residential – 5 acre minimum)/RR (Rural Residential).
ENVIRONMENTAL: No further environmental review is required for the Project CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning) per the General Plan Environmental Impact Report (SCH#2017062058)	

Information or questions regarding this item should be referred to Kyra Killingsworth, Senior Planner, (916) 478-3684 or killingsworth@elkgrovecity.org; or to the Office of Development Services – Planning, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA, 95758. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the close of the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

The live meeting can be viewed via the City's website at http://www.elkgrovecity.org/city_hall/city_government/live_archived_broadcasts

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, 1st Floor, Elk Grove, CA, 95758, at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

Dated/Published: December 29, 2023

JASON LINDGREN
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT
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OAK ROSE APARTMENTS (PLNG22-015) – A RECONSIDERATION OF THE DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SENATE BILL 35 MINISTERIAL REVIEW PROCESS, DENSITY BONUS, PROJECT APPROVAL, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING REGULATORY AGREEMENT:

The proposed Project consists of a request to construct a 100% affordable housing project with 67 units ("Project") in a new three-story building on a vacant parcel in Elk Grove Old Town Historic District. The Project proposal includes resident-serving office spaces in the front of the building on the ground level, with residential units on all three levels of the building (including the ground floor). Associated site improvements such as parking, landscaping, and exterior lighting are also proposed.

The proposed Project requires approval of a density bonus to allow for an increase of density over the 30 units-per-acre allowed for the site and an incentive for allowable use (ground-floor residential use). Approval of the density bonus and any related incentives, concessions, or waivers requires that the applicant enter into an Affordable Housing Regulatory Agreement with the City to ensure the continued affordability of proposed residential units.

This item is a reconsideration of the City Council's decision on July 27, 2022, finding the Project is ineligible for SB 35 ministerial review. Staff will be recommending approval of the Project.

PROPERTY OWNER/PROJECT APPLICANT: Oak Rose Apts, LP Peter Enzminger (Representative) 3910 Cover Street Long Beach, CA 90808	
LOCATION/APN: 9252 Elk Grove Boulevard/APN: 134-0072-011	ZONING/GENERAL PLAN: Old Town Special Planning Area- Commercial
ENVIRONMENTAL: Approval of the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080 (b)(1), Government Code Section 65913.4 (d)(2), and CEQA Guidelines Section 15268 as the project is ministerial and not subject to environmental review.	

Information or questions regarding this item should be referred to Antonio Ablog, Planning Manager, (916) 627-3335 or aablog@elkgrovecity.org; or to the Office of Development Services – Planning, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA, 95758. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the close of the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSAL TO PERFORM LEASE-LEASEBACK CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE ROBERT L. TRIGG EDUCATION CENTER EXPANSION

The Elk Grove Unified School District ("District") is requesting a Statement of Qualifications/ Proposal (SOQ/P) from Contractors holding a Class B license, to perform Lease-Leaseback construction services for the **Robert L. Trigg Education Center Expansion** project.

If your firm is interested in being considered for this project, the submittal requirements and deadline for SOQ/P responses are as follows:

- Electronic copy in PDF format of a completed SOQ/P, submitted thru Dropbox
- As part of this RFQ, all participants must complete a Pre-qualification Application, if you have not already
- SOQ/P packet, and Pre-qualification Application can be accessed at www.egusdplans.com
- Completed SOQ/P must be received no later than **Friday, January 26, 2024 by 4:00 p.m.**

The District will not review submittals received after the time and date above. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the SOQ/P will not be accepted. The Administration reserves the right to accept or reject any and all SOQ/P, to negotiate with any and all-responsible firms, and to waive any informality in the process. The District is not responsible for any expenses related to the preparation or presentation of the SOQ/P, including travel costs. The SOQ/P may be withdrawn at any time prior to the closing date and time for receipt of SOQ/P.

In order to control information disseminated regarding this SOQ/P, firms interested in submitting SOQ/P are directed not to make personal contact with members of the Governing Board or District Administration with the exception of the individual, or department staff listed on the SOQ/P packet. This includes unauthorized visits to District-educating facilities.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 *et seq.* payment of the appropriate general prevailing rate of wages for all crafts employed on the public works site is required of the Contractor and all subcontractors. This project has a goal of 3% Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises (DVBE) participation per the State Allocation Board requirements. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements applies to this project.

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**City of Elk Grove
INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic bids will be received at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids prior to 10:00 a.m. local time (09:59:59 – according to the PlanetBids official Bid clock) on **Thursday, January 18, 2024** for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

FY2024 THERMOPLASTIC RESTRIPIING PROJECT (MP2403)

Bids submitted after the time specified will not be accepted.

Description of Work:

The proposed work shall be performed in accordance with the plans, specifications and other contract documents and shall consist of the following: restripe various streets throughout the City of Elk Grove with thermoplastic spray material (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$163,300.

In order to bid on or to be listed on the bid proposal for this Public Works Project all Contractors and subcontractors shall be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and be qualified to perform Public Work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code. Unregistered Contractors may still submit bids provided the bid is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by either Section 10164 and 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code and all Contractors including subcontractors are registered with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform Public Work pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1725.5 at the time the bid is submitted. DIR registration is not required on Projects that do not exceed \$25,000, which are for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work or for public works projects for maintenance when \$15,000 or less.

Construction License:
Bidder must possess a current valid Class A "General Engineering" and/or Class C-32 "Parking and Highway Improvement" Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California.

For Pre-Bid Information and Information Pertaining to the Construction Plans and Specifications, Contact:

Robert French, Project Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 478-3648 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:

Whitney Yann, Administrative Analyst I, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 627-3062 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

Plans, specifications and other bid documents may be examined and/or obtained at the City of Elk Grove City Hall, Public Works Department, located on the second floor of 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. A copy of the bid documents may be obtained at the City Hall upon request and payment of \$15.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of \$20.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable. Bidders may also view and download the plans, specifications, and other bid documents at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. Any Addendum shall only be issued electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. In person requests for Addendum shall not be accepted by the City during the pandemic.

By: _____ Date: December 13, 2023
Jeffrey R. Werner, PE
Public Works Director

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**City of Elk Grove - Zoning Administrator
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Monday, January 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove Zoning Administrator will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California to consider the matter:

10075 SHELDON ROAD MAP EXTENSION TO PLNG20-023 (PLNG23-037) – TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP EXTENSION:

The Project consists of a 36-month time extension to the previously-approved Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) (PLNG20-023), which would subdivide one existing ±35.6-acre parcel into four new parcels and one remainder parcel. The time extension would extend the expiration date of the TPM from November 19, 2023, to November 19, 2026. The TPM will remain subject to the Conditions of Approval of the original TPM approval [PLNG20-023; 10075 Sheldon Road Map].

PROPERTY OWNER: Andrew R. Stradan Jr. Revocable Trust Andrew R. Stradan Jr. (Representative) 10075 Sheldon Road Elk Grove, CA 95624	PROJECT APPLICANT/AGENT: Sheldon Road Partners a California General Partnership George Popescu (Representative) P.O. Box 2824 Carmichael, CA 95609
LOCATION/APN: 10075 Sheldon Road; APN: 122-0250-016	ZONING/GENERAL PLAN: Agricultural Residential – 2-Acre Minimum (AR-2)
ENVIRONMENTAL: No further environmental review is required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning).	
PROJECT PLANNER: Joseph Daguman, Associate Planner 916.478.2283 or JDaguman@elkgrovecity.org	

Dated/Published: December 29, 2023

NOTICE REGARDING APPEALS

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

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Code Section 65009 and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, this public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call (916) 478-3620 or TTY (888) 435-6092. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

For more information: Secretary (916) 478-3620 or skyles@elkgrovecity.org

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the **William Daylor High School, Roofing 2024** project at Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until **2:00 p.m., local time, on Thursday, January 18, 2024**, at which time bids will be opened.

Each bid must conform to the requirements of the Drawings and Project Manual and other documents comprising the Contract Documents, which are available from Signature Reprographics, 620 Sunbeam Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811, (916) 454-0800. Prime Contractors may obtain copies for a non-refundable cost of \$25 per set. Signature Reprographics maintains the project plan holders' list, so it is a requirement that prospective bidders purchase their plans from Signature Reprographics to ensure that all potential bidders possess a complete set of documents including any addenda for the project. Plans may be previewed online at www.egusdplans.com

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m.** at the **William Daylor High School, 6131 Orange Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95823**. The District's Representative will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are **required** to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

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

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

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

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Sacramento County, California

BY: Michael Bean
Senior Construction Manager
Elk Grove Unified School District

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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

org or call (916) 685-5992.

Call For Artists at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

All art competitions require online submission through Smarter Entry. Fees may be paid directly online through this system. Visit the individual exhibition pages to explore deadlines, fees, awards, and to download the prospectus. Here's the calendar for the upcoming themes for submissions:

January: Divergence (Yoshio Taylor, Frank Mendoza, Jon Lowe)

February: A Celebration of Art featuring the high school students of EGUSD, Valentine Boutique

March: All Creatures Great and Small Competition, Helen Plenert in the Foyer Gallery

April: Elk Grove Festival of the Arts, Caiti Chan in the Foyer Gallery, and Member Art exhibition

May: Abstractly Speaking Competition, Amy Vidra in the Foyer Gallery, Stop Stigma Sacramento

June: Wide Open Spaces Competition

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 or call (916) 538-3482.

Elk Grove Artists Inc. (EGA)

Each month, Elk Grove Artists Inc. engages established and recognized guest artists who conduct workshops, presentations, demos, critiques and more, often sharing stories and experiences that inspire their creativity. To sign up for future workshop notices, call (916) 715-3749 or (916) 591-7446, or visit elkgroveartists@att.net.

View artwork from Elk Grove

At: <http://webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publiccartelkgrove/>. The Elk Grove Arts Commission has created a virtual Citywide Art Guide for the benefit of the residents and visitors that includes a comprehensive inventory of art pieces and art events in Elk Grove. If you know of a piece or event missing from the guide that should be included, contact the city of Elk Grove's community event center manager, Lana Yoshimura at lyoshimura@elkgrovecity.org ★

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Sacramento County Opens 2nd Safe Stay Shelter

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Thursday, December 14, 2023, Sacramento County Supervisor Patrick Kennedy cut the ribbon on the County's second Safe Stay Community for people experiencing homelessness. The sleeping cabin-style shelter campus has a capacity of 56-34 single cabins and 11 double occupancy cabins and was approved by the Board of Supervisors in June 2022. The Safe Stay is located at 7001 East Parkway, in the parking lot of the County's Department of Health Services.

"I'm thrilled to open up a second Safe Stay Community in my district." Said District 2 Supervisor Patrick Kennedy "We've already had really positive results at our first location - both for the guests and the neighborhood, that I'm hopeful we'll see an immediate impact once this opens next week."

What Can Guests Expect?

On-premises guests can use the bathroom and shower trailers, laundry services and eat three meals a day in the common area. The campus also has a pet relief area, a computer lab, an entertainment space, employment development and housing-focused case management. Guests will also connect with transportation resources for off-site needs such as

medical appointments or jobs.

Each cabin is outfitted with a bed that folds down from the wall, two storage containers, basic toiletry supplies, a desk and chair, overhead light, HVAC, power outlets, smoke alarm and fire extinguisher and a locking door. Cabins also have enough space to accommodate a dog bed or pet crate. The campus has storage containers for possessions that do not fit in the sleeping cabins.

The East Parkway Safe Stay community is operated by City Net. City Net is also running the County's first Safe Stay Community on Florin and Power Inn. The Florin Safe Stay opened in August 2023, has served 137 people, 32 pets and had five people exit to permanent housing.

How Are Guests Referred?

The East Parkway Safe Stay Community is currently a closed referral process, through homeless services providers engaging with people living outside near the shelter. Existing street outreach providers will engage with people living outside to evaluate what services and shelter programs they are eligible for and that will best meet their needs.

People experiencing homelessness and looking for shelter resources should contact the Housing Crisis Line by calling 2-1-1 and pressing 8 or the toll-free number at 1-844-546-1464.

How Can the Community Get Involved?

City Net accepts in-kind donations by appointment only. To schedule a donation drop-off or volunteer, email getinvolved@citynet.org.

Accepted donations include, but aren't limited to:

Hygiene supplies (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene, incontinence supplies, etc.); NEW emergency clothing staples (t-shirts, sweats/shorts, socks, undergarments, etc.) Gift cards of various values; Animal supplies (dog food, cat food, toys, collars, leashes, beds)

The minimum age for volunteers is 18 years of age. Each volunteer must complete a volunteer application/waiver and be cleared prior to arrival. No walk-up volunteers will be permitted on-site.

Looking for a job? City Net is hiring! Be part of positive change in Sacramento.

Review the Safe Stay FAQs at schs.saccounty.gov/Documents.

Read the Client Flier for more information on amenities and guest requirements.

If you need shelter or services, please call 2-1-1.

For more information on what the County is doing to address homelessness, visit the Department of Homeless Services and Housing website. ★



The second cabin-style shelter campus has opened after approval by the Board of Supervisors at 7001 East Parkway, in the parking lot of the County's Department of Health Services. From left to right: Brad Fieldhouse - Executive Director City Net; Jessica Bruce - City Net; Emily Halcon - Director of Department of Homeless Services and Housing; Rich Desmond - County Supervisor District 3; Patrick Kennedy - County Supervisor District 2; Ann Edwards - Outgoing County CEO; David Villanueva - Incoming County CEO; Kelli Bennett - CEO of Community Health Works and Tim Lutz - Director Department of Health Services. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County



The newly opened sleeping, cabin-style shelter has the capacity of 56-34 single cabins and 11 double occupancy cabins available for individuals experiencing homelessness. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento Tall Club Memorial Scholarship Available

By Thomas J. Sullivan

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Members of the Sacramento Tall Club (STC) affiliated with Tall Clubs International (TCI) are seeking outstanding eligible high school seniors throughout Sacramento, Yolo, Placer and El Dorado counties to apply for their competitive annual 2022-23 academic scholarship.

The number of submitted scholarship applications dropped off last year, said STC Club President Harry Lehman of Orangevale. STC did not award a local scholarship for the 2021-22 school year.

"We wanted to take an extra step to reach out to all high school districts throughout our region in a focused direct mail effort, and through the media to make sure that both public and private

schools received this year's application materials in a timely manner.

"We recognize that the potential pool of eligible scholarship candidates across the Northern California region is quite large, and we wanted to take all steps possible to encourage high school seniors to apply."

TCI divides California geographically into four scholarship areas with membership of the Sacramento Tall Club responsible for student scholarship applications in some 29 inland counties, large and small, north to the Oregon border, Lehman said.

Locally, STC has provided scholarship materials to high schools in the San Juan Unified School District serving Citrus Heights, Folsom, Rancho Cordova, and Sacramento city and county high schools.

"The TCI scholarship

application process is now completely entirely online," Lehman said.

"Typically, high school guidance counselors are aware of the STC and TCI scholarship program, but many may not be aware that our application process has completely changed," Lehman said.

Individual applicants can upload their application, current high school transcripts, reference letters, and personal photo to the TCI scholarship website at www.sacramentotallclub.org/scholarship starting January 1st where they will receive an immediate receipt email acknowledgment of their application and responses to any direct questions which they may have, Lehman said. STC scholarship applicants may also contact scholarship@sacramentotallclub with additional questions or

for more information.

A complete summary of STC scholarship application guidelines, sample essays and photos of current and past winners are also posted on the club website.

Every year, the Sacramento Tall Club awards academic scholarships to qualified and talented high school seniors who meet the tall club height requirements (at least 5'10" for women and 6'2" for men.) The annual STC scholarship award is dedicated in memoriam to former TCI and STC members, many of whom were big supporters of young scholars and their many talents and merits. Scholarship amounts can vary year to year.

Part of the scholarship application for each young person is to write an essay titled "What being tall means to me."

Completed essays, high

school transcripts and all application materials submitted by area high school students graduating in the 2023-24 school year are due by March 1.

Local Sacramento Tall Club (STC) scholarship winners also compete for annual scholarships awarded by both Tall Clubs International (TCI) and by the non-profit Tall Clubs International Foundation. Annually, the TCI foundation awards scholarships of up to \$1,000 each.

While grade point average and test scores are especially important scholarship criteria, so too are participation in school activities and community involvement.

General membership in the social Sacramento Tall Club is open to men that are over six feet and women that are nearing that mark.

"We wish all our applicants our best in preparing

their applications, and in their overall scholarship search," Lehman said.

The 2023 STC scholarship winner will be notified later in March 2024 by the club membership.

All signed STC scholarship applications should be submitted with a good headshot photo, preferably a senior graduation photo. Partial applications submitted online are not accepted, Lehman said.

The club also has a donations link to contribute to its scholarship fund at: www.sacramentotallclub.org/scholarship so that the dollar amount of student scholarship awards can be increased. Lehman said, "We're always looking for, and welcome support from the community to help the STC scholarship program grow and offer more scholarships to eligible students." ★

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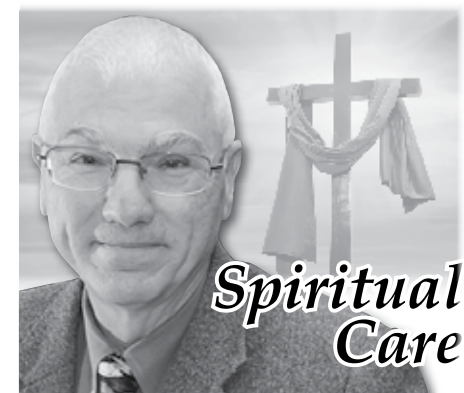
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Spiritual Care

BY NORRIS BURKES

Readers: This column is a Christmas meditation I wrote from the point of view of Jesus' parents, Mary and Joseph. It proved to be a reader favorite when it was published in 2017, so I'm repeating it this year.

The crowing of the barn rooster stirs the young parents and their newborn son where they sleep amidst steaming piles of hay. The boy awakens, batting the air and fussing for a feeding.

Mary pulls Jesus to her breast, allowing him the nourishment he seeks. The moment belongs only to them, so Joseph turns over searching for sleep.

Soon, the sun streaks through the barn's crevices, flooding it with light. The glare awakens the questions Mary sought so hard to herself.

"Joseph."

He groans.

"Joseph."

"What is it, Mary?" he asks.

"Tell me again what the angels said."

Joseph props himself on his elbow. "The angels said, 'Don't be afraid.'"

"But Joseph! How can we not be afraid? We're so young. We have nothing."

Joseph rubs his eyes, hoping to find the clarity befitting Jesus' stepfather.

"I'm not sure," he says. "But maybe miracles come from 'nothing.' After all, God

A Christmas Meditation

made an entire world from nothing."

Mary offers only a respectful nod, causing Joseph to drop his head in his open palms.

"You're right to be worried. I'm worried too," he says. "How will I provide for you both?"

Mary reaches for Joseph's face, cradling it with a warm hand. "I love you."

It's the way she answers most of Joseph's worries.

His fingers trace Jesus' hand as a means to answer his own question.

"This tiny hand will carry a hammer someday," Joseph says. Then he stretches his own hands wide as if to bracket the sign he envisions. "We will be, 'Joseph and Son, Galilean Carpenter Shop.'"

"According to your angelic friends," Mary counters, "Jesus' hands will also carry 'great joy!'"

Mary moves Jesus to her other side and invites Joseph closer to share their presence.

"Will he change the world?" she asks.

"I'm not sure the world is ready for him," Joseph says.

"No, it's not, but it will be God's timing. Not ours."

Mary counts Jesus' toes aloud, contemplating how to categorize him — man or God — when she dares a deeper question.

"What if God should want to take him back?" she asks.

At first, Joseph seems unwilling to consider the loss of his firstborn, even if it were somehow God's will. He does his best to deflect his fear through two questions of his own.

"There's only one thing that really bothers me, Mary. Who are we? How did we get so lucky[DS1]?"

Mary stares at the thatched roof in contemplative silence. She is absorbing that word 'lucky' when Joseph revises his

question.

"Or should I ask, 'How did we become burdened?'"

"Joe[DS2]! Watch what you say!"

"Honestly, who are we to be trusted with so great a task?" he asks.

"We're nobody." She pauses a few moments before adding, "Or, maybe we've been chosen because we are everybody."

"That makes no sense," Joe [DS3] says.

"Yes, it does. Everyone will have to decide for themselves what to do with Jesus — just as we did."

Joseph remains unimpressed.

"I'm not sure I can fully answer your question except to say, mankind is a part of God's plan. I'd even say we are his plan."

At that, Joseph shakes his head. "Goodness. Do you suppose God has a plan B?"

Mary puts the sleeping Jesus aside and playfully answers Joseph by stuffing his tunic with a handful of straw.

"I love you," she says, "but I have one more question."

"What?" he asks.

"Can we please get some more sleep while we still can?"

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Early Morning Simbang Gabi Exceeds Expectations

Submitted by the Filipino Community Leadership Committee at Good Shepherd Catholic Church

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - On December 17, 2023, an estimated 500 parishioners attended Simbang Gabi Mass at Good Shepherd Catholic Church of Elk Grove. The tremendous turnout spilled to the special breakfast reception with Bishop Jamie Soto where 400 people celebrated. The success of the nine-day Simbang Gabi, which starts as early as 5 a.m., is a demonstration of the diligence and dedication of those who served. Remarkable recognition also goes to those who donated money or supplies. In the Philippines, attending Simbang Gabi Mass is a special Christmas tradition. Please contact the Filipino Community Leadership Committee at gscfphilipinoleadershipgroup@gmail.com for more information about the Tagalog Mass, which occurs every second Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. ★

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 Sakahihara, 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 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 elk-grovepres@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.

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

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

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For more information, call (916) 647-4538, visit www.SMGCC.net, or download the MyParish app and enter the code, 55321.

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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.

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 10-11 a.m. from Oct. 1 through April 30, and 9-10 a.m. from May 1 through Sept. 30.

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.

For location, call (917) 724-4443. ★

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Wrestling Roundup

Sheldon Takes First at Marty Manges Wrestling

By John Hull
Citizen Sports Editor

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sheldon its second wrestling tournament of the season by taking first at the Marty Manges Invitational at Casa Roble High School Dec. 12.

Noah Daniels led the way for the Huskies by winning first place at 165 pounds. He pinned Kris Mittelstadt of Amador in the championship match in 1:32.

Other Huskie wrestlers who placed at the tournament were Mohamed Alnassiri, fifth at 175 pounds; Wais Amiri, third at 157 pounds; Amun Wedderburn, fifth at 150 pounds; Moamen Sublaban, fourth at 144 pounds; Ali Ahmad, fifth at 138 pounds; Samim Khosrawi, third at 132 pounds; and Joseph Campos, second at 126 pounds.

Elk Grove's wrestling squad traveled



to the Zinkin Invitational at Buchanan High School in Clovis. In what may be one of the top two or three toughest wrestling tournaments in the state Josiah


MARTY MANGES INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Team Scores

Sheldon	179.0
Las Plumas	163.0
Ponderosa	159.5
Bella Vista	155.0
Calaveras	152.5

Sandoval placed third at 126 pounds. Jordan Ford grabbed sixth place at 165 pounds. At 285 pounds Gabe Fernandez placed eighth. As a team the Herd finished in 11th place.

Seven-time defending state champion Buchanan won the Zinkin with six individual firsts and two second-places. Bakersfield finished second and Clovis was third. ★



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Shooting Threes Just Comes Natural for Isabel Tan

By John Hull
Citizen Sports Editor

ELK GROVE (MPG) —Isabel Tan may be the closest thing Cosumnes Oaks High School has to Steph Curry. The senior's ability to turn three-point shooting into an artform, much like the Golden State Warrior's all-star guard, has kept the Wolfpack at or near the top of the Delta League the past two seasons and will likely do it one more time this basketball season.

Tan, after sitting out a couple games in December, came back last Friday in a big way. She tied her own school record of 12 three-pointers in a game en route to a 46-point night at Nevada Union in a 90-43 blowout win. Tan was 50 percent shooting from the floor, had nine rebounds, seven assists and four steals in the game.

"During my childhood my dad would train me to shoot and shoot," she said. "In middle school

I was more of a point guard, but when I got into high school, that's when I became more of a three-point shooter."

Tan came back on Wednesday with 17 more points in a 48-16 victory over Edison. She was five-for-11 from three-point land. That win gave Cosumnes Oaks a 7-5 record heading into this week's West Coast Jamboree, the big annual girls basketball tournament in the East Bay.

Tan's 46-point night at Nevada Union was a school record. She already has the school mark for most number of three-pointers in a game, a season and for a school career.

"It all sort of came naturally," she said of her shooting prowess. "My dad was watching You Tube videos, all these tips and send them on to me and then taught me to just shoot and focus."

Interestingly, Tan is awaiting an offer from a four-year college basketball program. It could be

because she's just 5-3, but more likely because most colleges are now recruiting via the NCAA Transfer Portal. Very few high schoolers are seeing scholarship offers.

"I am looking at community colleges right now, particularly (Cosumnes River College)," Tan said.

The Wolfpack, under coach Paul Powner, has been one of the top girls programs in the Delta League. They were league champions in 2021-2022, finished in second place last year and, along with Franklin, may be the top teams in Delta this season. If the girls can recover from injuries, they may be the team to beat. At one point early in the season Powner had just four healthy girls and had to reschedule a couple games.

"(Winning the Delta League) is our goal this year," Tan said. "To have everyone healthy and everyone work well together and to just win the Delta League." ★



Isabel Tan is Cosumnes Oaks' all-time leader in three-point shooting and showed it Dec. 15 when she made 12 threes and scored 46 points in a win at Nevada Union. Photo by John Hull

Quick Hits Takahashi Returns to Pro Baseball



Kurt Takahashi, left, receives the 2022 Sac-Joaquin Section Division V baseball championship banner from Section commissioner Mike Garrison. Last week Takahashi announced he would be leaving Bradshaw Christian and return to professional baseball where he will manage a minor league franchise in Salem, Oregon. Citizen File Photo

In a passionate post on his Instagram page, Bradshaw Christian High School baseball coach Kurt Takahashi announced he would be returning to professional baseball where he would be the manager of Campesino de Salem Keizer of the independent Mavericks League. The franchise will be based in Salem, Ore.

"Being given the opportunity to coach professionally is an incredible honor that I can't let pass me by," Takahashi wrote.

Takahashi spent time playing in Salem in his minor league days. "I played on the minor league team that was the first to play at that stadium when I was with the (San Francisco) Giants," he told the Citizen. "This is hopefully a stepping stone to a long pro career in coaching. I am looking to get into a MLB organization. This will help with that."

Takahashi led Bradshaw to the 2023 Sac-Joaquin Section Division V championship and then the first-ever Division V NorCal Regional Championship in a memorable win over undefeated Colusa. A year ago he turned over the school's athletic director duties to Alex Williams.

Smith to coach CO flag football

All Elk Grove Unified schools will be fielding flag football teams for girls in the fall of 2024 for the first time and Cosumnes Oaks' athletic director George Smith told the Citizen last week he'll be his school's first head coach. Smith has been an assistant coach for boys football the past couple seasons and prior to his arrival at CO he was the head coach at Florin High School..

At this time none of the other EGUSD athletic directors have announced their hires for the newly-created flag football coaching position.

Othmann signs with San Jose State

The early signing period for NCAA Division I football programs was last week and only one EGUSD senior announced his intention to play at the next level. It was Pleasant Grove's huge offensive tackle Mohammad Othman. The 6-5, 280-pounder inked his National Letter of Intent with San Jose State of the Mountain West Conference.

The next signing period for NCAA football programs opens Feb. 7.

Levin just misses Q-school qualification

He was just so close, but close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades.

Elk Grove's Spencer Levin just missed qualifying for a PGA Tour card by shooting a three-over-par 73 in the final round of the PGA Tour's Q-school Dec. 17 at Dye's Valley Course at Sawgrass Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Levin was tied for third through the first three rounds. He finished in a tie for tenth overall, but the top five were the ones who earned their PGA Tour cards. Levin will earn exempt status through multiple reshuffles of the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season.

Now age 39, Levin made 227 PGA Tour starts between 2009 and 2017. He was winless, yet did take first place this past April in the Veritex Bank Championship on the Korn Ferry Tour

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SCOREBOARD

Local Sports Results

Monday, Dec. 18

Boys Basketball

Bradshaw Chr. 70, Calaveras 46

Tarkanian Classic:

Sheldon 47, Deer Valley 44

Girls Basketball

Kennedy 57, Cosumnes Oaks 51

Boys Soccer

Monterey Trail 0, Kennedy 0

Grant 2, Franklin 1

Girls Soccer

Monterey Trail 4, Bradshaw Chr. 0

Elk Grove 2, Rosemont 2

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Boys Basketball

FortuneEC 66, Rodriguez 64

Pleasant Grove 64, Atwater 43

Tarkanian Classic:

Carlsbad 83, Sheldon 62

Girls Basketball

Pleasant Grove 74, Lodi 34

Monterey Trail 70, River City 41

Grant 81, Laguna Creek 20

Boys Soccer

Cosumnes Oaks 2, Valley 1

Girls Soccer

Monterey Trail 1, Sheldon 0

Rosemont 4, Valley 0

Lodi 3, Laguna Creek 1

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Boys Basketball

Oak Ridge 56, Elk Grove 42

Bradshaw Chr. 76, River City 59

Laguna Creek 51, Grant 49

Girls Basketball

Cosumnes Oaks 48, Edison 16

Foothill 52, Bradshaw Chr. 11

Rosemont 63, Elk Grove 34

Chr. Brothers 68, Sheldon 20

Boys Soccer

Rio Linda 3, Elk Grove 0

Valley 2, Armijo 0

Girls Soccer

Sheldon 2, Bradshaw Chr. 0

Elk Grove 9, Valley 0

Thursday, Dec. 21

Boys Basketball

Franklin 73, Bella Vista 43

Elk Grove 55, River City 38

St.Patrick/St.Vincent 68, Cosumnes Oaks 46

Oak Ridge 64, Bradshaw Chr. 38

Fortune EC 71, West Campus 60

Florin 56, Sac Adventist 36

Tarkanian Classic:

O'Connor 63, Sheldon 54

Girls Basketball

Antelope 62, Monterey Trail 36

Oak Ridge 54, Franklin 31

Oakmont 59, Laguna Creek 47

Boys Soccer

Bradshaw Chr. 4, Argonaut 2

Girls Soccer

Bradshaw Chr. 3, Valley 1

Sheldon 1, Rosemont 1

Pleasant Grove 5, El Camino 1

Elk Grove 2, Monterey Trail 2

Friday, Dec. 22

Boys Basketball

Elk Grove 44, Liberty Ranch 42

Cosumnes Oaks 53, McClatchy 51

Vista del Lago 50, Bradshaw Chr. 40

Girls Basketball

Oak Ridge 47, Monterey Trail 30

-courtesy: MaxPreps

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Top Sports Moments in 2023

By John Hull
Citizen Sports Editor

We are at the end of the 2023 calendar year, so it is time once again to recap the highlights of the past 12 months.

Franklin baseball wins Section, Delta League championships

Clearly the top baseball team last spring was the Franklin Wildcats. Led by Mississippi State-bound first baseman/pitcher Nolan Stevens, the Wildcats easily won the Delta League championship with a 17-1 record then allowed only two runs during the Sac-Joaquin Section's Division I playoffs. They defeated Whitney, 6-2, for the championship, the first in school history. Nic Abraham, who in the fall signed a National Letter of Intent to play collegiately at Tennessee, tossed a two hitter. He was the team ace with a 10-0 record in 12 games. His ERA was a 0.61.

Franklin's season ended in the semi-finals of the CIF NorCal Championships when they dropped a 6-5 decision to eventual regional winner De LaSalle.

PG Golfer Singh scores a 60 and a 29

Pleasant Grove sophomore Gianna Singh lit up the Arcade Creek Golf Course. Sept. 11 to the tune of nine birdies, two eagles and one bogey enroute to a 12-under-par 60. She and her talented teammates easily won the first Delta League Center match of the season outscoring second place St. Francis by 46 strokes.

"It hasn't sunk in yet, but I'm really excited," Singh told the Citizen Sept. 12. "My putter was really working yesterday. My driver, my 3-wood, were really good. Everything was working good."

Singh's mark is not only a personal best score, but it may be an 18-hole record by a California high school golfer. It likely is a record in the Sac-Joaquin Section.

Keeping pace with her teammate that day were junior Petra Yee who carded a five-under-par 67 and junior Sophie Cook registered an even-par 72. It was Cook who took the limelight on Sept. 13 in a 9-hole match with Davis. Her putt for an eagle on No. 9 rimmed out for what would have been a 29. Cook's six-under-par 30 paced the Eagles as they fired a team score of 185.

And, Singh wasn't done. On Sept. 18, she did something that few, if any, have done - score

a 29 in a nine-hole match. She did that on WildHawk Golf Club, that's seven strokes under par. Her scorecard actually had a bogey scribbled on it, too. Singh used eagles on the par five third hole and one on the par four fifth hole to more than overcome the five on the par four No. 2. On No. 5 she drove the green and made the putt for a two. Tack on birdies on No. 1, 6, 8 and 9 and you get the 29.

Monterey Trail goes undefeated forever in Metro Conference football

Monterey Trail said goodbye to the Metro Conference this past fall. The Mustangs along with Laguna Creek will return to the Delta League for the 2024-25 school year.

But in the six-year run, the Mustangs never lost a Metro Conference football game. This past season, though, they had a couple close ones. They had to go two overtimes with Laguna Creek on Sept. 15 before

pulling out a 41-35 win.

On Oct. 20, Grant scored with seconds left in the game to narrow the Mustang lead to 35-34. The Pacers went for two and running back Wayshawn Parker, who transferred to Grant from Elk Grove during the summer, dropped the ball at the line of scrimmage and Monterey Trail recovered and sealed the win.

Monterey Trail finished the season with a 7-3 mark and had a four-seed in the Sac-Joaquin Section Division I playoffs. They lost to Inderkum, 50-21, to end the season.

Gudel hired at Franklin, leads softball to 15 straight wins

A former sports editor of the Elk Grove Citizen, Jon Gudel has been a public information officer for several years with the Governor's Office of Emergency Management. However, on the side he's been coaching his daughter Hayleigh's softball teams.

With her now in high school, Gudel was pegged by athletic director Mike Cody to head up the Wildcats' varsity softball program. And, almost magically, the players responded to set a school record with 15 straight wins to start the year. Franklin won just 12 games total the year before.

They ended the season with a 22-7 mark, losing to Oak Ridge in the Division I playoffs.

Pleasant Grove won the Delta League this year with a 24-7 overall record, 10-2 in the league, under coach Brian Cherry. The Eagles made it to the Division I semi-finals.

Herd wrestling wins 20th straight Delta League title

Elk Grove dispatched the wrestling squads from Sheldon and Franklin Jan. 24 in a double dual match to win, for the 20th straight season, the Delta League championship.

Elk Grove opened the evening Jan. 24 by defeating Sheldon, 47-28, to set the stage for a dual match with Franklin for the league championship. Elk Grove wrapped up the league championship by defeating Franklin, 41-24.

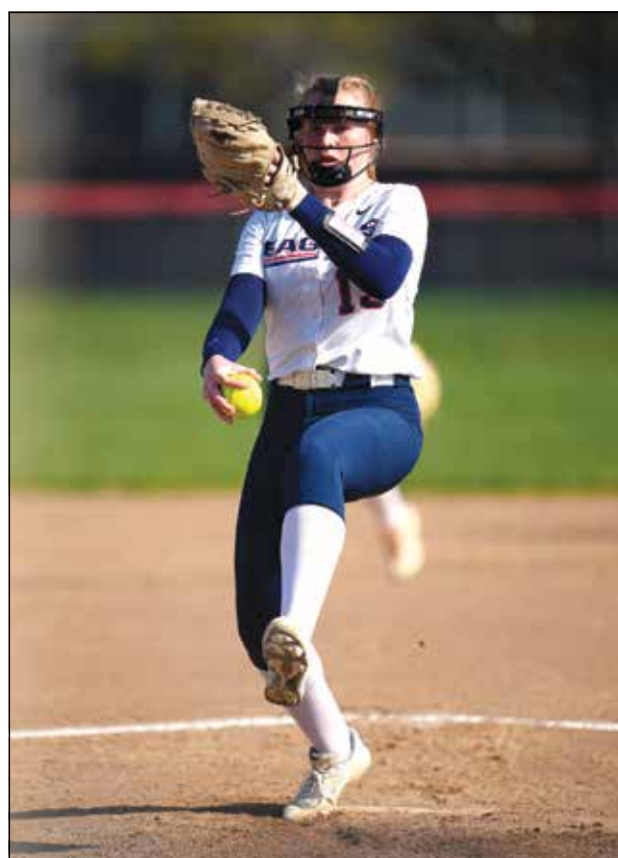
The Herd moved on to the Sac-Joaquin Section's Team Dual championship at Lincoln High School in Stockton. They were defeated, though, in the opening match of the Team Duals.

League realignment places all EGUSD schools, minus two, in Delta

The plan calls for the Delta League to be made up of seven of the nine Elk Grove Unified high schools beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. Monterey Trail and Laguna Creek would be moved out of the Metro Conference and join Elk Grove, Franklin, Pleasant Grove, Cosumnes Oaks and Sheldon in the Delta, according to this proposal.

The other two EGUSD high schools, Florin and Valley, would remain in the Greater Sacramento League along with Foothill, Hiram Johnson, Natomas and West Campus. In this new proposal, Burbank would leave the Metro Conference and join the GSL along with Rio Linda to make it an eight-team league, as well.

This proposal also sends current Delta League members Davis and St. Francis/



Madeline Lawson pitched Pleasant Grove to the 2023 Delta League softball championship. File photos of EGC Staff



Nolan Stevens pitched, hit and ran Franklin to a 17-1 record and a Delta League baseball championship in 2023. He's now playing at Mississippi State University.



Stephen Dahdouh, a hurdler at Pleasant Grove High School, won the Sac-Joaquin Section's Division I and the Section Masters track meets in the 110-meter hurdles.

Jesuit to be a part of the Sierra Foothill League alongside Del Oro, Folsom, Granite Bay, Oak Ridge, Rocklin and Whitney.

The reasoning for this move, as explained by Section officials on Jan. 19, was that Davis along with St. Francis and Jesuit field freshmen teams in just about all their sports, as do most of the SFL schools. Freshman teams have become rare amongst the Elk Grove schools.

Four Local Wrestlers Win SJS Masters Championships

Three Elk Grove High School wrestlers, Octavio Negrete, Bianca Pesole and Nolan Frank, along with Monterey Trail's Elizabeth Reynaga-Nunez, won the Sac-Joaquin Section Masters Championship at their weight class Feb. 23 at Stockton Arena. For Frank, it's two years in a row grabbing the first-place medal at 220 pounds at the Masters. Negrete won the championship

at 113 pounds. In the girls competition, Pesole grabbed first place at 170 pounds. Reynaga-Nunez won the 189-pound championship. Since the installation of the Section Masters tournament, the only other Elk Grove grappler to win back-to-back championships was Martin Ramirez in 2010 and 2011.

Frank, Bianca Pesole and Loretta Lopez along with Laguna Creek's Zack Hoover

picked up medals in the final day of the CIF State Wrestling Championships in Bakersfield.

Frank followed up his second consecutive Sac-Joaquin Section Masters championship the week

prior with a fifth-place finish. Pesole and Lopez both wrestled tough



The top three local wrestlers in 2023 were Section Masters champions (from left) Nolan Frank and Octavio Negrete of Elk Grove and Delta League champion Noah Daniels of Sheldon.

competition to each earn a fourth-place medal. Hoover finished in eighth place at 106 pounds.

Franklin girls soccer win SJS Div. I championship

The Franklin girls soccer team won its third Sac-Joaquin Section Division I championship Feb. 23 with a 4-0 win over McClatchy on a cold, windy night at Cosumnes River College.

Senai Rogers scored two goals and had two assists to lead Franklin. The Wildcats were coached

by Aaron Sulamo, assisted by Jessalyn Sulamo, Phillip Waelbrock and Ryan Fernald. Franklin was 19-4-3 this season.

Track and Field Highlights

Ian Dossman of Franklin was a two-event winner May 13 at the Sac-Joaquin Section's Division I meet. He won the 200 meters with a time of 21.42 seconds and the 100 meters with a mark of 10.53 seconds. Pleasant Grove's talented hurdler Stephen Dahdouh was a winner at that meet. He won the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 13.98 seconds. In the 300-meter hurdles his time was 39.71 seconds, good for second place.

The next week both repeated their winning accomplishments at the Section Masters Championships in Davis,

along with Pleasant Grove pole vaulter Abigail Wagner, Franklin triple jumper Valentina Veal, Wildcats' 400 meter runner Ihe Okoh and Lily Escorcia, a 800-meter run champion from Elk Grove High School.

At the CIF State Track and Field meet, Dahdouh was the only Elk Grove-area track athlete to medal in the finals of the two-day event. He finished third in the 110-meter hurdles. In the boys 200 meter dash, Ian Dossman of Franklin qualified for the finals and finished fifth in a time of 21.27 seconds. Laguna Creek's 4x400 meter relay team finished in eighth place with a time of 3:18.40. ★