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Ribbon Cutting at Fine Arts Center



Surrounded by supporters, Elk Grove Fine Arts Center Gallery Manager Darrci Robertson and Vice President Peggy Forseth-Andrews hold the scissors as they cut the ribbon at the center's new location. Photos by Matthew Malone

**By Matthew Malone
Staff Writer**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove Fine Arts Center and the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce recognized the center's move into a new space, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Jan. 18. The event was an opportunity to thank the center's supporters and discuss its

plans. Darrci Robertson, the gallery manager and curator, said the fine arts center will seek permission to create a mural at the location, 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101. "We all envisioned a place to show our artwork here in Elk Grove because it's really important to bring the arts to Elk

Grove," Robertson said. "We have this big city, and they need to see us." Vice President Peggy Forseth-Andrews said that the fine arts center shows what people with a common purpose can accomplish. "You know, people say art washes away the dust of your soul and exposes you to creativity and

genius. And truly, that's what it does do, and to me, part of the excitement of the fine arts center is to see what a small group of individuals in Elk Grove could envision and what they could create and how it continues to evolve," Forseth-Andrews said, adding that she hoped the center would help
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Carlos Lopez Jr. Photo courtesy of the Lopez family

Local Parents of Deceased Veteran Sue VA

**By Matthew Malone
Staff Writer**

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

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - An Elk Grove couple say their son, a filmmaker and actor who served in the military, was let down by the mental health care available for veterans, leading to his death by suicide in 2018. They are seeking a remedy in court with a lawsuit against the U.S. government.

Carlos Lopez Sr. and Juanita Lopez told the Citizen that they believe their son, Carlos Lopez Jr., died as a result of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). They memorialized him with a celebration of life at the Crest Theatre in Sacramento, showing a student film he wrote, produced and starred in about the effects of PTSD on veterans.

The Laguna Creek High School graduate enlisted in the Army in 2002, months before the U.S. invasion of Iraq, leading to service in Baghdad, Najaf and Fallujah. This was followed by time in Kuwait as a civilian contractor and then an additional tour of duty in Afghanistan. In all, his family said he served more than 37 months in combat zones.

After being honorably discharged in 2010, Carlos Lopez Jr. attended Cosumnes River College to study acting and theater. He then moved to Los Angeles to pursue a film and television career, finding work in multiple movies and TV shows.

In addition, Lopez was diagnosed with PTSD and other conditions.

Years later, in 2018, following a series of visits with U.S. Veterans Administration (VA)

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CSD Board Reviews Finance Report



Former CSD Parks Advisory Committee Members Lisa Robinson (center left) and Gloria Lambert-Hector (center right) receive resolutions acknowledging their three years of service. Photos by Matthew Malone

**By Matthew Malone
Staff Writer**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - At its Jan. 17 regular meeting, the Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) board of directors received the annual comprehensive financial report for 2023. Finance Director

Nou Vang said CSD's auditor had issued an unmodified opinion on the report, meaning that the data included in the document is fairly presented and reliable. She said the auditor recommended performing more reviews of finance data to reduce the number of adjustments

during the audit. A staff report said the auditor identified 20 adjustments that the district then corrected. In fiscal year 2022-23, CSD revenue reached nearly \$138.4 million, an increase of \$22.5 million or 20% over the previous year. Expenses also rose,

to \$119 million, which is \$19.8 million or 20% higher than the previous year. The largest portion of the district's income, close to 44%, comes from property taxes, with charges for services making up the next largest chunk, 37%. Public
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Ribbon Cutting at Fine Arts Center



Three pieces by the artists featured in the 'Divergence' art show: (from left) 'Starry Dreams' by Jon Lowe, 'Mystic' by Yoshio Taylor and 'A Maya Nobleman' by Frank Mendoza.



'Ascend on Angelic Wings' by Jon Lowe



'Leap' by Yoshio Taylor

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reinvigorate Old Town.

The gallery's current show is called "Divergence." It features sculpture by Yoshio Taylor and Frank Mendoza, as well as paintings by Jon Lowe. Forseth-Andrews said Taylor is internationally known, and Lowe was

recognized at KVIE's yearly art auction.

She highlighted the center as a more affordable option to buy art for gifts.

The next show will open Feb. 3, with the First Saturday reception from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., exhibiting pieces by elk Grove Unified School District students.

On April 27, the center will host the third annual Festival of the Arts with about 35 artisans.

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is open Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit its website, elk-grovetfineartscenter.org. ★



'The Red Queen' by Frank Mendoza

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CSD Board Reviews Finance Report

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protection accounted for 58% of CSD's spending, and 32% went to parks and recreation; general government made up the remaining 10%.

Vang considered the property taxes and charges for services for highlights, as both increased notably over the previous fiscal year, property taxes by about 8% and charges by about 20%. She also pointed to jumps in development fees and capital assets, and growth in the district's reserve fund.

Looking at challenges facing CSD, Vang said that the district's liability for pension and other retirement benefits had grown by \$150.9 million. She said this was caused by a number of factors, such as inflation, the fact that people

are living longer, and the fact that CalPERS, the public-employee pension plan, reported a loss on its investments.

Vang said pension liability is a "moving target number" that can go up or down based on how well CalPERS' investments pan out.

"Overall, I'm really pleased with how we ended out the fiscal year. This really highlights our commitment being trusted stewards of public funds," Vang said.

Director Pete Sakaris asked Vang whether CSD is prepared to handle the ups and downs in its pension liabilities. Acknowledging that it is "tough" to manage the changes, Vang said the district is on a 20-year plan with CalPERS to pay down the obligations, and that may

sometimes mean increasing its contribution. She said district staff are reviewing the current arrangement. Sakaris asked for a presentation on the pension agreement.

The directors commended Vang and staff for their work.

In addition, CSD recognized two former committee members and two retired Cosumnes Fire Department chiefs. Lisa Robinson and Gloria Lambert-Hector served on the Parks Advisory Committee for more than three years. Former fire chiefs Tracey Hansen and Michael Laughlin were honored after having been inducted into the California Fire Chiefs Association Hall of Fame. ★

An Invitation to Annual Strauss Tea



Strauss Festival News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Join the Strauss Festival of Elk Grove for their annual Strauss Tea on March 23, 2024, at District56 in Elk Grove. The theme is the "Tea at the Round Table" which coincides with the 2024 Strauss theme of "Two Kingdom Tournament." Come preview the beautifully decorated tables, sip a glass of wine, enjoy the delicious tea treats and win some fabulous raffle prizes. Enjoy the always lovely Strauss dancers in their elegant costumes performing classical dances at the event. The cost is just \$45 per person or \$315 for a table of eight. Tea time is 1-4 p.m. Those interested in decorating a table for the tea should contact Strauss at info@straussfestival.com, or the message line at 916-714-2527. RSVPs may be made by the contact information above or sending a check to P.O. Box 309, Elk Grove, CA 95759. ★



Retired Cosumnes Fire Department Chiefs Tracey Hansen (center left) and Michael McLaughlin (center right) receive resolutions recognizing their inductions into the California Fire Chiefs Association Hall of Fame.



The Cosumnes CSD finance staff pose for a photo with the board of directors. The Government Finance Officers Association awarded the district a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting.

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Parents Outraged Over 4-Hour Daily Commute to Middle & High School

Parent Coalition News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Middle and high school students from the South Rancho Cordova and Rancho Murietta/Sloughhouse areas are being forced to attend overcrowded schools in Elk Grove. These schools are too far away from home, giving them 11-hour school days, average 4-hour commute and wait times before and after school—often unsupervised, often preventing them from participating in extracurricular activities.

Parents of these children are outraged that their middle and high schoolers are having to leave for the bus stop at 6:45 AM to attend school that starts at 8:30 AM, and don't get home often until between 4:30- 5 PM. That's before school sports or club meetings, giving them barely enough

time to do homework.

Parents who are able to carpool or drop off/pickup their children typically have a 90-minute commute and often begin lining up for pick-up about 1pm—2.5 hours before school gets out. The traffic then gets so bad that children are unable to be picked up for afternoon doctor's appointments, leading to kids being taken out of school at lunch and missing a full half day for an appointment, instead of the typical hour to 1.5 hours. Traffic is often double-parked, blocking fire and police routes, and for those with disabilities, they're unable to park near school to pick up their children.

Interview Opportunities and Quotes - Contact Megan Smith or Shauna Mandell for names and contact information of the below testimonials.

-"Even on early out days, the bus

still runs a normal day schedule. That means children do not get dropped off until two hours after school gets out!"

-"My son rides the bus and gets home at 4:30. He has exactly 1 hour to do homework and eat dinner before we have to leave at 5:30 to get to practice by 6:00. At 7:30, I load my 7 and 4 year old back into the car to make the hour long pilgrimage to pick up my son from Pleasant Grove at 8Pm. We do not arrive back home until 8:30."

-"My daughters WERE attending KAMS & PGHS. I pulled them out and enrolled them at SAVA Elk Grove in 2022 (charter school), due to: bathroom closures, daily drive, bus issues, inability to participate in school activities and tutoring because of bus and transportation issues."

-"My daughter needed to go to a

medical appointment in Folsom at 4pm, Albiani is out at 3:20, I arrived at 2:45 presuming I could park reasonably, wait a bit before I called her to the office. I am 9 months pregnant and when I arrived, I wasn't able to park anywhere to walk to the office and I could not even turn in to get close to the school. I called the office and was told this is typical. I had to get out and knock on car doors to move to the side to let me out of the line of traffic to go park off campus and walk to the office."

Parent Coalition Representatives Contact Information:

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ABOUT TOWN

Elk Grove Community Band Valentine's Concert Feb. 5

The Elk Grove Community Concert Band's Valentine's Concert is set for Feb. 5. The free concert for the community is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5 in the Multipurpose Room at Joseph Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Christopher J. Tootle is musical director of the band, which includes professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians; and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians. The Feb. 5 program features "Fantasy on American Sailing Songs" (Grundman), "Bayou Breakdown" (Karrick), "Loch Lomond" (Karrick), "Furnace Creek" (Ticheli), "Furnace Creek" (Forsblad) and "Song of the Mountain Horn Suite" (Bartok). Additional concerts are set for April 8 and May 20. More about the band is at elkgrovecommunityband.org.

Square dance classes on Mondays in Galt

The Diamond Dancers Square Dance Club is hosting social square dancing classes in Galt. The classes are open to everyone and are held on Mondays 6:30-8 p.m. at the Valley Oaks Grange Hall. The classes are formatted for flexibility, and students can learn numerous square dance calls in about three months. There will be a Social Square Dancer "SSD" beginning Jan. 15, 2024 from 6:10pm - 8:00pm. Jan. 15 & 22 classes are FREE, then 12 weeks of classes \$60. No experience necessary! The Valley Oaks Grange Hall is located at 347 Fifth St. For more information, call Sue Regadanz at 916-835-8916 or Gary at 916-838-6138.

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.

Mardi Gras Celebration

Please join us for a Mardi Gras celebration on Friday February 9, 2024 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in our social hall at 14673

Cantova Way from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. Enjoy a meal of jambalaya/rice, ribs, sausage, salad and dessert. There will be music for dancing and a raffle. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at St. Vincent de Paul church before and after Saturday 5:00 pm Mass and before and after Sunday 9:00 am Mass. Or call Karen Mauro at 916 608-1647. Gather your family and friends, and wear your Mardi Gras attire for a fun filled evening.

Widowed Persons Social Club Activities for February

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.

February 1-12:00 Noon no-host Lunch & Bunco at Mountain Mike's, 9320 Elk Grove Blvd. (at Waterman). Contact Bonnie at 916-685-3402.

February 2 - 10:00 AM Pinochle at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

February 3 - 9:30 AM - Coffee Gathering. Meet at Peets Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

February 5 - 10:30 AM - WPSC Board Meeting at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Open to all members.

February 5 - 12:00 Noon - Lunch at Waffle Experience, 8351 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove. Contact is Barbara at 916-516-6009.

February 9 - 10:00 AM Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Linda at 916-686-6781.

February 13- 11:30 - Lunch and a movie - Fat Mike's, 8970 Grant Line Rd. Movie is "Leap Year." Contact is Linda at 916-686-6781.

February 14 - 12:00 Noon no-host Lunch followed by Beginners' Pinochle at Mike's Diner, 9139 East Stockton Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

February 15 - 11:45 AM - General Meeting at Valley Hi Country Club, 9595 Franklin Blvd., \$32 includes lunch. Reservations must be made at least a week in advance by calling Pat Baeta at 916-647-4555.

February 16 - 10:00 AM Pinochle at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

February 22 -12:00 Noon no-host Lunch &

Bunco at Mountain Mike's, 9320 Elk Grove Blvd. (at Waterman). Contact Bonnie at 916-685-3402.

February 23 - 10:00 AM Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Linda at 916-686-6781.

February 27- 5:00 PM - Dinner at Shelton Inn, 9000 Grant Line Rd. Contact is Diane at 541-892-5334.

February 28 - 1:00 PM - Book Club at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Merrylynn at 916-549-4264.

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 Albiani 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 Albiani Recreation Center is at 8830 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove.

American Legion Post 233's Meetings

The Elk Grove American Legion Post 233, established in 1994, invites veterans to our monthly meetings every 4th Thursday of the month at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624.

Our January 2024 meeting will be held January 25th.

Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 invites veterans and their spouses to a dinner/social hour at 6 pm, followed by the veteran's general meeting at 7 pm.

Veteran's spouses are welcome to join the Elk Grove American Legion

Auxiliary Unit 233 that meets in another room at 7-8 pm in the same location.

For questions, please contact Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H. You may also visit us at www.elkgrovepost233.com.

We also invite veterans and spouses to join us each month on the first Saturday for our Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 Family Social Breakfast.

The next Saturday breakfast will be held February 3rd 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.

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/LagunaElkGroveKiwanis2015.

Elk Grove Garden Club Meetings

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month with a summer break in July and August. Check-in and social time is at 10:00 a.m. and the general meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. Annual dues are \$25. Our meetings are held at the Gil Albiani Recreation Center, 8830 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove, California.

To reserve your seat as a guest, email the President (see below). Occasionally we change the venue or date and time because of a special program or event, and we will update you when that happens. For more information, contact Mary Anne Strohmaier at marystrohmaier@yahoo.com

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

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.elkgrove-foodbank.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.

The American Cancer Society's Discovery Shop in Elk Grove also seeks volunteers for several positions. Shifts are four hours to four-and-half hours per week, but the staff is flexible.

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.

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Local Parents of Deceased Veteran Sue VA

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 mental health care providers, he took his own life. His parents advocated for recognition of the emotional anguish they experienced as a result, writing letters to Presidents Donald Trump and Joe Biden, and attempting to press the issue with the VA internally. In 2021, they found a law firm willing to represent them in court, and they filed suit.

The first trial date in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California is scheduled for Jan. 30.

Seeking Treatment

In February 2018, Lopez began to seek mental health treatment. According to court documents filed on behalf of the Lopezes, he made an unscheduled visit to a VA medical center in Los Angeles complaining of "low motivation, thoughts of death, and depression." The psychologist who saw him referred him to a second psychologist the next month.

He reportedly told the second psychologist that he was experiencing symptoms like guardedness and intrusive memories from combat. At a follow-up appointment, a neurologist prescribed gabapentin for Lopez, to ease back pain. After one more appointment in May, the next meeting with the second psychologist was scheduled for three months later.

Lopez showed up at the medical center before then,

on June 19. According to plaintiff filings, he said he had "frequent nightmares that were 'so real that he can't distinguished [sic] between real and not real,' and worries that he is a 'bad person' and 'capable of doing awful things.'"

The psychologist who had treated him back in February determined that he was at low risk of harming himself or others.

Five days later, on June 24, 2018, Lopez died by suicide. He was 35 years old. The coroner's report found no drugs or alcohol in his system; the coroner reportedly did not test for gabapentin.

The Lopezes are arguing that the VA engaged in medical malpractice while treating their son, resulting in his death, and mental anguish for his parents.

They said the VA appointments, several of which lasted less than 30 minutes, were too short to get a proper sense of Lopez's mental state. They felt he should have been placed under an involuntary psychiatric hold.

Additionally, they pointed to the fact that gabapentin's listed side effects include thoughts of suicide.

Carlos Lopez Sr. told the Herald that the medication "enhanced" his son's distress. The Lopezes said their son called them and other family members in the days before he died, saying he was having nightmares and couldn't sleep. However, Juanita Lopez said, they didn't

"connect the dots."

The Government's Response

In its defense, the government has asserted that the Lopezes cannot prove any breach in the standard of care by the doctors who treated Carlos Lopez Jr. and that "there was there was no indication or evidence that Mr. Lopez was actively suicidal or homicidal" in the time leading up to his death. It argued that "an unknowable number of events" could have affected Lopez's mental state in the five days between his final appointment and his suicide.

The defense made these statements in a filing on Dec. 11, 2023.

Regarding the possibility of an involuntary psychiatric hold, the government said it would show, through expert testimony, that Lopez did not meet the criteria for such an action when he met with the psychologist.

It asserted that gabapentin is a common choice for treating neuropathic pain and does not create significant suicide risk. It also said that there is no advice against prescribing gabapentin to a patient who has been diagnosed with PTSD. Further, the government said there was no evidence Lopez had been taking the medicine as prescribed.

"Plaintiffs also only offer speculation that Gabapentin played a

role in Mr. Lopez's death," the defense said. "Moreover, there is no evidence of Gabapentin in Mr. Lopez's body at the time of his death."

A Bigger Issue

Juanita Lopez said it angered her to learn that veterans taking their own lives is a broader problem. An article on veteran suicide that included her son's death and those of other servicemembers particularly struck her.

The suicide rate among veterans was 33.9 per 100,000 people in 2021, according to data from the VA. The rate for non-veterans was roughly half that of veterans, at 16.7 per 100,000.

The Lopezes said it is important to them to say that their son died from PTSD. They said the VA should have doctors perform a more careful psychiatric assessment when a patient first comes in, and take more decisive action to protect veterans who indicate a risk of suicide.

In his self-produced film, "PTSD: An American Tragedy," Carlos Lopez Jr. plays a soldier, Victor Martinez, who, after serving a tour of duty in Afghanistan, returns home with severe trauma. Innocuous sounds, like a kitchen timer, trigger flashbacks to the battlefield, and he copes with nightmares and stress by drinking



Carlos Lopez Jr. during his military service in the Middle East. Photos courtesy of the Lopez family



A Lopez family picture with Carlos Lopez Jr. in the back row, far right. His parents, Juanita Lopez and Carlos Lopez Sr., are seated at center.

and doing drugs. He becomes violent with his wife and a close friend. The movie ends as Victor takes his own life.

Lopez's interest in film was evident during his Iraq service, when he would send his parents videos showing his experiences. His celebration of life featured a screening of "PTSD: An American Tragedy."

His parents told the Citizen that they planned

to testify at the Jan. 30 hearing.

"When a veteran goes to war and all that, they don't go alone," Juanita Lopez said. "There's a whole family behind them, spiritually; maybe not physically, but that's what happens. And when people die like this, you think, 'There's no cause for it happen this way. He survived his tours of duty. Why can't he survive his civilian life?'" ★

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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 normal meeting Tuesday, Feb. 6 beginning at 5:00pm. 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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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV000005
Leticia A. Ramirez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Leticia Ann Ramirez to Leticia Ann Castillo.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of

Name should not be granted.
Dated: January 2, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 12, 19, 26, Feb 2, 2024

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KWANG SUN KIM
CASE NO. 24PR000030

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

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

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 7, 2024, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Michael Yee, Yee Law Group; 4010 S Land Park Drive Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95822 916-927-9001

NOTICE OF HEARING

GUARDIANSHIP OR CONSERVATORSHIP
CASE NUMBER BPB-22-002865

Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93305, Metropolitan Division-JJC. Guardianship of the person of: GENAVECIA GISELLE GOODWIN, minor. This notice is required by law. This notice does not require you to appear in court, but you may attend the hearing if you wish. NOTICE is given that: SANDRA RENEE COLEMAN Petitioner, has filed: Petitioner for Appointment of Guardianship of Minor Persons. You may refer to documents on file in this proceeding for more information. (Some documents filed with the court are confidential. Under some circumstances you or your attorney may be able to see or receive copies of confidential documents if you file papers in the proceedings or apply to the court.) A HEARING on the matter will be held as follows: a. Date 2/13/2024 Time 8:30 A.M. Dept J-1. b. Address of court same as noted above. Valentin T. Narvaez, 326722, Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, 615 California Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93304, (661) 325-5943, (661) 325-4482, vnarvaez@gbla.org, Attorney for: Sandra Renee Coleman. (21647)-Jan 12, 19, 26, Feb 2, 2024

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 22002265-1 CA APN: 119-1650-001-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/19/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn

by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: EDGAR L. GILL AND LINETTE GILL, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT Tenants duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS Law, LLP Deed of Trust Recorded on 12/28/2006, in Book 20061228, Page 0254, of Official Records of Sacramento County, California; Date of Sale: 02/02/2024 at 01:30 PM Place of Sale: East Entrance County Courthouse, 720 9th St, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$75,213.46 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9405 LAKEPOINT DRIVE ELK GROVE, CA 95758 Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. A.P.N #: 119-1650-001-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As notified by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. 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

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T.S. No.: 23-29698 A.P.N.: 119-0730-030-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/15/2011. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: Mark Smelosky A Married Man; As His Sole And Separate Property Duly Appointed Trustee: Carrington Foreclosure Services, LLC Recorded 6/24/2011 as Instrument No. in book 20110624, page 0104 Loan Modification recorded on 7/18/2022 as Instrument No. 202207180247 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Described as follows: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Date of Sale: 2/2/2024 at 2:00 PM Place of Sale: At the Main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$162,373.29 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9220 PRIMERA COURT ELK GROVE, CA 95758 A.P.N.: 119-0730-030-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As notified by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. 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) 758-8052 or visit this Internet Web site www.Xome.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-11256 APN: 116-0930-056-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER LAGUNA NEW DIMENSIONS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (ASSOCIATION) COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AND A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT (LIEN) DATED 10-05-2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 02-15-2024 at 1:30 PM, Outside the East Main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, ALLIED TRUSTEE SERVICES (Trustee), 1601 Response Road, Suite 390, Sacramento, CA 95815, (877) 282-4991, under and pursuant to Lien, recorded 10-06-2022 as Instrument 202210060522 Book - - Page - - of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, CA, WILL CAUSE TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale) the property owned by CHRISTINA WELLS-ARTMAN, situated in said County, describing the land therein: APN: 116-0930-056-0000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9552 S COAST LANE, ELK GROVE, CA 95758 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the

sums due under the Lien. The estimated total unpaid balance at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$7,907.41. THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE 90-DAY POST-SALE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AS SET FORTH IN CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 5715(B). THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION BEGINS WHEN THE SALE IS FINALIZED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2924m. Association heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located, and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. 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. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. REPLACEMENT OF WINNING BIDDER CHECKS: Winning bid checks received at the public auction sale not payable directly to Allied Trustee Services (i.e. containing third-party endorsements) must be replaced within five business days after the sale. The winning bidder will be contacted at the phone number and/or email address provided for further instructions. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the Association, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869, or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM for information, using the file number assigned to this case: 22-11256. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (844) 477-7869, or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM for information, using the file number assigned to this case: 22-11256 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. DATE: January 09, 2024 ALLIED TRUSTEE SERVICES, Trustee TANYA HALL, Authorized Signature ELK GROVE CITIZEN 1/26/2024 2/2/2024 2/9/2024 Elk Grove Citizen 2-9-24

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 169291 Title No. 95528016-55 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/26/2014. 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

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TRUSTEE SALE

LAWYER. On 02/20/2024 at 9:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 07/03/2014, as Instrument No. xx, in book 20140703, page 0982, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County, State of California, executed by Darrin Lu, A Single Man, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 - East Main Entrance All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 132-1710-079-0000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10282 Canadeo Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95757 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$240,338.09 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 01/12/2024 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Adriana Durham/ Authorized Signature 27368 Via Industria, Suite 201 Tecumeca, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (800) 280-2832 The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC. may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. 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 Web site - www.Auction.com - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 169291. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale, or visit this internet website www.auction.com or <https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079/> for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case Ts# 169291 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and high-

est 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 in bidding at a trustee auction, if 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. A-FN4807135 Elk Grove Citizen 01/26/2024, 02/02/2024, 02/09/2024 Elk Grove Citizen 2-9-24

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 131058-11 Loan No. JENSEN/MACHUCA Title Order No. 1444125CAD APN 132-0140-001-0000 TRA No. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/06/2002. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. as the duly appointed Trustee WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, described as follows: Trustor(s): CHARLES S. JENSEN, III AND CHARLES S. JENSEN, JR. AND RUBEN CONTRERAS MACHUCA Deed of Trust: recorded on 02/08/2002 as Document No. in Book 20020208, Page 1264 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California, Date of Trustee's Sale: 02/16/2024 at 02:00 PM Trustee's Sale Location: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 The property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10408 FRANKLIN BLVD., ELK GROVE, CA 95758. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remain-

ing principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$285,489.51 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 131058-11. 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. Date: 01/16/2024 MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. 7844 Madison Ave., Suite 145 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 Sale Information Line: 916-939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com TARA CAMPBELL, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0445858 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE) 01/26/2024, 02/02/2024, 02/09/2024 Elk Grove Citizen 2-9-24

T.S. No.: 9462-6214 TSG Order No.: 8785056 A.P.N.: 116-1010-025-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/21/2003. 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. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 08/05/2003 as Book No.: 20030805, Page No.: 2850, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: CHARAN LALLIAN, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 02/20/2024 at 9:00 AM Sale Location: Sale will be held at AUCTION.COM- East Main Entrance, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9312 CAULFIELD DR, ELK GROVE, CA 95758 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$29,313.66 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than

one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-280-2832 or visit this internet website, www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 9462-6214. 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 855-976-3916, or visit this internet website <https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079/>, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 9462-6214 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. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NBS Default Services, LLC 14841 Dallas Parkway, Suite 300 Dallas, TX 75254 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.auction.com or Call: 1-800-280-2832. NBS Default Services, LLC, Marissa Adams, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0445346 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE) 01/26/2024, 02/02/2024, 02/09/2024 Elk Grove Citizen 2-9-24

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 **Wednesday, February 21, 2024**, for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

Permanent Shared Housing Conversion of 8679 Adamstown Way Project (Phase 1 Demolition and Phase 2 Mold Remediation) (NSP-2022-01)

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: site and tenant improvements at the City owned, unoccupied facility located at 8679 Adamstown Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. The Project will result in interior demolition, fungal/mold contamination remediation, property cleaning, and roof repair for watertight building envelope (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$124,800.

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 "B" General Building Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California. The Contractor shall possess and demonstrate such possession or list a Subcontractor that possesses a current valid "C-27" Landscaping Contractor's License issued by the State of California for the Landscaping Work in this area.

Pre-Bid:

An optional pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at 8679 Adamstown Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Attendees are encouraged to bring a flashlight. Anyone sensitive to mold should bring proper PPE.

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

Alisha Olson, Project Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 261-1840 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:

Kimberlee Marlan, Administrative Assistant, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 627-3315 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

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By: _____ Date: _____
Christina Castro, PE
Capital Program Division Manager

Elk Grove 1-19 - 1-26-2024

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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 **Charles Mack Elementary School, Administration Building HVAC Upgrade** 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, February 15, 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 \$50 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, February 6, 2024, 3:00 p.m.** at the **Charles Mack Elementary School, 4701 Brookfield Drive, Sacramento CA 95823**. The District's Representative and Architect 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 HVAC improvements to the existing Administration/Kindergarten Building and associated site work. This project requires a Class B 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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AUCTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 21700 through 21716 of the Business and Profession Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the California Civil Code. The undersigned will sell at an online sale, personal property stored by the following delinquent tenant Mykael Morgan – B148 by competitive bidding on February 5th, 2024, at 7:00AM at website <https://www.storagetreasures.com/>. Purchases must be paid for at the time of sale in cash only. All purchased goods are sold as is, where is and must be removed at the time of sale. Sales are subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between the owner and tenant occurs. Auctioneer: <https://www.storagetreasures.com/>

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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, February 15, 2024** for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

2024 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT – ADA AND CONCRETE REPAIRS (WPR024)

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: reconstruct existing concrete curb ramps and sidewalks at various locations throughout the City (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$1,346,000.

Bidder shall have current standing as a City approved pre-qualified Bidder prior to submitting a bid for this Project. Bidders that submit a Bid without being pre-qualified shall have their Bid deemed non-responsive.

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, Class "C-B" Concrete, and/or Class "C-12" Earthwork and Paving Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California.

Local Hire and Community Workforce Training Agreement Requirements:

This Project is subject to the requirements of the City's Local Hire and Community Workforce Training Program and the City's Community Workforce Training Agreement (CWTA). A copy of the CWTA and a summary of its requirements (CWTA Summary) is attached to this solicitation. By submitting a bid, the Contractor acknowledges that they have read and understand all the requirements, terms, and conditions of the CWTA, and have included all costs associated with compliance with the CWTA in its bid.

In accordance with the CWTA, the Contractor and all listed subcontractors must execute Addendum A to the CWTA ("Agreement to be Bound") and provide a copy of the executed document to the City before the contract can be awarded. Each subcontractor for Work covered by the CWTA listed on the bid, hired in anticipation of the bid, after the time of bid or after contract award must also execute Addendum A to the CWTA. No subcontractor shall perform Work prior to executing Addendum A and providing a copy of the executed document to the City.

Contractor must include the provisions of this section, as well as a copy of the CWTA, in every subcontract for Work covered by the CWTA.

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) 687-3062 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

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By: _____
Christina Castro, PE
Capital Program Division Manager

Date: January 10, 2024

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ARTS CALENDAR

Elk Grove Festival of the Arts, Apr. 27

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center presents the Elk Grove Festival of the Arts, a full day of creative expression at the Old Town Plaza in the heart of our city. This partnership with the City, and the Elk Grove Arts Commission, together fine artists, musical performers, creative students, and the community to enjoy a bit of culture in the beautiful California spring.

Collectors will find dozens of fine artists with work at accessible prices – a vast open studios with live painting demonstrations, hand-crafted jewelry, and fine and decorative artwork suitable for any home or business.

This year's festival is calling for sponsors and artists! Please visit www.ElkGroveFineArtsCenter.org to find out more!

Elk Grove Dust Bowl Upcoming Events

Local artists playing at our taproom, visit our website for more information!

Thursday, February 1

Austin Najera, 5pm-8pm
Modern, Rock, Country

Thursday, February 8

Linden Wood, 5pm-8pm
Country

Thursday, February 15

Brandon Zahusky,
5pm-8pm, Rock, Modern

Thursday, February 22

Nikki Perez, 5pm-8pm
Americana, Modern

Thursday, February 29

The Taylor Chicks
5pm-8pm
Folk, Country

Elk Grove's Dust Bowl Brewing Taphouse is located at 9679 Railroad St. in Old Town Elk Grove.

For more information, please visit dustbowlbrewing.com

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 or call (916) 685-5992.

Art Workshops for Adults at Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

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

At the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center you can find art workshops for adults in a variety of mediums and techniques. We periodically offer workshops for younger people, dependent upon the instructor and type of class. If you're looking for basic to advanced instruction in Baking, Ceramics, Clay, Encaustics, Fabric Art, Mixed-Media, Mosaics, Plein Air, or Watercolor (and more!), you will find it at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center.

Register Now For Upcoming Classes:

Plein Air Watercolor with David Peterson – March 30, 2024

Building Multimedia Collages with Terri Bianco – April 19, 2024

Beginning Acrylic with Andrea Morris – May 25, 2024

Portrait Drawing with Andrea Morris – April 20, 2024

Plum Blossoms Painting with Joy Kuo – March 1, 2024

Watercolor Landscape with Teresa Steinbach-Garcia – February 21, 2024

Beginning Acrylic with Andrea Morris – March 23, 2024

Beginning Acrylic with Andrea Morris – February 24, 2024

Sunflower Study in Watercolor with Teresa Steinbach-Garcia – January 24, 2024

To sign up for classes and learn more about the classes, please visit <https://elk-grovecityartscenter.org/workshops/>

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

To find out more information about the monthly contests and for more details about submissions, please visit <https://elk-grovecityartscenter.org/>

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 ★

Presidential Primary Election Update

Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center Locations Posted

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Voter Registration and Elections (VRE) has posted the list of Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center locations for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election on the website.

Vote by Mail ballots will be mailed to voters beginning Monday, February 5, 2024. Ballot Drop Boxes

will begin opening Monday, February 5, 2024, and Vote Centers will begin opening Saturday, February 24, 2024. A complete list of Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center locations, their days and hours of operation, and an interactive map can be found at: <https://elections.saccounty.net/votecenters/pages/locations.aspx>

A QR code to the interactive map will be included in the County

Voter Information Guide to replace the flat printed map. This simple change supports the County's GoGreen policy, is accessible to voters with disabilities and is fiscally responsible, saving the county over two (2) million pages of printed material and the associated mailing cost.

For more information, contact VRE at (916) 875-6451, email voterinfo@saccounty.gov, or by using the toll-free

voter assistance hotline at (800) 762-8019. The hotline has the ability to connect voters with disabilities with TTY (Text Telephone).

Key Election Dates

-Monday, February 5 - Mailing of ballots to all registered voters begins

-Monday, February 5 - Voted ballots may be returned in any of the Ballot Drop Boxes located

throughout the County

-Monday, February 19 - Close of voter registration for this election. Voter registration forms must be postmarked by this date or delivered to the VRE Office at 7000 65th Street, Suite A, Sacramento 95823 by 5:00 p.m. Online voter registration must be completed before midnight on this date at www.registertovote.ca.gov

-Tuesday, February 20 - Conditional Voter

Registration (VBM) begins

-Saturday, February 24 - 11 Day Vote Centers open

-Tuesday, February 27 - Last day a Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot can be mailed to you. After this date, VBM ballots are only available at the VRE office or at any of the 90 Vote Centers

-Saturday, March 2 - All Vote Centers open throughout the County

-Tuesday, March 5 - Election Day ★

POLICE LOGS

Friday, Jan. 12

1:11 a.m., Highway 99/ Grant Line Road: Elk Grove police arrested Juan Roybal, 37, on meth and drug paraphernalia possession charges.

8:01 a.m., 10400 block of Grant Line Road: Elk Grove police arrested Phillip Upega, 35, on DUI charges.

7:54 a.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Eddi Jafari, 72, on battery charges.

8:39 a.m., 9600 block of East Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Jeremy Mendivil, 31, on charges of threatening a public employee and postrelease supervision violation.

6:13 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Cody Houtz, 31, on restraining order violation and postrelease supervision violation charges.

7:37 p.m., 5600 block of Whitelock Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Samuel Splinter, 24, on warrant charges.

7:41 p.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Manolito Alcantara, 49, on meth possession and warrant charges. Alcantara

was wanted on trespassing, drug paraphernalia possession, driving with a suspended license, and meth possession charges, according to jail records.

10:12 p.m., Franklin Boulevard/Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested an unidentified 15-year-old on charges of unauthorized driving or taking of a vehicle, felony reckless evading, and receiving a stolen vehicle.

Saturday, Jan. 13

1:22 a.m., 8500 block of Laguna Grove Drive: Elk Grove police arrested Salvador Sinkey, 49, on possession of a controlled substance and warrant charges. Sinkey was wanted on charges of drug paraphernalia possession, meth possession, driving without a license or proof of insurance, larceny and DUI, according to jail records.

12:55 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Xiu Lin, 50, on hit-and-run with injury charges.

3:25 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Jose Padilla, 42, on grand

theft charges. 7:04 p.m., Sheldon Road/Vytina Drive: Elk Grove police arrested Victor Rivera-Castellanos, 19, on DUI charges.

Sunday, Jan. 14

2:47 p.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Sean Hay, 45, on warrant charges.

3:13 p.m., Sheldon Road/Whitehouse Road: Elk Grove police arrested Timothy Hance, 47, on meth possession charges.

4:40 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Maximiliano Esquivel, 21, on DUI charges.

6:04 p.m., 5600 block of Whitelock Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Brian Richie, 52, on warrant charges.

6:35 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road: Elk Grove police arrested Edward Gbla, 26, on resisting arrest and public intoxication charges.

11:09 p.m. Elk Grove Florin Road/Bond Road: Elk Grove police arrested Alejandro Ortiz, 55, on warrant charges and charges of DUI, concealed weapon

possession, carrying a loaded firearm, undetectable-firearm possession, and possession of a firearm without a serial number.

Monday, Jan. 15

5 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Roberto Martinez, 35, on meth possession and shoplifting charges.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

12:16 a.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Thomas Naehr, 56, on charges of domestic violence, criminal threats, false imprisonment and assault to cause great bodily injury.

4 a.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Jeffrey Campbell, 46, on vandalism charges.

8:38 a.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Waterman Road: Elk Grove police arrested Aaron Costa, 24, on charges of sedative or benzodiazepine possession, and driving with an open container of alcohol or marijuana.

5:21 p.m., Sheldon Road/Power Inn Road: Elk Grove police arrested Laura Hogan, 24, on DUI, ignition

interlock device violation, and warrant charges. Hogan was wanted on resisting arrest charges, according to jail records.

7:50 p.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Sawaddibhan Sirisawaddi, 41, on trespassing charges.

9:48 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Gorav Dutta, 37, on battery charges.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

11:42 a.m., 8200 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Johnisha Spivey, 28, on charges of receiving a stolen vehicle.

6:39 p.m., Grant Line Road/Cote Dor Drive: Elk Grove police arrested Nicholas Aleman, 25, on disobeying a peace officer charges.

8:58 p.m., Four Winds Drive/Lakepoint Drive: Elk Grove police arrested Alvin Kumar, 41, on DUI charges.

11:34 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Natasha Givens, 31, on domestic violence, criminal threats, assault with a deadly weapon, elder abuse,

resisting arrest, and warrant charges. Givens was wanted on charges of violating terms of release, according to jail records.

Thursday, Jan. 18

1:21 a.m., 9200 block of Elk Grove Florin Road: Elk Grove police arrested Reyna Garcia, 26, on DUI and meth possession charges.

8:48 a.m., 9400 block of Ranch Park Way: Elk Grove police arrested Diego Kekahuna, 19, on battery charges.

11 a.m., Sheldon Road/Lewis Stein Road: Elk Grove police arrested Sarena Dooley, 51, on warrant charges.

7:33 p.m., 8800 block of Royal View Court: Elk Grove police arrested Michael Finn, 54, on parole violation and drug paraphernalia possession charges.

7:56 p.m., 5000 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Sommonta Frazier, 24, on resisting an executive officer and battery charges.

10:50 p.m., Sheldon Road/Bruceville Road: Elk Grove police arrested Dashawn Wadley, 18, on warrant charges. ★

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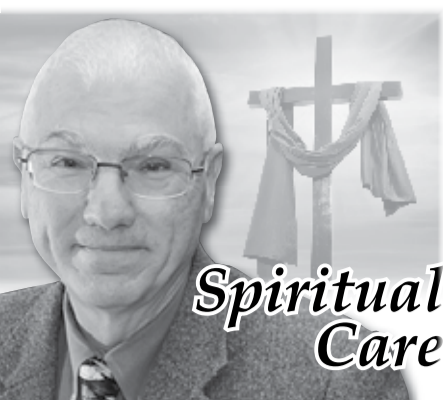
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Biblical Clarity an Be Blinding



BY NORRIS BURKES

Has anyone ever tried to end a discussion with you by declaring, “The Bible is clear on THIS issue?”

Normally, they bring the Bible into a controversial argument about abortion, hell, homosexuality or the role of women. Sometimes they really go off the rail declaring the Bible to be clear about who you should vote for.

The whole scenario reminds me how I’ve heard that same certainty-approach in history. In fact, this weekend of Martin Luther King’s birthday is a good time to remember that the Bible is astoundingly clear on a topic we’ve long discarded.

The Bible allows the enslavement of people. And I’m not talking about a few obscure proof texts.

On his blog, theologian and Mennonite pastor Michael Pahl demonstrates how easy it is to find at least seven Bible

passages that directly endorse slavery. (Exodus 21:2-11; Leviticus 25:44-46). Slave ownership carried God’s blessing in Genesis 12:16; 24:35; Isaiah 14:1-2.

Pahl finds clarity in the New Testament commanding slaves to obey their masters “in everything” (Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossian 3:22-4:1; 1 Timothy 6:1-2; Titus 2:9-10; 1 Peter 2:18-20).

For sure the Bible is good on slavery. “Chaplain,” you ask, “How can you endorse such a horrific thing?”

Oh, you know I’m not writing to endorse slavery. And neither does Pahl. Abolitionists won this argument by establishing a clear biblical foundation against slavery.

But MLK Day might be a good time to examine our own hearts to see how oppressive Christians can be with Scripture.

For instance, we’ve been sure of God’s position on things like war.

We’ve raised the Christian flag and sung, “Onward Christian Soldiers. Yet we’ve squelched solid biblical arguments from those who profess pacifism.

And yes, we’ve found biblical support for the subservient role of women while overlooking the deafening roar of women who find equality throughout the Bible.

How about the death penalty? While the Bible seemingly supports it, many denominations have scripturally opposed it.

And on the hottest of topics like abortion and sexuality, you’ll hear honest Christians cite compelling biblical arguments on both sides.

One has to wonder, if the Bible is inerrant “without error or fault in all its teaching” as evangelicals proclaim, why haven’t we found agreement on all of these things?

Don’t worry. I’m not trying to discredit the Bible. But it’s a fair warning that sometimes “Biblical Clarity” can become blinding.

True clarity can only be found as we read and search the Scripture for the heart of Jesus’ message -- in the same way we did with slavery in the mid 1700s.

That’s when John Newton, an infamous slave-ship-captain-turned-preacher, really read the Bible and became convinced that God was clearly opposed to slavery.

Finding God’s mercy, he clearly ignored Bible verses and reached for the heart of Jesus when he penned “Amazing Grace” to accompany his sermon on New Year’s Day, 1773.

The message is bursting with grace and

has become an anthem for religious and nonreligious alike.

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch; like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see. While we find inspired answers in the Bible, we can also consider it a question book asking some very good questions. We must remember that it was written by dozens of authors struggling with the issues of their day. And the Bible invites us to struggle too.

I like the way Pahl concludes his blog on this topic.

“The next time we hear someone talk about the ‘clear teaching of Scripture’ ... think about this: the Bible is at least as clear on slavery, yet thank God, we no longer believe that slavery is God’s will. We’ve read the Bible, and we’re following Jesus.”

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RELIGION NEWS

Easter Events and Sermon Topics at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Under our sanctuary “Giving Tree” we collected items for Chicks in Crisis and Elk Grove

Food Bank. Special events included an Advent potluck at church, a Women’s Christmas Tea and our Annual Christmas Party at a member’s home. The December 24th Christmas Eve service was held at 10 am and was enjoyed by many members and guests.

UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS

Rev. Dexter McNamara has announced upcoming sermon topics in January and February: Jan 28 th – “The Power of Words”; Feb 4 th – “Solidarity and Solitude”; Feb 11th - “Responding to the Voice of God”.

EASTER and other EVENTS

Easter time is a festal season in the liturgical year of Christianity that focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is March 31 st . Leading up to this event we will have a

Mardi Gras Dinner on Feb 10 th , the Imposition of Ashes on Feb 14 th (drive thru), and traditional Lenten services on Palm Sunday and Easter. On Good Friday, the church will be open from noon to 1pm for quiet meditation and reflection.

Our Mens’ Bible study resumed on Tuesday, January 9 th and will meet every two weeks thereafter. We are currently studying the Book of Ecclesiastes.

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 are Church hours should be Mon, Thurs, Fri, 9:30-2:30, Wed, 9:30-6:00.

For more information,

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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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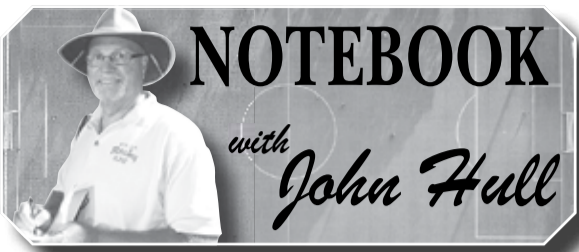
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EGPD Arrest Suspect with Gun at Local Basketball Game



“What do we have to do now to insure safety? Search everyone coming into games? Use metal detectors?”

I have a question similar to this sitting on the email inbox of people at the EGUSD offices. We await the school district’s response. I will keep you updated as we await reaction or comment.

In an era where uncertainty exists, it’s refreshing to hear how quick local law enforcement took care of business when a threat existed. Give the K9 who made the “arrest” a nice treat for a job well done.

Wiggins uniform to be retired

In much happier local news, “Little” Kenny Wiggins’ pro football jersey will be retired on the south wall of the Cartwright Gym in a special ceremony at halftime of the Elk Grove boys basketball game on Jan. 26. Wiggins’ San Diego Chargers uniform No. 79 will be encased and hung next to Bill Cartwright’s Knicks and Bulls jerseys, Adrian Ross’ Cincinnati Bengals jersey and Lance Briggs’ Chicago Bears jersey.

A 2006 Elk Grove grad, Wiggins played for Fresno State and then was undrafted, yet signed to the practice squad of the



This handgun was taken off a suspect by Elk Grove Police Jan. 19 after he entered a boys basketball game at Cosumnes Oaks with it concealed. 18-year-old Dominik Warda was booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail after attempting to flee from police. The game was halted during the third quarter and Cosumnes Oaks forfeited the contest while police continued to search others in the stands. Courtesy Elk Grove Police Department

ELK GROVE (MPG) - During a boys basketball game a Cosumnes Oaks High School Jan. 19 Elk Grove Police officers received information that person at the game was armed with a handgun. According to a police news release, when the officers, during a time out in the third quarter of the Wolfpacks game against Sheldon, approached the 18-year-old male. He tried to run away, but he was caught by a police K9 outside the gym.

but the police did their job and made sure everyone was safe,” Cosumnes Oak Patrick Roth texted me Saturday.

Dominik Warda (no residence given) was booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail where he is being held and is ineligible for bail on several firearm-related charges as well as resisting arrest and for an outstanding warrant.

“A commendable instance of teamwork among the community, school officials, Elk Grove Police officers and Sacramento County Sheriff’s deputies to ensure the safety of everyone involved,” police wrote in their post on Facebook.

But, Roth knew the game could not be resumed and thus it went into the scorebook as a forfeit to the Huskies. Sheldon was leading 55-35 at the time. The loss dropped Cosumnes Oaks to 12-9, 2-4 in the Delta League, but perhaps lingering even more over the heads of not just this team but others locally is the question,

Officers recovered a handgun and, according to EGPD, there were no injuries to anyone except the suspect who was bitten by the K9. Then numerous police personnel arrived, asked fans to stay in the stands while several people were searched. The basketball fans, teams and school officials were told to stay in their seats and not leave. Two other suspects were detained at the scene and ultimately released at the conclusion of the investigation, according to Elk Grove Police.

“It was a little chaotic

49ers. He later played for the Chargers and played all three offensive line positions.

The 6-8, 310-pounder signed a free agent contract with the Detroit Lions and played for them, wrapping up his career with the New York Giants. He ended up playing 11 seasons in the NFL.

Wiggins, who was also an outstanding basketball player at Elk Grove, has been living in the past several years in the Fresno area and is a part owner of a couple businesses. Nowadays Wiggins enjoys

hosting a podcast, “One Degree Off the Field, Into the World.”

Ferrell earns career win No. 500

A person’s milestone almost went unnoticed last month in the Metro Conference. Burbank High School’s basketball coach Lindsey Ferrell won his 500th game in his 32-year career at the south Sacramento school. From 1992-2004 he coached the Lady Titans and in 2005 took over the boys program. Annually the Titans have been in

the post-season and at or near the top of the Metro Conference.

This season Ferrell’s Burbank team is 16-6 through Jan. 19. That night the Titans were overwhelmed by a very talented Monterey Trail squad, 86-64, yet Ferrell’s boys were playing hard to the end. It’s likely Burbank will make noise in the playoffs which are now about three weeks away. A congratulations to a terrific mentor to young men and women.



Kenny Wiggins who spent most of his 11-year NFL career with the Chargers will be honored Jan. 26 at halftime of the Elk Grove boys basketball game.



Lindsey Ferrell, foreground, in his 32nd season at Luther Burbank High School picked up his 500th coaching victory.

LOCAL BASKETBALL STATISTICAL LEADERS

(thru 1/21/24)

Boys Scoring

Name	School	PPG	FG%	3P%	FT%
Brandon Gibson	Monterey Tr.	22.1	51	30	81
Elijah Sykes	Pl. Grove	18.1	40	32	71
Josh O’Neal	Bradshaw Chr	16.2	53	21	50
Aiden Rollins	Franklin	14.9	52	24	64
Ny’j Joiner	Cos. Oaks	13.7	47	37	67
Carson Keplinger	Pl. Grove	13.6	43	42	84

Rebounding

Name	School	REB	RPG
Corey Lark	Fortune EC	199	11.1
Isaac Jensen	Bradshaw Chr	220	9.6
Kentrell Kelly	Monterey Tr.	145	8.1
Sonai Murphy	Laguna Cr.	111	7.9
Greg Piotrowski	Franklin	169	7.7
Brandon Gibson	Monterey Tr.	128	7.1
Josh O’Neal	Bradshaw Chr	160	7.0

Assists

Name	School	APG	AST/TO
Jalen Flenory	Laguna Cr.	5.1	2.43
Josh O’Neal	Bradshaw Chr	4.6	1.80
Derron White	Monterey Tr.	4.6	2.28
Brandon Gibson	Monterey Tr.	4.4	1.86
Elijah Sykes	Pl. Grove	4.0	1.00

Girls Scoring

Name	School	PPG	FG%	3P%	FT%
Isabel Tan	Cos. Oaks	19.2	37	38	83
Zakiyyah Azeem	Fortune EC	18.2	-	-	43
Kate Myers	Pl. Grove	17.1	42	38	79
Caitlin Subejano	Cos. Oaks	15.6	44	30	69
Aaliyah Youngblood	Monterey Tr	13.2	48	36	68

Rebounding

Name	School	REB	RPG
Zakiyyah Azeem	Fortune EC	132	12.0
Kate Myers	Pl. Grove	110	7.3
Leila Williamson	Pl. Grove	108	7.2
Nya Barron	Cos. Oaks	130	6.8

Assists

Name	School	APG	AST/TO
Aniyah DuBose	Fortune EC	5.5	2.42
Isabel Tan	Cos. Oaks	3.9	1.32
Kate Myers	Pl. Grove	2.9	0.71
Marissa Perkins	Pl. Grove	2.9	0.79
Khalia Tillis	Fortune EC	2.6	0.89
Kym Hartman	Cos. Oaks	2.3	1.40

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WHAT'S ON TAP

New Head Coach of CRC Mens Swimming has Olympic Experience

**By David Corkery
Cosumnes River
College Student**



Terry Peyton has been named the new head coach of the swim and dive program at Cosumnes River College Photo by David Corkery

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento native Terry Peyton has been named the new head coach of the swim and dive program at Cosumnes River College, the athletic department announced in a November news release.

CRC Athletic Director Collin Pregliasco said Peyton's Sacramento roots and passion made him a perfect candidate for the job. Peyton said he coached a club swim team at CRC from 1983 until the late 90's.

"What's very clear with Terry, not only does he have an amazing passion for swimming, but he's extremely well connected," Pregliasco said. "He is a tactician, and an amazing coach. We are extremely lucky to have him."

CRC has never had a men's swimming team in its 53-year history. Coach Peyton said he is now in charge of building the program from scratch. He said he was a gifted swimmer through his childhood, and that experience led him into coaching.

Peyton said he grew up in the pool. He was nationally ranked throughout his childhood and broke a national record as part of a relay team. He claims anyone can join the swim team, even if they can't swim.

"Even if they don't race, they've learned a lifelong skill," Peyton said.

Peyton attended Cordova High School, where he was a two time All-American securing his place in the Sports Hall of Fame for the City of Rancho Cordova. He also earned a spot in the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame for his success at

American River College.

Peyton got into coaching during his junior year of high school. Peyton attributes his love for the sport from his time coaching.

"The coach at Arden Hills asked me to stay after practice one day and help him work with the little kids, Peyton said. "When I graduated, he said I should go out and get my own team. I was fortunate because of my swimming background and brief time as an assistant coach, I landed a head coaching job right out of high school. I was the youngest Head Coach in US Swimming."

Peyton has over 40 years of coaching experience. He swam for and coached with many elite swimmers, such as former US Olympic coach Sherm Chavoor, who coached eight Olympic gold medalists, and gold medalist Jeff Float.

Gus Nicola, who has coached with Peyton for the past six months said, "You can't teach that

(elite), you can only live a break from coaching between 1999-2014.

"I didn't want to leave," Peyton said. "Being a coach is really hard on a family life because you're never home in the evening, and you leave in the early morning. I missed it terribly, and when I had the opportunity to get back into it I jumped at the chance."

Peyton said adversity and health made him grow up fast. "I have a handicapped brother who I started taking care of," Perry said. "There were some really tight times. My college years were a fog of fatigue."

A love for swimming, high energy and desire for success is what should be known of Coach Peyton, Pregliasco said.

"High energy and he loves what he does," Pregliasco said. "His passion for each of his athletes to develop them, take care of them, to make sure they're successful in everything they do."

Family-life and fatherhood caused him to take

it." Getting kids through and graduating his athletes is a big motivator, Peyton claims. "If I can hold onto the kids for another two years and get 'em over the hump to that four-year school, then we've done something pretty special," Peyton said.

Peyton said he ran his own painting business on top of coaching, which made for a lot of long days.

"It's absolutely crazy," Peyton said. "I do 14-hour days on a regular basis. I got into painting from a colleague of mine. I joined up with him."

Peyton said his hiring at CRC created an opportunity to retire from painting.

"I have a couple of clients that I still take care of, because they've been with me forever, but I'm not taking on any new work anymore," Peyton said.

Family-life and fatherhood caused him to take

Local Sports Schedules

Friday, Jan. 26

Girls Basketball
Delta League
Franklin vs. Plea. Gr., 6:30 p.m.
Elk Grove vs. Davis, 6:30 p.m.
Metro Conference
Mont. Tr. vs. McClatchy, 7 p.m.
Lag. Creek vs. Burbank, 6:30 p.m.
Sierra Valley Conference
Lib. Ranch vs. Brad. Chr., 7 p.m.
Gr. Sacramento League
Foothill vs. Florin, 7:30 p.m.
Valley vs. W. Camp., 7:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball

Sierra Valley Conference
Brad. Chr. vs. Lib. Ranch, 7 p.m.
Gr. Sacramento League
Foothill vs. Florin, 7 p.m.
Valley vs. W. Camp., 7:30 p.m.
Delta League
Jesuit vs. Cos. Oaks, 7:30 p.m.
Plea. Gr. vs. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Davis vs. Elk Grove, 7:30 p.m.
Metro Conference
Burbank vs. Lag. Creek, 7:30 p.m.
McClat. vs. Mont. Tr., 7:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Delta League
Sheldon vs. Jesuit, 3 p.m.
Franklin vs. Plea. Grove, 4 p.m.
Cos. Oaks vs. Elk Grove, 4 p.m.
Gr. Sacramento League
Cordova vs. Florin, 6:30 p.m.
Valley vs. Foothill, 7 p.m.
Metro Conference
Mont. Trail vs. Grant, 6:30 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Delta League
Plea. Grove vs. Franklin, 4 p.m.
St. Francis vs. Sheldon, 4 p.m.
Elk Grove vs. Cos. Oaks, 6 p.m.
Metro Conference
Grant vs. Mont. Trail, 6:30 p.m.
Gr. Sacramento League
Florin vs. Cordova, 6:30 p.m.
Foothill vs. Valley, 7 p.m.

College Baseball

Shasta vs. CRC, 1 p.m.

College Softball

CRC at Monterey Peninsula, 10 a.m.
CRC vs. Feather River, 12 p.m.
(Lobo Classic - Monterey)

College Womens Basketball

CRC vs. ARC, 5:30 p.m.

College Mens Basketball

CRC vs. ARC, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 27

Wrestling
Sac-Joaquin Section Team
Dual Championships

Boys Basketball

Non-League
Sheldon vs. Vent. Aca., 8 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Sierra Valley Conference
Union Mine vs. Brad.Chr., 11 a.m.

College Baseball

Shasta vs. CRC, 12 p.m.

College Softball

CRC vs. Feather River, 12 p.m.
(Lobo Classic - Monterey)
CRC vs. Monterey Peninsula, 2 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 29

Girls Basketball
Non-League
Cos. Oaks vs. Vi. del Lago, 7 p.m.
Gr. Sacramento League
Valley vs. Johnson, 7:45 p.m.

Boys Basketball

Gr. Sacramento League
Valley vs. Johnson, 6 p.m.
John Ad. vs. Florin, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Girls Basketball
Fort. E.C. vs. Westlake Ch., 6 p.m.
Sierra Valley Conference
Brads.Chr. vs. Rosemont, 7 p.m.
Metro Conference
Riv. City vs. Lag. Creek, 7 p.m.
Kennedy vs. Mont. Trail, 7 p.m.

Boys Basketball

Sierra Valley Conference
Rosem.vs. Brad. Chr., 7 p.m.
Fort. E.C. vs. Westlake Ch. 7:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Metro Conference
Lag. Cr. vs. Mont. Trail, 6 p.m.
Sierra Valley Conference
Brad. Chr. vs. Rosem., 6:30 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Metro Conference
Monterey Trail vs. Laguna Creek, 6:30 p.m.
Sierra Valley Conference
Rosem. vs. Brad. Chr., 6:30 p.m.

College Baseball

CRC vs. Shasta, 1 p.m.

College Softball

Butte vs. CRC, 12 & 2 p.m.

College Womens Basketball

CRC vs. Modesto, 5:30 p.m.

College Mens Basketball

CRC vs. Modesto, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Girls Basketball

Delta League
E.G. vs. Cos. Oaks, 6:30 p.m.
Sheldon vs. Davis, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin vs. St. Fran., 6:30 p.m.
Gr. Sacramento League
Florin vs. Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball

Metro Conference
Lag.Creek vs. Riv. City, 7:30 p.m.
Mon. Tr. vs. Kenn., 7:30 p.m.
Delta League
Jesuit vs. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Cos. Oaks vs. E.G., 7:30 p.m.
Davis vs. Sheldon, 7:30 p.m.
Gr. Sacramento League
Florin vs. Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Delta League
Davis vs. Franklin, 4 p.m.
Cos. Oaks vs. Sheldon, 4 p.m.
E.G. vs. Pleas. Grove, 4 p.m.
Gr. Sacramento League
Valley vs. Johnson, 7 p.m.
Natomas vs. Florin, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1

Girls Soccer

Delta League
Franklin vs. Davis, 4 p.m.
Plea. Grove vs. E.G., 4 p.m.
Sheldon vs. Cos. Oaks, 6 p.m.
Gr. Sacramento League
Florin vs. Natomas, 5 p.m.
Johnson vs. Valley, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Leroy Greene Academy vs. Fortune E.C., 6 p.m.

Boys Basketball

Leroy Greene Aca. vs. Fortune E.C., 7:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Sierra Valley Conference
Galt vs. Brad. Chr., 6:30 p.m.
Metro Conference
McClatchy vs. Lag. Cr., 6:30 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Metro Conference
Lag. Creek vs. McClatchy, 3 p.m.
Sierra Valley Conference
Brad. Chr. Vs. Galt, 6:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball

Non-League
Mont. Trail vs. Sheldon, 4 p.m.

College Baseball

Mendocino vs. CRC, 1 p.m.

Boys Basketball

Delta League	League	Overall
Sheldon	6-0	13-8
Jesuit	5-1	14-7
Franklin	4-2	18-4
Pleasant Grove	2-4	9-11
Cosumnes Oaks	2-4	12-9
Elk Grove	1-5	8-13
Davis	1-5	6-13

Greater Sacramento

League	Overall
West Campus	5-0
Natomas	3-2
Foothill	2-2
Cordova	2-2
Johnson	2-2
Florin	1-3
Valley	0-4

Metro League

League	Overall
Monterey Trail	6-0
Burbank	5-1
Laguna Creek	4-2
Grant	3-3
Kennedy	2-4
River City	1-5
McClatchy	0-6

Sierra Valley

League	Overall
Union Mine	5-0
El Dorado	4-1
Bradshaw Chris.	3-2
Rosemont	2-3
Liberty Ranch	1-4
Galt	0-5

Girls Basketball

Delta League	League	Overall
Cosumnes Oaks	5-1	13-8
Franklin	4-2	13-10
St. Francis	4-2	9-11
Davis	4-2	12-9
Pleasant Grove	3-3	10-11
Sheldon	1-5	8-14
Elk Grove	0-6	3-15

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League	Overall
West Campus	5-0
Cordova	3-1
Valley	2-2
Johnson	2-2
Natomas	2-3
Foothill	1-3
Florin	0-4

Metro League

League	Overall
McClatchy	6-0
Grant	5-1
Monterey Trail	4-2
Kennedy	3-3
River City	2-4
Laguna Creek	1-5
Burbank	0-6

Sierra Valley

League	Overall
El Dorado	5-0
Liberty Ranch	4-1
Union Mine	3-2
Rosemont	2-3
Galt	1-4
Bradshaw Chris.	0-5

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Long-Time Football Coach Hoskins Announces Retirement

By John Hull
Citizen Sports Editor

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - In a football off-season when high profile professional and college coaches such as Bill Belichick, Pete Carroll and Nick Saban stepped away from their jobs, it seems almost natural that perhaps the most proficient football coach in and around Elk Grove, Dave Hoskins, announced this week after 57 seasons, he was retiring.

The former coaches could easily be regarded as the greatest coaches of all time in the pros (Belichick) and college (Saban). Locally, Hoskins might have also earned the "GOAT" label amongst local football coaches, with perhaps an apology to guys like Ed Lombardi, who won 134 games at Elk Grove and was a co-head coach with Hoskins in those terrific 1997 and 1998 teams, T.J. Ewing at Monterey Trail and Joe Cattolico at Pleasant Grove, who is now at Granite Bay.

Hoskins started his career at Christian Brothers and got his first head coaching job in 1977 at Valley.

Hoskins liked sharing the head coaching duties as he arrived at Elk Grove and joined up with Lombardi. And, he did so very well, too, alongside Mike Clemons, after Lombardi left to coach in Clovis in 2000. Hoskins and Clemons lost the 2000 Sac-Joaquin Section Division I championship to a young Mike Johnson at Lincoln of Stockton. But the next season they grabbed the Section banner in a convincing win over Fairfield.

In later years came Rick Messer and Jeff Carlson to be co-head coaches of the Thundering Herd with Hoskins. After the 2007 season Hoskins stepped down and, eventually, one of his assistants, Chris Nixon, took over at Elk Grove.

Hoskins, though, couldn't stay away from the sidelines. He went to Sacramento City College and was the Panthers' offensive line coach for a few years. Then Hoskins returned to the high schools and spent time on the coaching staffs at Christian Brothers, Cosumnes Oaks, Franklin and, last season, at Pleasant Grove.

The last couple seasons one could tell age was getting to Hoskins. His knees and other ailments were making it difficult to even walk from the locker room to the football field. Last season he was supported by a cane much of the time. But, go and greet Hoskins and he would smile and reply to the "How are you?" question, "I'm dark, tall and handsome."

After talking with Hoskins, one couldn't help but walk away with a smile on their face.

Ask some of his co-coaches, such as Jeff Carlson.

"What can you say about a legend? Well I will try," he wrote in an email. "I would not be the coach I am today without his mentorship. He will be missed

on the practice field, in the weight room and on Friday nights. I was honored to have coached and teach alongside him for many years."

Dan Davis, the current Florin football coach spent several years as an assistant coach under Hoskins.

"Coach Hoskins is one of kind," Davis wrote in a direct message. "He mentored a lot of players and coaches, he is willing to share what he knows. I enjoy our talks and his time whenever we get together to talk football or family."

Kalan Robinson, who played for Hoskins in 1995 and 1996 at Valley, said both he and his brother were honored to be coached by him.

"Coach Hoskins was an awesome coach," Robinson wrote in an email to the Citizen. "He knew how to get the best out of us. He was funny and serious at the same time. I still quote his one liners to this day! 'Hello Death!' When there is a big hit, or 'I was born at night but not last night!' But I really appreciated him personally. He was not only my coach but my older brother's. And he coached with my Father at Sac City. He had respect for my Father that fell on hard times in life but pushed my brother and I like we were a part of his own."

It's going to be an empty sideline without Dave Hoskins being there. He says he'll miss it, too.

"Working with the kids, the players," he said recently. "I've had about eight kids start in the NFL and they just worked so hard."

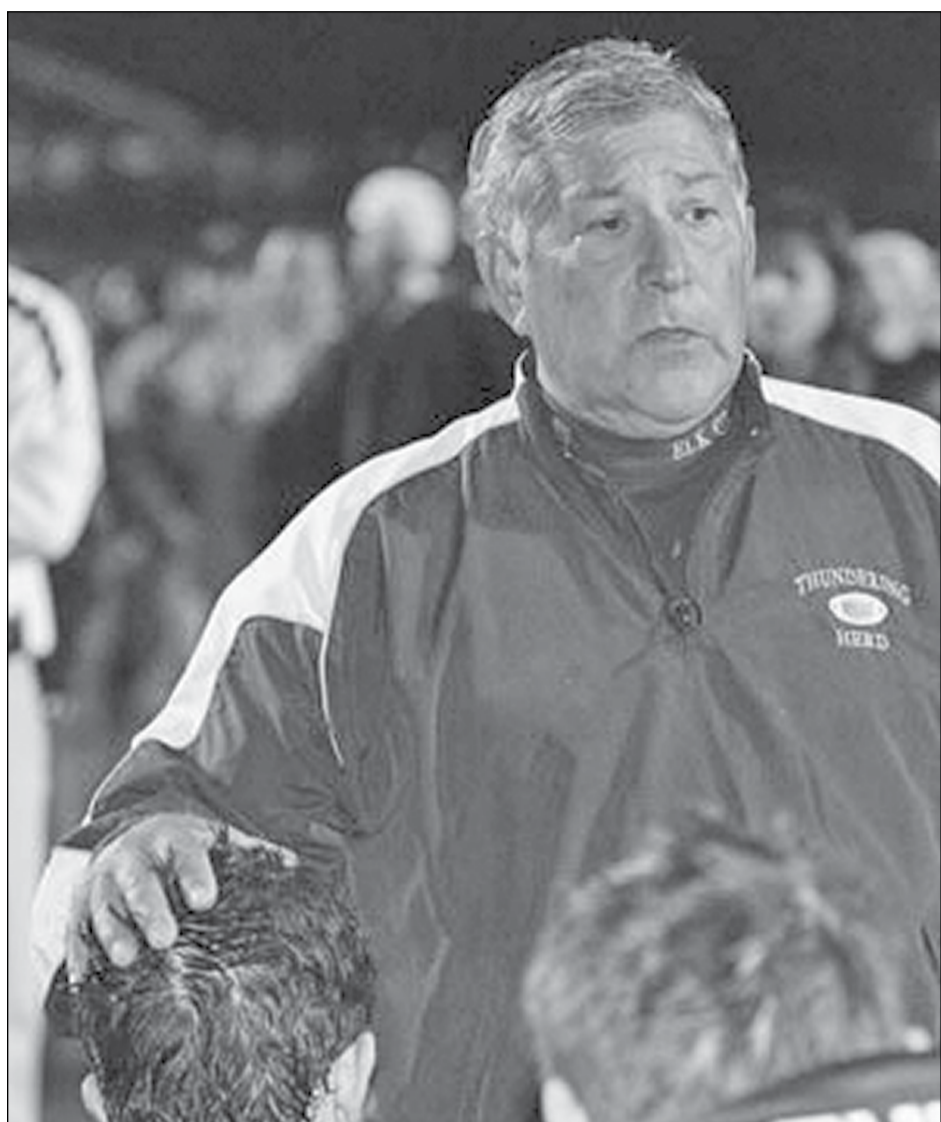
He then talked glowingly about Kenny Wiggins, a 2006 graduate of Elk Grove who spent ten seasons in the NFL, most of it with the Chargers.

"He just wouldn't give up," Hoskins said. "He learned to play three positions; center, guard and tackle. He was so versatile they wouldn't get rid of him because he was so valuable as a backup or a starter."

Others who learned the sport under Hoskins and went onto the pros include Charles Mann, Eason Ransom, Lance Briggs, Matt Kopa and Ryan Dinwiddie. Dinwiddie is currently the head coach of the Toronto Argonauts of the CFL. Briggs was a seven-time all-pro NFL linebacker in Chicago. Ransom played for Hoskins at Valley and eventually was a San Francisco 49er.

As far as his teams Hoskins said his undefeated Elk Grove team in 1998 was the best.

"I had some teams that were comparable but not as good as that team," he said. "The 1970 Christian Brothers team won the Metro Conference for the first time. We were loaded with kids that year. We had seven kids sign Division I. But, that was more individuals than that '98 team. That was a real team." ★



Dave Hoskins spent 57 seasons coaching football, most of them on the high school level in Elk Grove. The former head coach at Valley and Elk Grove High Schools announced this week he was retiring. Elk Grove Citizen File Photo



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