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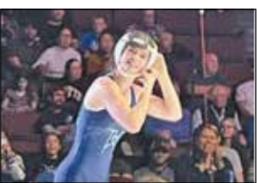
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DA Holds Town Hall in Elk Grove



Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho speaks at a town hall meeting in Elk Grove, intended to address public safety issues. Photo by Matthew Malone

By Matthew Malone Staff Writer

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County District Attorney (DA) Thien Ho held a town hall meeting on Feb. 27 in Elk Grove. He addressed issues ranging from fentanyl overdoses to domestic violence to homelessness, and he took questions from community members. The meeting at the

Elk Grove City Council Chambers was aimed at residents of Elk Grove and Galt, and it was the first in a series of town halls that Ho plans to hold at various locations around the county. "I feel that it's important that the district attorney not only represent the community and serve the community but be a part of the community," Ho told the Citizen. "And

so I wanted to come to the community and listen to people in the community and make sure that their voices are heard."

He said the DA's priorities are "protecting people, protecting communities and preserving promises."

Among the topics that Ho addressed was fentanyl in the illegal drug supply. He said that "99% of drugs that are on the street ... are laced with fentanyl,"

a highly potent substance responsible for many accidental overdoses among people who don't realize it is in the drugs they are using.

Ho said fentanyl is a threat regardless of economic class or neighborhood, and he cited an educational program in schools to alert children of the danger.

The DA's office is also *Continued on Page 5*



Council Approves Calvin Road Project

Story by Shaunna Boyd

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen asked that consideration of the Oak Rose Apartments in Old Town be dropped from the agenda during the Feb. 28 meeting of the Elk Grove City Council.

The project was the subject of a lawsuit alleging violations of affordable housing legislation after City Council denied the project. But a settlement was reached with the developer, Exelerate Housing, to relocate the project to a city-owned property at 8484 Elk Grove-Florin Road, which is a larger site that will accommodate more housing units.

Under the agreement, the city will purchase the Old Town property from Exelerate at the appraised value and will transfer ownership of the Elk Grove-Florin Road site (which was specifically purchased to meet affordable housing needs) to Exelerate at no cost, for the development of a permanent supportive housing development. The city will also award the project a phased grant totaling \$5 million from an affordable housing fund.

The city also agreed to cover Exelerate's incurred costs from the Old Town site, totaling \$850,000, as well as \$860,000 in damages and \$600,000 in attorneys' fees.

The city will be able to review Exelerate's project proposal for the new site and can then approve or deny it by June 30. According to the settlement, if the city denies the project, Exelerate can terminate the agreement and the city will have to pay \$2.2 million but will then retain ownership of both the Old Town and Elk Grove-Florin Road sites.

This settlement does not address the separate but related lawsuit filed against the city by the State of California.

In light of the settlement agreement, City Council voted unanimously to remove consideration of the Oak Rose Apartments in Old Town from the agenda. But many members of the public still signed up to speak *Continued on Page 5*

Man Makes Incredible Recovery

Wilton Man Clinically Dead for Nearly 40 Minutes Makes Remarkable Recovery



Mark and Betsy Hite of Wilton reunite with three members of the Kaiser Permanente South emergency room trauma team who restarted his heart after nearly 40 minutes of clinical death. From left, are Chase Wiley, RN, Tyrone Tiu, RN, the Hites, and Christopher Beck, MD. A Cosumnes Fire ambulance transported Hite to the hospital. Photo by Gail Bullen

By Gail Bullen Staff Writer

WILTON, CA (MPG) - A month after his heart stopped, Wilton resident Mark Hite, 77, had the chance to reunite with three members of the team who brought him back to life although he had been clinically dead for nearly 40 minutes.

The reunion took place outside the Kaiser Permanente South emergency room on Feb. 27. "I've got to admit, I don't remember a whole lot about what happened when we were here," Hite told Dr. Christopher Beck, the emergency physician who

spearheaded the effort to revive him.

"I'm glad you don't remember. We had you paralyzed. We had you knocked out with a breathing tube," Beck said. "You certainly put me through the gamut of almost everything I know about running a code. We had four doctors in there, probably six nurses, a couple of medical students, and a resident. I was almost at the end of what I knew how to do."

Hite's heart had endured 14 shocks from a defibrillator, three times by Wilton firefighters at their home, four times by Cosumnes Fire medics in the

ambulance, and seven times at the hospital. CPR was being administered continuously in between. Additionally, the hospital staff administered 10 or 12 medications.

"I mean it was a kitchen sink effort at that point," Beck recalled.

That's when Beck resorted to a tool he had only used three or four times in his 10-year career as an emergency room (ER) doctor. "We had to double shock you three times and managed to get you back," he told Hite. "But then you were in a dangerous, life-threatening arrhythmia once you got a pulse, but we still had to

shock you another three or four times."

Beck said the situation was so precarious that he hesitated to leave the ER to update the family. "We were with you for over an hour before you were safe to come out of the sickest room in the ER," he told Hite.

One of Beck's colleagues checked on Hite that night and found him awake, and Beck visited the intensive care unit (ICU) the following day. He recounted how they shook hands, and Hite wrote him a note.

"It was a wonderful CPR case," Beck said. "The *Continued on Page 3*

Laguna Creek Tech Academy Cleared for Launch

By Matthew Malone
Staff Writer

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The anticipation is building at Laguna Creek High School's Green Energy and Technology Academy (GETA) as students there prepare to launch a balloon into low orbit.

The academy held tests on Feb. 28, checking the rate of ascent for their "pico" balloon and practicing the proper release technique.

Science teacher Eric Johnson said the students were using their knowledge of the lift from the pico balloon, a plastic balloon filled with hydrogen, to determine how soon it would reach its planned altitude of 46,000 feet.

A beacon attached to the balloon will transmit its latitude, longitude, altitude and temperature every 10 minutes. Between transmissions, it will send the following message in Morse code: "Hello from the GETA students at Laguna Creek High School - KN6TNH."

The message ends with Johnson's radio call sign.

Johnson said pico balloons can stay aloft for months and even circumnavigate the planet. He cited one balloon launched by mentor David Voit.

"His (Voit's) latest balloon has been around the world, I think, 15 times, and it's going on 10 months in the air," Johnson said, "As long as you don't have a catastrophic disaster. ... Little meteorites could hit it. You hit a thunderstorm and it just launches it."

As the students practiced releasing their balloon, Johnson and the program's adult mentors emphasized the importance of each person involved. One student holding the balloon itself needed to wait until the air was very still before letting go. Then a second student holding the beacon moved underneath the balloon, making sure it wouldn't swing out of control as the balloon ascended.

"I'm just excited to see our balloon go around the world," Green Energy and Technology Academy member Trevor Matsumoto said when asked about what he's looking forward to on Launch Day, a sentiment shared by multiple classmates.

Olivia Puente, in line to be academy co-president next year, said that the Green Energy and Technology Academy has taught her problem-solving skills.

"In GETA, you do hands-on, so when something doesn't work, you have to



Laguna Creek High School's Green Energy and Technology Academy students practice launching their pico balloon on Feb. 28. Photos by Matthew Malone



Green Energy and Technology Academy coordinator Eric Johnson measures fishing line for the pico balloon launch test.



Green Energy and Technology Academy students pause for a photo while working on a hydrogen-powered RC car, one of the academy's various projects.



Green Energy and Technology Academy students pose for a photo.

physically learn how to go do that," she said.

Calm weather is ideal for launching a pico balloon, so the release date is subject to change. Johnson said the plan is to launch during spring break on March 13. ★

Jessie Baker School Celebrates Read Across America

By Matthew Malone
Staff Writer

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Jessie Baker School students showcased their reading talents on March 1, as part of the school's celebration of Read Across America Day.

The festivities included assemblies at which a secretary, a teacher, an occupational assistant and a paraeducator, read to the students.

Then came the Reader Showcase, in which student volunteers took turns reading aloud from two Dr. Seuss books: "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" and "Green Eggs and Ham."

An audience of their classmates and teachers lent their support and applauded as each student finished their section. They were all dressed cozily because it was also Pajama Day. Teacher Anthony Marquez hosted the showcase and held the book for many of the readers.

Jessie Baker School specializes in educating children with developmental disabilities.

"Today, the Reader Showcase has been such a joy to see the students reading and to see the fruit of their efforts," Marquez told the Citizen. "They've all been practicing. And so it's just a great day to celebrate their achievement."

Marquez said the Dr. Seuss books were chosen because of the timing of Read Across America, which falls on or near the famed children's book author's birthday: March 2.



Student Patricia Huyhn reads from "Green Eggs and Ham," accompanied by teacher Anthony Marquez.

"Dr. Seuss has inspired kids to learn to read ... so we sometimes will use Dr. Seuss books," he said.

The students who volunteered practiced reading their assigned pages for about two weeks, with help from their teacher and Marquez.

"It's such a great joy to see. These students have so much value," Marquez said. "They are different but they're not any less valuable than anyone else and I'm just so thankful to have this opportunity."

"I'm thankful to God, thankful to the school, thankful to be able to serve them and to see their growth and how proud they are," Marquez said. "It can bring a tear to my eye." ★



Jessie Baker School students participated in the Reader Showcase, part of the school's celebration of Read Across America Day. Photos by Matthew Malone

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Resident Warns of Impending Train Wreck Inside Rancho Murieta



Resident Ted Hart believes the three major entities in the community are on the same track heading for a train wreck. He spoke at the Rancho Murieta Association Board meeting on Feb. 20 and at the CSD Board meeting on Feb. 21. Photo by Gail Bullen

By Gail Bullen
Staff Writer

RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG) - A resident's warning about an imminent train wreck, a storm damage report, a new water fountain at Clementia Park, and upcoming street repairs were topics when the Rancho Murieta Association Board met on Feb. 20. Several committee chairs also updated the board on recent activities.

Train wreck

Longtime resident Ted Hart told the board he was worried about liability falling onto homeowners because of problems being experienced by the three major entities in Rancho Murieta. Besides RMA, the entities are the, Rancho Murieta Community Services District (CSD) and the Rancho Murieta Country Club. Hart made his remarks during public comments.

"For years they have run down separate tracks," he said. "Now they are converging onto the same track, heading for a collision."

As examples of the problems, Hart said the country club is pursuing bankruptcy, CSD has security issues and another lawsuit, and RMA is trying to decide whether to take over security.

Hart said homeowners end of paying for all of the entities.

"These entities, each one of them, needs to be turned over to an outside contractor. We need to be rid of them," Hart said. "The primary reason is to remove the homeowner liability for all of these things that have gone on and seem to continue going on with a proven inability to manage."

Hart urged the RMA Board to take over security immediately and to contract with a private security company that doesn't arm its employees with guns.

Hart said his primary focus was to get the community to come together with the board. "This board, CSD, and the country club, you need to sit down together and say if this happens in bankruptcy, that will have an effect on everyone," he said.

Because Hart made his remarks during public comments and his topic wasn't on the agenda the board didn't respond. This is the customary practice under the law covering HOAs.

Hart made similar remarks at the CSD Board meeting the following night. He said what happens at the country club and elsewhere will influence what happens with security. "You will never be able to compare to an outside private entity as for cost and coverage," he said.

CSD Board President Time Maybee thanked Hart for his comments and said he understood the issues he had raised.

Storm Damage

Maintenance Manager Troy Schaffer reported that all three of the work crews had been cleaning up storm damage for a couple of weeks. During and after the worst storm on Feb. 4, they cut up a couple dozen trees including two that fell on houses. The Feb. 29 storm only took down one large tree on Terreno Drive, but employees had to respond on the holiday.

The storm also caused some damage to a baseball field at Stonehouse Park, the Chesbro Lake boat dock, and nine signs. He said the crews also stayed busy cleaning up the streets and hauling away debris piles.

Asked about flooding, Schaffer said he hadn't received any reports. That was likely due to the crews clearing the storm drains before and after the storms.

Water Fountain

Director Renee Bechthold, who also is the president of the Rancho Murieta

Optimist Club, said her group was disbanding at the end of the month and was donating \$2,000 to install a new water fountain at Clementia Park. She asked the board to approve spending \$1,500 from the exclusive use fund to cover the remaining cost of the bi-level water fountain that is ADA compliant and includes a pet bowl. The vote to approve her motion was unanimous.

General Manager Rod Hart said the old fountain was falling apart because of age and was taken out when the crews expanded the concrete at the park. He said employees installed plumbing to a new location for a replacement fountain so it wouldn't get hit by vehicles.

Street repairs

During his general manager's report, Hart said he and Schaffner had met with the association's consultant and have selected the roads that will be addressed this year and said the bids would be moving forward.

Hart said that Domingo Court will receive an overlay, partial concrete gutter replacement, concrete valley gutter replacement, and additional valley gutter to address a drainage issue. Lago Circle will be overlaid including the parks and miscellaneous concrete repairs. Reynosa Drive from the golf cart crossing to Riverview Park will be overlaid.

Streets that will be crack-sealed with a micro surface include Murieta Parkway from first Guadalupe Drive to Camino Del Lago, Nueva Drive, Medella Circle and Rebano Court.

Hart said asphalt dig-out repairs and concrete repairs will take place throughout the community. Other business

- In his president's report, Director Scott Adams said the board received an update from the attorney at the Greenfield lawsuit and legal enforcement of the community's trail system, both in executive session. He said the board also discussed how to deal with a specific vendor who has had numerous speed violations.

- Director Danny Carrillo, who chairs the Communication Committee, said his group discussed many issues such as updating RMA forms and improving the website.

- Director Tom Reimers, who chairs the Compliance Committee, said CSD security officers issues nine citations in January while RMA compliance officers issued 39. He said the committee also discussed revising nonarchitectural rule to address parking by vehicles and golf carts in red zones and areas roped off for special events.

- Director Renee Bechthold said her group spent most of the last meeting scheduling upcoming events for 2024 that included four Bingo games, the opening of the spray park, and events for Halloween and Christmas.

The board will hold its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. on March 19. ★

them say: "We've got something. It's faint. Let's go." As they loaded him up in the Cosumnes ambulance, she directed them to take Hite to Mercy General Hospital.

"No," a Cosumnes paramedic told her. "We don't have an extra 12 minutes. We are going to Kaiser South Trauma Center."

The vigil outside the emergency room was tense although one of her daughter's friends who works for Kaiser arranged for a doctor and a social worker to meet with them in a private room.

Hite seemed completely out of it the following day at the ICU. They worried he might not wake up. However, their grandchildren who are "super 49ers fans" still lobbied him to watch the game against the Detroit Lions.

"They all just kept saying 'Papa, you know the Niners can't get to the Super Bowl without you. They need you,'" Betsy Hite recalled. "That when Mark squeezed our granddaughter Sawyer's hand," she said. Transferred to Mercy General on Jan. 29, Hite underwent extensive cardiac surgery on Feb. 1st, repairing the mitral valve and implanting a pacemaker/defibrillator. His recovery progressed, and he was discharged on Feb. 5.

Grateful for the care they received at Kaiser, Betsy Hite arranged for the heartfelt reunion with Dr. Beck. She presented him with a basket of homemade Meyer Lemon marmalade, Meyer Lemon curd and scones she had made herself and her daughter Kali Dittrich gave him specialized candied walnuts from her orchard in Clements.

"You know that I am not a volunteer and that I get paid to do this," Beck told them as he juggled the baskets of goodies.

Two of the nurses who worked that night also came outside for the reunion. Tyrone Tiu said they usually don't know what happens to code patients after they are taken to the ICU. "For you guys to take the time to say thank you, is a big deal for us," he said.

Hite's case also was a reminder about why he went into nursing, Tiu added.

"You were a cool story," Chase Wiley told Hite. "You were the talk of the town for several weeks."

Hite was asked his thoughts in the aftermath of the extraordinary efforts to save him. "I owe my life to the dedication, skill, and extraordinary competence of a lot of people, including my wife; Wilton Fire; Cosumnes Fire, Kaiser South ER personnel, and the cardiology unit at Mercy General Hospital. I'm looking forward to whatever is in store for me on this unexpected extension of my life." ★

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amazing thing is you were down for almost 40 minutes and you are still neurologically intact."

Beck commended everyone who administered CPR, beginning with Betsy Hite and ending with students at the hospital. "Your heart was not effectively pumping for that entire time," Beck said. "So it was those people's hands that keep blood going to your brain to where you are awake now. They all did a wonderful job."

Betsy Hite will never forget what happened late in the afternoon on Jan. 25. She and Hite had come home from an uneventful test to visualize his leaking mitral valve that was to be surgically repaired in upcoming weeks at Mercy General Hospital.

Since he had fasted all day, she began to fix him some eggs when she heard his head hit the table. She felt his neck and couldn't find a pulse, and when she picked up his arm, it flopped down.

"I threw a glass of iced water at him, but he couldn't talk," she said. "So I just called 911 with the house phone and put it on speaker."

Guided by the 911 operator, who remained calm and directive, she pulled Hite down to the floor, cracking his head in the process. But the 911 operator assured her that was the least of her worries.

Asked if she knew CPR, she said had taken a CPR class but couldn't remember. Reminding her of a drill sergeant, the 911 operator kept counting "One. Two. Three. Four." He also told her to stick to compressions with no mouth-to-mouth breathing.

The 911 operator could tell by her breathing that she hadn't initially placed her hands in the right position and told her to move her hand down into the softer tissue. "Then I was really deep, and could see him exhaling air, she said.

At one point she heard something snap and stopped. "Oh my God, I've broken a rib," she said.

"That means you are doing it right, just keep going," he told her.

Betsy Hite appreciated how the 911 operator also kept her apprised of the arrival time for medics.

After seven minutes, four Wilton firefighters burst through the unlocked front door and swiftly took over CPR, started an IV, put nitroglycerin under Hite's tongue, and administered the first shock. One of the firefighters realized Betsy Hite was seeing the flat line on the monitor and turned it away before they administered a second shock.

After shocking Hite a third time, she heard

MEMORIAL

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Roberta (Berta) er moving to Galt then Elk Grove. Berta worked in various secretarial jobs. She was an avid reader and excellent tole painter. In addition, she was an accomplished knitter and quilter... her family kept warm in and under her works of art. Berta was a founding member of the Wilton Garden Club.

Roberta is preceded in death by her husband Charles, son John, sister Colleen and brothers Creston and Delbert as well as son-in-law Tim McCarty. She leaves behind sisters Jeannie and Leathia, also children: Charlotte McCa-

erty, David (Bonnie) Webb, daughter-in-law: Jeanne Webb, seven grandchildren, two great grand children, and many nieces and nephews.

Berta was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister...she was a great friend and neighbor to many. Mom/Grandma was famous for her apple tart which she regularly made in her largest sheet pan, only to watch quickly disappear at annual Easter gatherings.

A gathering to celebrate her extraordinary life is currently being planned.

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Spider-Man 2099 to Pokemon Attended Ohana Comic-Con

Photos and stories by Emanuel Espinoza

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Scores of residents joined the world of comics, anime, science fiction and other fandoms as the Ohana Comic-Con returned to Soccer World on March 2.

Several attendees dressed as their favorite characters, including Spider-Man 2099, The Predator and Pokemon members.

Ziggy Star, co-promoter for the convention, said this event is held "every weekend" as they travel to various cities. One example was the con in Hollister the following day and the following weekend in Folsom, and a couple of others in Salinas and Santa Cruz. Star said that they differ from other cons because of how often this one is held.

"We hold these events every weekend," Star said. "But we are also helping my buddy with the Omega Con on Memorial Day weekend in Fresno."

Like many other cons, this event had several vendors ranging from artists who do fan art and comic books to vendors selling sports memorabilia and autographed pictures to also vendors selling video games and plushies.

Artist Jade Gonzalez of Woodland, owner of Jadedxcreations, said she had done the Ohana Comic Con in her hometown before and is looking to branch out into doing cons in other locations. However, Gonzalez said

she had done other events in the Bay Area and Sacramento before.

Gonzalez's booth was devoted to her artwork. She said she was selling prints at the moment, but some of her other works were of original canvas paintings and also had done digital artwork.

"I took pictures of my art and made them into prints and did all of this at home," Gonzalez said.

Branden Sanderson, owner of Midnight Comics and artist/writer of his "Malevolent Rising" comic book series, said he had been doing a lot of comic cons as of late, one of which being the Lodi Comic Con Fall this past September.

"I usually do a con every weekend," Sanderson said. "I do three a month. I am all over the place."

Sanderson said he had been self-publishing his work since 2019. After every con and show he participated in, Sanderson said, he had gained more followers. He said his comic business gets bigger every year and makes more books and travels farther to do other events.

"As time has gone on, I've grown quite a bit," Sanderson said. "When I first started promoting my work, I hardly had any followers, but now I have little under a thousand followers."

Amelia Pendleton, a watercolor and digital artist from Palo Alto, said she had come back to doing cons this past year after being away because of the pandemic.



Residents of all ages had fun at the Ohana Comic Con at Soccer World on March 2

"The first con I went to after a long time was the Fan Expo in San Francisco," Pendleton said. "My friend and I had a great time and I've been enjoying doing shows and getting back into them since."

Pendleton said she started drawing fan art after watching a particular series and wanted to do more with some of the characters and bring her own twist and flair to them.

"It comes from the love of watching the series and wanting to do more like bring my own twist and flair to the characters," Pendleton said. "I did that a lot with the books I read as a kid like 'Harry Potter' and 'Lord of the Rings.'"



Many attendees participated at the March 2 Ohana Comic-Con while dressing up as their favorite characters. Pictured here is one man dressed as Spider-Man 2099.

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Chair Exercise 9:00 am	Knit & Crochet 9:30 am	Exercise for Your Brain & Body NEW 8:30 am	Chair Exercise 9:00 am	Quilting 8:30 am
Women's Talk Group 10:00 am	Men's Talk Group 9:30 am	Chair Exercise 9:00 am	Open Artist Studio 9:00 am	Chair Exercise 9:00 am
Chair Exercise 10:00 am	Zumba Gold 10:00 am	Chair Exercise 10:00 am	Open Games 9:00 am	Mahjong 9:30 am
Standing Pilates 10:00 am	Guitar Workshop 11:00 am	Tai Chi 10:00 am	Zumba Gold 10:00 am	Chair Exercise 10:00 am
Open Games 10:00 am	Zumba Chair 11:30 am	Alzheimer's Mar 6 10:00 am	Beginning Spanish 10:30 am	Parkinson's Caregivers Support Mar 22 10:15 am
Aerobics NEW 11:30 am	Sign Language 12:30 pm	Parkinson's Mar 20 10:30 am	Ham It Up 11:30 am	Bingo 12:00 pm
Core & Strength 11:30 am	Mahjong 1:00 pm	Ukulele 10:30 am	Light Body Toning 11:30 am	Bridge 1:00 pm
Beginning Line Dance 1:00 pm	Hawaiian Hula 1:00 pm	Beginning Guitar NEW 11:00 am	Intermediate Spanish 12:00 pm	
Bridge 1:00 pm	Line Dance All Levels 2:00 pm	Book Group Mar 13 11:00 am	Scrabble 12:00 pm	
Writers Group 1:00 pm	Genealogy 2:00 pm	Jazz Dance 11:00 am	Rock Painting Mar 7 & 21 1:00 pm	
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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.

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 Batiking, 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. (*Availability of these classes can change at any time*)

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

Beginning Acrylic with Andrea Morris – March 23, 2024

To sign up for classes and learn more about the classes, please visit <https://elkgrovefineartscenter.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:

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://elkgrovefineartscenter.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.

View Artwork from Elk Grove

At: <http://webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove/>. 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. ★

POLICE LOGS

Friday, Feb. 23

10:14 a.m., 7400 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Mariah Mickens, 24, and Shakira Brown, 24, on grand theft and organized retail theft charges.

5:37 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove-Florin Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Robert Turner, 28, on trespassing charges.

8:33 p.m., 8400 block of Laguna Springs Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Daniel Pandobaquera, 53, on DUI charges.

9:29 p.m., Highway 99/Eschinger Road: Elk Grove Police arrested

Manuel Barriga, 39, on charges of DUI, evading police and child endangerment.

Saturday, Feb. 24

12:31 a.m., Laguna Boulevard/West Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Houmphanh Phoukatam, 48, on DUI charges.

1:36 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Esteban Araujo, 34, on receiving a stolen vehicle charge.

2:08 a.m., Laguna Boulevard/Laguna Main Street: Elk Grove

Police arrested Giovanni Esparza, 21, on charges of DUI and driving with an open container of alcohol or marijuana.

2:50 a.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Carlos Zamora, 45, on domestic violence charges.

3:45 a.m., 7400 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Vincent Tomas, 43, on warrant charges.

7:54 p.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Manuel Hernandez, 63, on public intoxication charges.

Sunday, Feb. 25

1:50 a.m., 8500 Bond Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Rani Matthews, 30, on meth and drug paraphernalia possession, and warrant charges.

3:09 a.m., Laguna Boulevard/Laguna Main Street: Elk Grove Police arrested Garon Gallegos, 35, on DUI charges.

12:15 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Ajanee Johnson, 26, on elder abuse and domestic battery charges.

Monday, Feb. 26

12:38 p.m., Bellaterra Drive/Whitelock Parkway:

Elk Grove Police arrested Anthony Domingos on burglary tool possession and warrant charges.

9:53 p.m., Grant Line Road/Highway 99: Elk Grove Police arrested Mario Rafanan, 52, on charges of felony reckless evading, resisting arrest, assault to cause great bodily injury, and receiving a stolen vehicle.

10:21 p.m., 10050 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Jesse Sotelo, 51, on DUI charges.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

5:17 p.m., confidential

location: Elk Grove Police arrested Andrea Giles, 47, on domestic violence charges.

9:17 p.m., Bond Road/East Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Jose Gonzalez, 22, on participating in a speed contest charge.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

4:18 p.m., 10200 block of Iron Rock Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Jose Reyes-Angel, 42, on charges of unlawful tear gas possession, and drug paraphernalia and meth possession. ★

DA Holds Town Hall in Elk Grove

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creating a rapid fentanyl response team to investigate overdoses and find the source of the drug, Ho said.

“What we’re doing at the DA’s office is we’re giving warnings in every case where somebody is selling drugs, and then if we are able to tie you into it for selling drugs that resulted in the death of someone from fentanyl ... you can be charged with murder,” Ho said.

He added that there were four ongoing cases charging people with murder for selling fentanyl-laced drugs.

Ho also spoke about a partnership with the city of Elk Grove and a domestic-violence program.

“When we’re talking about protecting people, in Elk Grove, we were able to partner with the City Council and Supervisor Pat Hume to bring a community prosecutor to Elk Grove,” he told the Citizen. “We were also able to develop a domestic violence app to help domestic violence victims with the resources, shelter, information about their offender; and then also, in terms of preserving promises, to make sure that we are out here in the community being heard and dealing with the homeless crisis.”

A major topic brought up by attendees was the case of Doshmen Johnson, who supporters have said was wrongly convicted in 2009 in a deadly shooting. Johnson is serving a life sentence without parole, having been convicted in the homicide of Perry Steele.

Members of Johnson’s family and other supporters attended the town hall to ask that the DA prioritize the wrongful-conviction claim.

Franki Jones, whose eyewitness testimony helped convict Johnson, said she did not believe Johnson was the killer and when she tried to tell this to investigators at the time, she was ignored.

“I’m here right now just to be able to speak to you directly because something needs to be done. ... I was wrong, and

I’m taking accountability right now, and I’m doing my due diligence, and everyone else should too,” Jones said.

Johnson’s wife said calls to reconsider the case have gone unheard.

“We’re grieving. We’ve been grieving. We’re suffering because we haven’t been heard, because nobody is listening. I appreciated when you said that you are here to listen. ... I appreciate you holding this town hall just so we can be heard. We haven’t been heard,” she said.

The attendees said Steele’s family believes that Johnson is not guilty.

Ho said the case is with the DA’s Justice, Training and Integrity Unit, which evaluates wrongful-conviction claims.

“In any particular case, we strive to achieve justice and the truth, and there is the side of the individual that’s accused of a crime and the side of somebody who is a victim of a crime. And I always want make sure that we get it right. That’s the most important thing,” Ho said, continuing that his office would get in touch with Johnson’s supporters.

The mayors of Elk Grove and Galt were both in attendance and gave positive assessments of the town hall.

“I was really proud to see him (Ho) connecting with the community,” Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen said. “We have not seen this level of engagement before, so that partnership exists because he’s actively involved and he cares about public safety in all of the communities, in all of the cities, but also respective communities within a city, and so I love his proactive approach as you can hear he’s very humble.”

Galt Mayor Paul Sandhu said he attended to learn more about the DA’s approach to homelessness. He was optimistic on future town halls.

“I was thinking he will do very good. He gave everybody who asked their answers,” Sandu said. “He had a lot of patience to listen to the public.” ★

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on the topic during Public Comment. Some residents thanked City Council for denying the project at the Old Town site and for not giving in, despite the lawsuits, such as Randy Becker, who said, “Don’t mess with Old Town.”

However, others criticized the City Council for fighting the lawsuits and putting the city on the hook for high settlement costs. Steve Lee said that he understands the council was “between a rock and a hard place” but “instead of biting the bullet and admitting you missed the opportunity to buy the land and not later admitting the law was not on our side, you decided to fight it—a losing battle from the start.”

“For what? A handful of NIMBYs [Not in My Backyards] who don’t want low-income housing near them. Now every citizen in this city has to pay. It’s not fair to every taxpayer in the city,” Lee said. “The relocated project is now being forced into an existing neighborhood, who basically is being blindsided by the project that they cannot possibly stop now. Where’s their representation? Why can’t they scream NIMBY and have the council cow to them?”

Still other members of the public objected to the new location proposed in the settlement.

Elk Grove resident Liz Marshall, who lives near the new project site, asked, “Where’s the outreach? ... Why aren’t property owners

in my neighborhood being informed?”

Putting a large housing unit into an established residential neighborhood, Marshall said, will result in “a decrease in our home values. It’s congestion, it’s school crowding, it’s crime, it’s blight, it’s police calls.”

Marshall also said that the location wouldn’t be beneficial for new residents of the proposed complex, since it is surrounded only by residential housing with no nearby amenities, social services, medical facilities or jobs: “It’s a lose-lose-lose.”

A public hearing was held to consider a conditional use permit and major design review amendment of the previously-approved battle for a new ARCO AM/PM fueling station, car wash and convenience store. The proposal also includes a request for a determination of Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN) for a Type 21 alcohol license for the sale of beer, wine and spirits for off-site consumption.

The project site is located at 8798 Calvine Road, near the southwest corner of Calvine Road and Elk Grove-Florin Road, and is part of the Calvine Pointe project approved in 2005. The area was rezoned at that time as a shopping center for seven commercial lots. Most of the commercial sites have already been constructed: Kohls, Bank of America, El Pollo Loco, The Island Pacific Seafood Market, City Sports Club and a multi-tenant shop building.

The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) requires applicants obtain a public convenience or necessity from the local jurisdiction when the site is within a higher-than-average crime area and/or when the census tract is overconcentrated with licenses for alcohol sale, both of which apply to this project site. However, the Elk Grove Police Department reviewed the project’s safety plan and found that approval would likely not result in increased calls for service and that there was no public safety reason to oppose the license.

The public convenience or necessity request must show how the license will be a convenience for the public. The applicant explained that the location is not a liquor store but a convenience store for those picking up a few items while refueling their vehicles, thus limiting the number of stops that have to be made.

A traffic study projected no increased traffic congestion from the project since it will be in an established shopping center. Staff determined that there would be minimal impacts to surrounding neighborhoods and that the project would provide the convenience of fueling and quick shopping.

There were no public comments on this item and the project was unanimously approved by City Council.

The next Elk Grove City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. March 13 at City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way. ★

ABOUT TOWN

EG Historical Society speaker series March 18

The Elk Grove Historical Society's speaker series continues on March 18 with a presentation by Andrei Pischalnikoff, aka Dr. R. Snick. The Dr. R. Snick Medicine Show will reveal quackery, dangerous medicines and devices from the Victorian Era to the early 20th century. His talk will start at 6:30 p.m. The speaker series program is presented at the Presbyterian Church, 8153 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 50, EG (facing Big Horn Boulevard).

Elk Grove American Legion Baseball

Under the Pillar of Americanism, American Legion Baseball was established in 1926. The leadership of the American Legion's Elk Grove Post 233 is sponsoring the return of American Legion Baseball to the Elk Grove area for 2024. The players come from the high school age group (ages 13-19). The season runs from the end of the high school season with hopefully a shot at the National Championship in early August after regional qualification.

We are committed to growing the game in the Elk Grove area and providing our young men with the opportunity to compete in a sport they love and a chance to represent the Elk Grove area community.

We will be working out at local baseball fields and the Elk Grove Sports Lab located in Elk Grove at 9752 Kent Street, Building 200, which is owned by David, Ray, and Rick Hernandez. We also have support from many former professional baseball players including Elk Grove alumni Jared Deacon, Ray Hernandez, David Hernandez who played in the major leagues over 10 years, and many other former Elk Grove area college and professional players. We will be developing a highly competitive American Legion Baseball team from the Elk Grove area that is accessible to our regions high school players with minimal cost to the players. We will play other American Legion teams with two to three games a week starting the first week of June through the week of July 10th with the goal of collecting enough points to play in the Area I championship tournament in July in Fairfield. If we are successful in the Area I tournament, we will be able to go to the American

Legion State Tournament that will be played at UCLA's Jackie Robinson Stadium. We are committed to growing the game in the Elk Grove area and providing our young men with the opportunity to compete in a sport they love and a chance to represent the Elk Grove area community.

For more information, please contact Dennis Barksdale, Elk Grove Post 233 American Legion Baseball, Baseball Program General Manager, Member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 233, 916-207-9026, dcb@claybar.com.

Garden Club slates Pre-Mother's Day plant sale

The River Valley Garden Club would like to thank the communities of Wilton, Sloughhouse, and Rancho Murieta for their continued support of our club's projects and activities. Your support of our Garden Stroll in May 2023 allowed the club to award three scholarships to outstanding community college students, and five grants to exceptional community organizations and nonprofits. The club will host a Garden Stroll every other year during the years ending in an odd number, the next one to be in 2025. During years ending in an even number, the club will host a spectacular plant sale on the Saturday before Mother's Day. This year that date will be Saturday, May 11. We look forward to seeing you there.

Alta Mesa Gun Club Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner March 16

The Alta Mesa Gun Club of Wilton will kick off the St. Patrick's Day season and host their annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 16.

Social hour begins at 5 p.m., followed by the 6 p.m. Dinner. Tickets are \$30 per person (ages 13 and up) and \$15 per person (ages 12 and under). Dinner tickets can be purchased at the clubhouse Mondays, Thursday, and Fridays from 5-9 p.m. or via GPay at altamesagunclub@gmail.com.

For more information on tickets, call 916-716-7329 or 916-996-8861. The Alta Mesa Gun Club is at 10100 Reigl Rd., Wilton.

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.

Widowed Persons Social Club Activities for February, March

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.

March 2 – 10:30 Coffee Gathering – Meet at Peets Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

March 4 – 10:30 AM – WPSC Board Meeting at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Open to all members.

March 4 – 12:00 Noon – Lunch at Taqueria los Compadres II, 9771 E. Stockton Blvd., #150, Elk Grove. Contact is Barbara at 916-516-6009.

March 7 – 12:00 Noon no-host Lunch & Bunco at Round Table, 8795 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

March 8 – 10:00 AM Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

March 13 – 12:00 Noon no-host Lunch followed by Beginners' Pinochle at Original Mike's, 9139 East Stockton Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

March 15 – 10:00 AM Pinochle at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

March 21 – 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 at 916-802-4524.

March 22 – 10:00 AM Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

March 28 – 5:00 PM – Dinner at Olive Garden, 7480 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove. Contact is Joyce at 916-896-0831.

March 27 – 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.

March 28 – 12:00 Noon no-host Lunch & Bunco at Round Table, 8795 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

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

Gardeners of the Grove March 5, 2024 Meeting

The Gardeners of the Grove will hold its March meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Our speaker will be Mackenzie Wieser, CEO, Sacramento Splash (rescheduled from January's meeting.) Sacramento Splash provides science based programs that help children understand and connect to the natural world. Through their formal and informal programs, tours and projects, Splash makes science fun, sparking natural curiosity and interest in the world around us.

The meeting will be held at the Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd. (Entrance is on the Elk Grove Blvd. side.) Social time starts at 6:00 PM and the meeting begins at 6:30 PM.

All are welcome! For more information, contact Anne Padilla apadilla0511@gmail.com

Caregivers Support Group's Weekly Meetings

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

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

EG Lions Club's Monthly Community Breakfasts

Community members are invited to enjoy breakfast every month at the Gil Albani Recreation Center, courtesy of the Elk Grove Lions Club.

This feast is held 8-10 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month. On the menu: pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, and fruit. The Lions also serve biscuits and gravy on special

occasions.

Breakfast is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children. The Albani Recreation Center is at 8830 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove.

Sons of the American Legion 233 Invites Male Descendants

The Sons of the American Legion, Elk Grove Squadron 233, invites male descendants of a parent or grandparent who served or is serving in the United States military to a monthly meeting on the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 pm to honor their service and sacrifices. Meetings are held at the Veteran's Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove 95757. This group meets next on February 5th, March 4th, and April 1st. For further information, please contact Mike McVean at 916-747-3021 [call or text] or email MDMcVean@gmail.com.

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 next meeting will be held March 28th, 2024.

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 from 7-8 pm in the same location.

For questions, please contact Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128.

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

Our next Saturday breakfast will be held March 2nd 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 Albani 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.

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. ★

MEETING MINDERS

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

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

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

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

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

The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees will have their special meeting Tuesday, March 19, 2024 beginning at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held in-person at the Trigg Education Center, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road. Members of the public can also view it online by using the Zoom application and visiting the school district's website, www.EGUSD.net. Past board meetings can be watched on the district's YouTube

channel, "ElkGroveUnified."

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

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



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CSD Receives a Relatively Good Audit Report for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year

By Gail Bullen
Staff Writer

RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG) - The just-completed audit report for the 20/21 fiscal year finally became a topic when the Rancho Murieta Community Services District Financial Committee met on Feb. 29.

General Manager Mimi Morris described it as a “fine audit” despite being a qualified report. “There is a lot of forward motion that can happen now that the audit is done,” she said.

The district had been working on the audit since the summer of 2022, which is an unusually long time, Morris said. However, later in the meeting, she described the 20/21 fiscal year “as a big of a dumpster fire.” The auditors also sent the district a punch list of 79 financial record problems that had to be fixed before they could complete an audit.

The Finance Committee is comprised of Directors Martin Pohll and Stephen Booth, Morris, Director of Finance and Administration Mark Matulich, and other staff. They review financial issues in depth and make recommendations to the entire board.

Morris asked Matulich to go into detail about the audit report, which had been sent to the district by Richardson & Co. several days earlier.

Matulich said the district is like five businesses, which adds complexity to the accounting. He said the auditors gave an unmodified opinion, which is a clean audit, on the drainage, solid waste, and security fund. However, the district received a qualified opinion on the water and sewer funds.

“What that means is that except for a specific matter than the auditors discuss here in their report, the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects,” he said.

The qualification has to do with the district’s lack of methodology for valuing and recording easements and developer-donated infrastructure as capital assets. Matulich said the district has developed a procedure to account for new infrastructure moving forward. The challenge will be going backward to account for past donations that were never booked, a task the



Mark Matulich explains the long-awaited audit of the 2020/21 fiscal year at the Feb. 29 meeting of the Rancho Murieta Community Services District Finance Committee on Feb. 29. Photo by Gail Bullen

auditors are assuming will take a long time.

Matulich also discussed and answered questions about the district’s financial statements that were incorporated into the report. Among the points of interest were that the district’s net position, increased by \$5.1 million over the previous year, but the operating budget still ended up \$1.2 million in the red. The reserves also stood at \$7.9 million.

Pohll asked if the board would have to wait for 21/22 and 21/23 to be completed before having confidence in the reserve balances. Matulich told him that based on the solid numbers as of June 30, 2021, staff will be able to make “good estimates” so the board has the information it needs to make spending decisions.

“Well, an estimate is better than we have right now,” Pohll said.

Pohll also asked about the schedule for the remaining audits. Morris said it might take nine months to finish 21/22 and 22/23 and that 23/24 probably would be finished by December.

The 20/21 audit report can be viewed on the district’s website inside the packet for the Feb. 29 Finance Committee meeting. ★

Reclamation Trustees Discuss Building Bridges With State Water Agency

By Gail Bullen
Staff Writer

RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG) - Could there be anything more rewarding than being one of only four private levee districts nationwide chosen for inclusion in an Army Corps of Engineers pilot study, offering invaluable data without cost? Yes, indeed. What surpasses that is finally receiving some acknowledgment and recognition from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

This realization unfolded when the Reclamation District 800 (RD800) Board of Trustees met on Feb. 15. The conversation revolved around the levee tour held on Feb. 13 so that Corps engineers could inspect the levees and banks on the north side of the Cosumnes River. Top officials from DWR’s Division of Flood Management also went along.

Board President Brian Takemori, Trustee Leland Schneider, along with the district’s contracted engineer Patrick Erwin, and the contracted attorney Rebecca Smith, shared an enthusiastic report about the tour’s outcome.

In other business, Schneider introduced new employee Trevor Dosh, who is the district superintendent patrolling and maintaining the levees. The board also approved a contract with Marsha Holmes, who recently came back from retirement to again serve as the secretary.

Background

RD 800 maintains and repairs 34 miles of privately owned levees along the Cosumnes River between Rancho Murieta and Freeman Road off Dillard Road in Wilton and Freeman Road off Grant Line Road in Sheldon. The funding to maintain the levees at a 10-year flood standard comes from an assessment district that generates only \$514,000 a year. The January 2023 storms broke RD800 levees in three locations and caused massive erosion elsewhere. The district borrowed money to make more than \$6.5 million in repairs and is currently in the red by \$7.475 million.

Levee tour

RD 800 was able to participate in a Corps pilot study after another district in Louisiana dropped out. Over the next 10 years, the Corps plans to put together a national database of all private levees in the nation with an assessment of their conditions and risks.

In addition to taking the Corps engineers on the Feb. 13 tour, Ervin told the board that he Schneider and Takemori answered many questions about the levees over the next two days. The end result will be a Corps report outlining the deficiencies of the levees with an estimate of what it will take to get them up on par. Ervin said he didn’t know when to expect the report.

Ervin said the best part about the Corps tour was having DWR involved, and he reported talking to Senior Engineer Sterling York about the district’s past relationship with the state agency. “I told him that I wouldn’t say it was bad blood. There’s just been some cynicism in the district, just because we’ve felt like we have always been left out here on our own.”

Ervin said he and York agreed that there should



Marsha Holmes, who came out of retirement to serve as board secretary, interacts with the board.

be a clean slate going forward. “If nothing else comes of it, at least it was building a bridge between us, and DWR having a real understanding of what it has been like out here when the river was at the top,” Ervin said.

Smith agreed that the district’s relationship with DWR has not always been good.

“And, that’s putting it lightly,” Trustee Jack Krautz added.

Smith said the meeting with the DWR folks had been very collaborative and helpful. “I think we need to keep building on that relationship because it was very positive.”

The top DWR official on the tour was Jeremy Arrich, who is the manager of the Division of Flood Management. Schneider said Arrich approached him during a break and commented to the effect: “I’ve got a whole new respect for your district. We didn’t really understand what went on out here until today,” he said. “DWR will have involvement. All you have to do is ask. We need to get help you guys so it is not just your board members and your employees who are flood-fighting out here.”

Schneider also reported on a conversation with Supervising Engineer Wade Wiley, who runs the DWR inspections from Redding to Bakersfield. He told Schneider he was on the RD800 levee last spring and was seeing it again on the tour. “I’m amazed at all the work that you guys got done,” Schneider quoted him saying.

In other DWR conversations, Engineer Alberto De Leon offered to put on a daylong flood fighting class in Spanish for RD800. Another talked about putting all of the RD800 information and photos into the DRW flood fight incident database.

Ervin made the most telling point about the DWR interaction. “Ultimately, we are hoping what comes out of this is some funding from the state,” he said.

As for interactions with the Corps engineers on the tour, Brown and Schneider found the on-the-spot modeling very interesting. Schneider said the river hydrology involved would be very helpful “so we can be ahead of the game when it happens.”

Employees

Schneider introduced the district’s first employee in more than three years. Trevor Dosh is the district’s new superintendent who will maintain and patrol the

levees. Sounding far more mature than his 18 years, Dosh reported on his activities after being on the job for a week. One of his major assignments was opening the gates and clearing any impediments from the levee road so that the Corps inspection could take place. Schneider said 12 vehicles went on the tour.

The board also spent a considerable amount of time suggesting and approving purchases such as a chainsaw, a 50-gallon gas tank for the district truck, a toolbox, an iPad, and two new district cell phones, one for Dosh and one for the truck. Schneider also asked him to register for an upcoming safety class. Additionally, the board discussed hiring up to three temporary employees to help him with the initial work of clearing the levees this spring. Dosh is being paid \$20 an hour.

The board also approved an employment contract with Marsha Holmes, who will be paid \$400 a month to serve as the district’s contracted secretary. She worked for the district for 25 years before retiring five years ago. But at the board’s request, she came back with the understanding she wouldn’t have to handle the book-keeping. That is being handled by another contracted employee Perla Tzintzun-Garibay.

Even after Holmes was retired, she still answered district calls from county and state agencies and news organizations, especially during the January 2023 storms. That was because her private cell phone was still listed in many databases.

The board voted to reinstate what had been the district’s official phone number, 916-594-1018, which Holmes will answer.

Other business:

• The board approved spending \$17,700 for audits of the years ending in 2021 and 2022. Smith said the other reclamation districts also are having trouble keeping up with their audits because of the difficulty of finding auditors.

• Ervin reported he had completed the last of the paperwork required by FEMA after the January 2023 storms. Now it was just a matter of waiting.

The board’s next meeting will be at 9 a.m. on March 21 at the Wilton Community Center. ★



Director Leland Schneider, left, is mentoring the district’s new employee Trevor Dosh. Photos by Gail Bullen

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ACTS 3-29-24

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV002653
Mir Mohammad Tareq Afaq has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mir Mohammad Tareq Afaq to Mir Tareq Afaq.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 6, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: February 14, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Feb 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024
AFAQ 3-15-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV003143
Bee Moua has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Bee Moua to Bee Steven Cha.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 18, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: February 22, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024
MOUA 3-22-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV003217
Aaron Benjamin Waldorf has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Aaron Benjamin Waldorf to Aaron Benjamin Nielsen.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 7, 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: February 23, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024
WALDORF 3-29-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV009324
Carmen Raianna Ferrer has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Carmen Raianna Ferrer to Carmen Raianna Brazil.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 23, 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: February 15, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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FERRER 3-29-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV013586
Chunhui Huang and Sam Sen Huang has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Elena wuwu to Elena Huang.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 4, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: December 18, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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HUANG 3-29-24

TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 119-0580-033-0000 TS No: CA05000438-23-1 TO No: 230511031-CA-VOI NOTICE

OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED March 11, 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. ON March 19, 2024 at 09:00 AM, East Main Entrance, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on March 19, 2002 in Book 20020319, on Page 0247 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by MYRA C. LOZADA, as Trustor(s), in favor of WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, A FEDERAL ASSOCIATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 5014 SOUTHGLEN COURT, 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. 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Elk Grove Citizen 3-15-24

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SERVICES, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by: MAHMOUD KHATTAB, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded 08/31/2018 as Instrument No. 201808310330 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 11/21/2023 in Book , Page , as Instrument No. 202311210248 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 03/28/2024 At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 at 02:00 PM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), 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 hereinafter described: Parcel One: Lot 8, as shown on the Map entitled, "The Shires", filed for record December 3, 2004, in Book 337 of Maps, Pages 5. Parcel Two: A non-exclusive easement for street, roadway and vehicular traffic and pedestrian purposes over and along the private street as shown on the hereinabove Map as Shire Oaks Lane. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9110 SHIRE OAKS LANE, ELK GROVE, CA 95624 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. 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 PFI-231958. 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. Dated: 02/23/2024 PLACER LENDER SERVICES, as said Trustee 12190 Herdal Drive, Suite 9 Auburn, California 95603 (530) 888-8411 By: STELLA SHAO, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER DIRECTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN REQUEST SUBMITTED TO THE BENEFICIARY C/O PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., 12190 HERDAL DR., SUITE 9, AUBURN, CA 95603, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF

THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0457386 To: ELK GROVE CITIZEN 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 3-22-24
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 23-01694-GM-CA Title No. 230387393-CA-VOI A.P.N. 125-0410-046-0000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/19/2021. 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(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; 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 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 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: Nelli Gage, an unmarried woman Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 08/25/2021 as Instrument No. 202108251481 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Sacramento County, California. Date of Sale: 04/05/2024 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: East Main Entrance of Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$422,563.28 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9482 Flanch Park Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 A.P.N.: 125-0410-046-0000 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. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. 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 or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 23-01694-GM-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled

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TRUSTEE SALE

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 a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" you may be able to 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 888-

264-4010, or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 23-01694-GM-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. *Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein

shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 02/27/2024 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 800-280-2832; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-4810733ELK GROVE CITIZEN 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 3/22/2024 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 3-22-24



NOTICE TO BIDDERS

FOR: Merv 10 Air Filters, Maintenance & Operations

BID#: 782-23/24

OPEN: March 14, 2024

TIME: 2:00 P.M. Standard

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District, (District) County of Sacramento, State of California, will receive up to and not later than **2:00 P.M. Standard, March 14, 2024**, sealed BIDs for **Merv 10 Air Filters, Maintenance & Operations** and that such BIDs shall be opened at the **Purchasing & Warehouse Department, Student Support Center, 8431 Gerber Road, Sacramento, CA 95828**, on the above date at the stated time.

Please return your original BID along with an electronic copy on a flash/thumb drive in a sealed envelope with the BID number and the date and time of BID opening.

Each BID must conform and be responsive to this invitation; the information for bidders, specifications, and all other documents comprising the pertinent award documents, and submitted on the printed forms provided by the District.

All inquiries regarding this BID must be submitted in writing to Kirsten Garcia, Supervisor, Purchasing & Warehouse at kgarcia@egusd.net no later than **2:00 P.M. Standard, March 7, 2024**.

Kirsten Garcia, Supervisor

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City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONCERNING STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE ZONE 2 ASSESSMENTS ANNEXATION NO. 65 INTO STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE ZONE 2 FOR THE BADER-SINGH PARCEL MAP PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, **April 24, 2024**, at **6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove shall hold a public hearing prepared and filed in connection with proposed Storm Water Drainage Fee Zone 2 assessments on properties identified in the resolution of intent adopted on February 28, 2024. The City has mailed a notice to each affected property owner specifying the amount of the proposed assessment on the owner's property. At the public hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all protests.

JASON LINDGREN
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO AN EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT

COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT 2003-2 (POLICE SERVICES) ANNEXATION 73 FOR THE BADER-SINGH PARCEL MAP PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove on February 28, 2024 adopted its Resolution No. 2024-020, in which it declared its intention to annex territory to the existing Community Facilities District No. 2003 2 (Police Services) (the "CFD"), and to levy a special tax to pay for certain police services, all pursuant to the provisions of the Mello Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, Chapter 2.5, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 of the California Government Code. The resolution describes the territory to be annexed, specifies the type of services to be financed, and describes the rate and method of apportionment of the proposed special tax. No change in the tax levied in the existing CFD is proposed. For further details, the resolution is available at the office of the City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council has fixed **Wednesday, April 24, 2024**, at the hour of **6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the regular meeting place of the City Council, Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, as the time and place when and where the City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the annexation. At the hearing, the testimony of all interested persons for or against the annexation of the territory or the levying of the special taxes will be heard.

JASON LINDGREN
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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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, March 28, 2024** for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

FY2024 STREETLIGHT RESTORATION PROJECT (OM2402)

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 include but not be limited to the following: painting treatment for streetlights on various streets throughout the City (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the Work is \$123,750.

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 "C-33" Painting and Decorating Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California.

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

Ron Faulk, Project Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department

Telephone: (916) 627-3203 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:

Whitney Yann, Administrative Analyst I, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department

Telephone: (916) 627-3062 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

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

By: _____ Date: February 21, 2024

Jeffrey R. Werner, PE
Public Works Director

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2024 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT – PAVEMENT 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 include but not be limited to the following: repair existing HMA pavement at various locations throughout the City; and widen the southbound lane on Lousada Drive from the intersection of Whitelock Parkway to ninety (90) feet north of Greylag Way; including paving, salvaging and re-installing drainage inlets, and installing sidewalk, curb and gutter, and curb ramps (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the Total Bid Price is \$1,272,300 (basis for award). The Opinion of Probable Cost for the Base Bid is \$708,200, and Bid Alternate A is \$564,100.

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, 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:

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By: _____ Date: February 21, 2024

Christina Castro, PE
Capital Program Division Manager

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NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with California Commercial Code Sections 7209 and 7210 and California Civil Code Section 798.56a, the mobilehome described as a 1972 Champion, Decal No. LBO9983, Serial No. S2584, located at 2910 Twilley Drive, Space No. 46, Sacramento, California 95827, will be sold at public auction at 11:00 a.m. on March 20, 2024 at Park Royal Estates MHC, 2910 Twilley Drive, Space No. 46, Sacramento, California 95827. The party believed to claim an interest, Tina Marie Lopez Provost, has been given notice and the time specified for payment in the notice has expired. The undersigned is entitled to a warehouse lien against said mobilehome to satisfy the lien, storage and other related charged incurred including reasonable charges of notice, advertisement and sale. Tina Marie Lopez Provost, Registered Owner, Legal Owner, Interested Party, please take further notice that, in order to prevent the mobilehome from being sold at the noticed sale, the following amount must be paid prior to the sale: total claim to date of \$15,678.72 (additional amounts incurred shall be added to this amount as provided in the Commercial Code. Bidders are required to show proof of cashier's check(s)/ money order(s) in an amount equal to the claim to date amount prior to bidding. Jessica Ward, 3511 Del Paso Road, Suite 160, Room 147, Sacramento, CA 95835 (916) 432-3298 Authorized Agent for Park Royal Estates MHC, LLC

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AUCTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that 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 a public sale personal property stored by the following delinquent tenant Sabrina Elliott – S161 and by competitive bidding on March 7th, 2024, at 7:00AM at website <https://www.storageasures.com/>

General business and household items are set to be sold. 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. The sale is subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between the owner and tenant occurs.

Auctioneer: <https://www.storageasures.com/>

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City of Elk Grove - Planning Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall in the **Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California** to consider the following matter:

GUARDIAN YARDS STORAGE CENTER (PLNG21-039) – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITY DESIGN REVIEW:

The Project consists of a Conditional Use Permit and Design Review for an outdoor storage yard on two separate parcels (Parcels 1 and 7) within the Triangle Point 75 Project (Parcel Map No. 13-057) that includes small- and medium-sized outdoor rentable space for construction contractors to store equipment, materials, and commercial vehicles. The Project will not include any structures or buildings. Site improvements would include pavement and gravel ground cover, fencing, keypad-operated gates, and landscaping.

PROPERTY OWNER:	PROJECT APPLICANT:	LOCATION/APN:	ZONING:
MP Elk Grove LLC Gerry Kamilos (Representative) 11249 Gold Country Boulevard, Suite 190 Gold River, CA 95670	Embarcadero Group, LLC John Tomasello (Representative) 18958 Louis Road Grass Valley, CA 95945	Triangle Point: Waterman Road and Grant Line Road; APN: 134-0182-001	Light Industrial (LI)
GENERAL PLAN:	ENVIRONMENTAL:	PROJECT PLANNER:	
Light Industrial (LI)	No further environmental review is required under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15183.	Cindy Gnos, Planner 916.372-6100 or cgnos@elkgrovecity.org	

Dated / Published: March 8, 2024

NOTICE REGARDING APPEALS

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

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

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

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

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WIRELESS FACILITY UTILITY SEPARATION REQUIREMENTS (PLNG24-006) – ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT

The Project consists of an amendment to Section 23.94.050.A.7 of the City's Municipal Code (part of Title 23 of the Code, which is referred to as the Zoning Code) to require 10 feet of clearance between a wireless antenna and any power lines when the wireless antenna is not integrated with a utility tower or facility. Existing code requires 10 feet of horizontal separation. The revision would delete the word "horizontal" from the Code, thereby requiring a uniform 10-foot separation, measured as a radius around the utility line.

The Planning Commission's recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for final approval.

PROJECT APPLICANT/AGENT:	LOCATION/APN:	ZONING:	ENVIRONMENTAL:
Crown Castle Fiber, LLC Alec Adams (Representative) 1 Park Place, Suite 300 Dublin, CA 94568	Citywide	Citywide	The proposed Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15183, 15301 and 15303.
PROJECT PLANNER:			
Christopher Jordan, AICP, 916-478-2222, or cjordan@elkgrovecity.org			

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2024-3 (CITY OF ELK GROVE – TELOS GREENS)

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the California Municipal Finance Authority is considering the formation of a community facilities district (the "CFD") under the authority of the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended, to fund certain public facilities related to new development within the City of Elk Grove, and to incur bonded indebtedness of the CFD. This Notice contains a brief summary of the proposal, but you are referred to the Board's Resolution of Intention (Resolution No. 24-054, adopted February 23, 2024) and its Resolution of Intention to Incur Bonded Indebtedness (Resolution No. 24-058, adopted February 23, 2024) for details of the proposal. The proposal is to subject the property within the CFD to a special tax which will be used to pay for authorized facilities for the CFD, including paying principal and interest on bonds used to pay for authorized facilities. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to pay for the facilities and other expenses set forth in the resolutions referred to above. A map showing the land proposed to be included in the CFD is on file with the Board.

As set forth below, the Board will hold a public hearing on the establishment of the CFD, the facilities to be financed by the CFD, and the levy of the special tax within the CFD. The proposal also includes authority to issue up to \$8,000,000 in bonds for the CFD, to be repaid by the special tax levied in the CFD. Neither the Board nor any person outside the CFD has any liability for the special tax or the bonds. The security for the bonds issued for the CFD is limited to the property subject to the special tax within the CFD. In order to confer the authority upon the Board to levy the special tax and to issue the bonds, a public hearing must be held on the proposal, then the Board will decide whether to form the CFD, and finally the qualified electors within the CFD must approve the proposal by a two-thirds vote. Where the CFD is uninhabited (as is the case here) the qualified electors are, pursuant to law, the owners of property within the CFD.

This is the notice of the public hearing. The public hearing will be held during the Board meeting on Friday, April 5, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter, at 200 S. Anaheim Blvd., 6th Floor, Anaheim, California 92805. At the hearing, the testimony of all interested persons or potential special taxpayers for or against the formation of the CFD, the authorization to levy the special tax within the CFD, and the authorization to issue the bonds for the will be heard. If written protests against the proposed CFD are delivered to the Board at or before the time set for the hearing by either registered voters residing within, or the owners of property within, the proposed CFD, they will be counted toward a possible majority protest. Such protests by a majority of the registered voters residing within the CFD or by the owners of a majority of the land area within the CFD which is or will be subject to the special tax, if not withdrawn prior to the close of the hearing so as to reduce the value of the protests to less than a majority, will require the proposed CFD to be eliminated from immediate consideration, and prevent its being included in a subsequent proceedings for at least one year. If the Board, after the public hearing, determines that a majority protest under Section 53324 of the California Government Code was not made at the hearing, the Board may conduct an election by mailed ballot to levy a special tax within the CFD.

A request for disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, may be made by any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing by contacting Kirsten Borgquist, Analyst/Administrator, (760) 502-0050, kborgquist@cmfa-ca.com, 2111 Palomar Airport Rd, Suite 320, Carlsbad, CA 92011.

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City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO AN EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT 2006-1 (MAINTENANCE SERVICES) ANNEXATION 95 FOR THE BADER-SINGH PARCEL MAP PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove on February 28, 2024, adopted its Resolution No. 2024-021, in which it declared its intention to annex territory to the existing Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 (Maintenance Services) (the "CFD"), and to levy a special tax to pay for certain maintenance services, all pursuant to the provisions of the Mello Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, Chapter 2.5, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 of the California Government Code. The resolution describes the territory to be annexed, specifies the type of services to be financed, and describes the rate and method of apportionment of the proposed special tax. No change in the tax levied in the existing CFD is proposed. For further details, the resolution is available at the office of the City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council has fixed **Wednesday, April 24, 2024**, at the hour of **6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the regular meeting place of the City Council, Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, as the time and place when and where the City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the annexation. At the hearing, the testimony of all interested persons for or against the annexation of the territory or the levying of the special taxes will be heard.

JASON LINDGREN
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SUPPLEMENT NO. 52 CONCERNING STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS IN DISTRICT 1, ZONE 3-AO (EASTERN AREA) FOR THE BADER-SINGH PARCEL MAP PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove shall hold a public hearing on the Engineer's Report and a supplement thereto prepared and filed in connection with proposed street maintenance assessments on property identified in the report as supplemented. The City has mailed a notice to each affected property owner specifying the amount of the proposed assessment on the owner's property. At the public hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all protests.

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TIME: 2:00 P.M. Standard

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Please return your original BID along with an electronic copy on a flash/thumb drive in a sealed envelope with the BID number and the date and time of BID opening.

Each BID must conform and be responsive to this invitation; the information for Bidders, specifications, and all other documents comprising the pertinent award documents, and submitted on the printed forms provided by the District.

All inquiries regarding this BID must be submitted in writing to Kirsten Garcia, Purchasing Supervisor at kgarcia@egusd.net no later than **2:00 P.M. Standard, March 21, 2024**.

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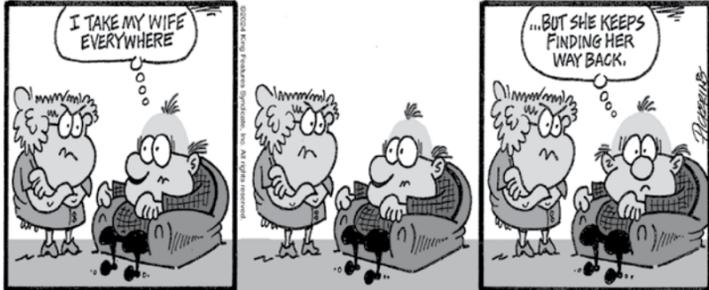
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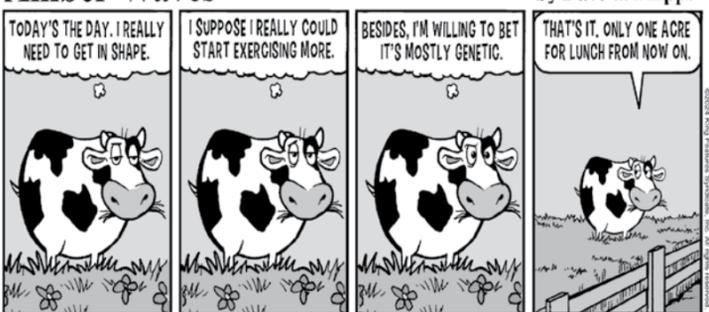
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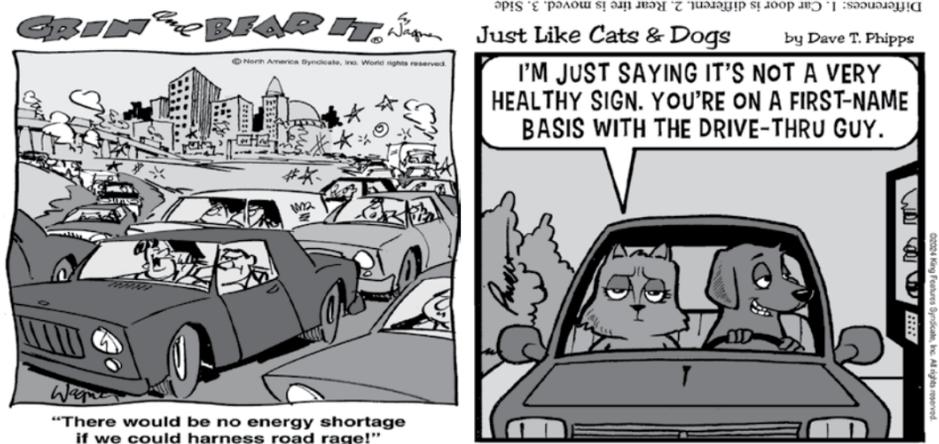
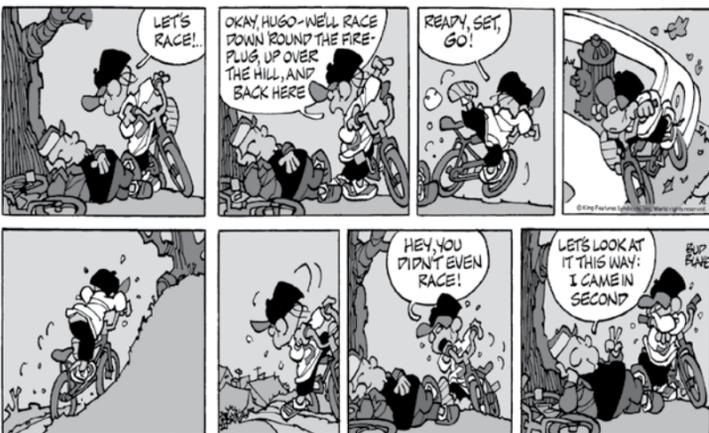
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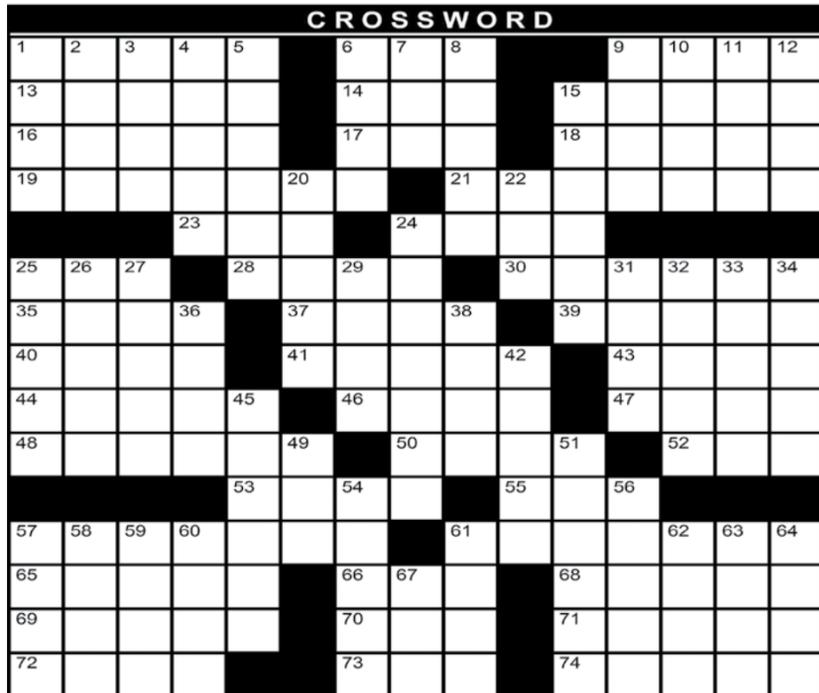
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 - Bono's bandmate, with The
 - Make a mistake
 - Landlord's due
 - Small lump
 - *State Farm Stadium state
 - *Not pro
 - Chocolate substitute
 - Hot temper
 - Derived from oats
 - Cuckoo
 - Sir George Ivan Morrison's stage name
 - Baby at a recital
 - Have supper
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 - Many affirmatives
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- Brush alternative
 - Culture-growing turf
 - Long forearm bone
 - Satyr
 - City in Poland
 - *Delta Center location: ___ Lake City
 - Hole-in-one
 - Type of polyhedron
 - Raisin's breakfast companion
 - Denim innovator
 - Port in Yemen
 - Toker's pipe
 - Professional reviewer
 - Not paths
 - Not hers
 - Shoulder rank display
 - Winnowing leftovers
 - Chicken in Mexico
 - Farewell in Paris
 - *School with most NCAA basketball titles
 - Back of the neck
 - Search blindly
 - Lightsaber beam
 - Olden days anesthetic
 - *___ player
 - Garden starter
 - D.S., in sheet music
 - Dance club light
 - Female chicken
 - Speech at a funeral
 - Lacking guile
 - What speakers do
 - LSD, e.g.
 - Indian princess
 - Turkmenistan's neighbor
 - *Type of defense
 - One tenth of a dime
 - Airline postings, acr.
 - Type of pool
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 - Churchill's "so few"



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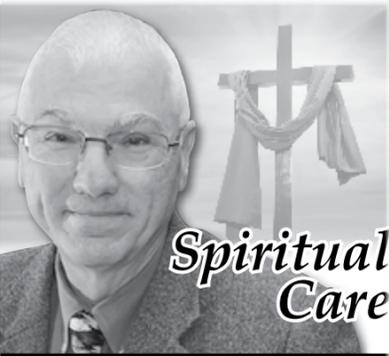
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To Tell the Truth, I Wasn't



BY NORRIS BURKES

Ten years ago, I was at a writing seminar hanging around the snack table, when one of the seminar instructors joined me for a Danish.

He was a quiet, introspective man, truly a statesman among aspiring student writers. That's why I guided him to the quiet side of the room to tell him I thought he was lying.

Not in those exact words. I constructed a more diplomatic approach that went something like this:

"You were introduced as a 'Pulitzer Prize nominee,' but a quick Internet search tells me that we share some confusion over the term 'nominee.'"

For a moment he glanced at this watch, but unfortunately realized he had time to hear me out.

"If you'd met me last year," I explained, "I would have told you that my syndicated column had received a Pulitzer Prize

nomination."

"And it was not?" he asked.

"Sadly, no."

I told the aging professor how my "Florida Today" editor had submitted the dozen columns I'd written during my 2009 deployment to a combat field hospital in Iraq.

"Yes," said the professor, "My publisher also submitted my work."

As he gathered his lecture notes, he dismissively added, "Congratulations, it sounds like we are both Pulitzer nominees."

"No, like we are not." I said, "but we both made the same assumption. We assumed that our editor's submission of our work equaled a Pulitzer nomination."

Sadly, the difference between a Pulitzer submission and a Pulitzer nomination is about as far as "ticket purchaser" is from "lotto winner."

I showed him the Pulitzer website on my tablet where he read "More than 2,500 entries are submitted annually for Pulitzer Prize consideration, yet only three in each category are bestowed with the prestigious title of Pulitzer Nominee."

"In fact," I said, "anyone of my fellow conferees can submit their work for Pulitzer consideration as long as they send \$75. But only the Pulitzer committee can

bestow the title of Nominee."

The professor seemed embarrassed that a pupil had schooled him in the difference.

Our stories beg the complicated question: "Can one be a liar if one doesn't know he's lying?" Another facet of the question is: "Does one's story default to becoming the truth if one doesn't bother to fact check the story?"

In other words, in a quick check of the Pulitzer website you'll note the glaring absence of our names. And that omission, for a time, made us both liars.

For the duration of the conference, the professor continued to allow his introductions to claim a Pulitzer connection. Just as it took some time for me to remove the notation from my website.

I guess we felt much like the claim made in the movie in "A Few Good Men," by Jack Nicholson's character, Col. Jessup.

When Jessup is questioned on the witness stand, a shouting match ensues. Tom Cruise's character Lt. j.g. Kaffee demands the court finally be told the truth behind a hazing incident in the Marine barracks.

We all know Col. Jessup's answer, so say it with me.

"You can't handle the truth!"

Neither the professor nor I handled our truths very well. Sadly, our websites

boasted our Pulitzer claim for a few more months.

But centuries before that movie, Jesus set the scene for real truth in John 8:32 when he said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

The professor, while not religious, had no doubt heard the scripture quoted in his academic circles by those promoting academic freedom and the power of learning.

It was a minute before he and I found a way to handle our truth, but the truth eventually set us free from our egos—just as Jesus promised it would.

Note: While nowhere near Pulitzer fame, Norris does boast the 2019 Will Rogers Humanitarian Award for his columns about Chispa Project. The charity, started by his daughter Sara, establishes Spanish libraries in Honduran elementary schools. The Honduran school year began this month so your continued support is greatly needed at <https://www.chispaproject.org/nextchapter>.

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RELIGION NEWS

Easter Events and Sermon Topics at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

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 had a Mardi Gras Dinner on Feb 10 th and the Imposition of Ashes on Feb 14 th. This was a drive -thru event for our members and other people. We will hold traditional Lenten services on Palm Sunday and Easter. A short program on Maundy Thursday will be held from 5-7pm, and on Good Friday, the church will be open from noon to 3pm for quiet meditation and prayer.

Our Men's Bible study meets every two weeks and we are currently studying the Book of Ecclesiastes. A women's group is currently being formed.

FUTURE COMMUNITY EVENTS:

The Jazz and Blues Hour began at church on March 3 rd with the Shelley Burns Trio. On

April 7 th , the Dave Johnson Band will be performing some Dixieland music, starting at 4pm.

Diane Sakakihara and Elk Grove Presbyterian Church will be bringing the Triumphant Quartet to Elk Grove for the 5 th year. Mark your calendar for May 5 th at 3pm (open at 2pm) for a wonderful performance by this renowned group. Your \$25 ticket will get you an assigned seat for this great concert, and a portion of the ticket proceeds will go to several charities. This concert will be held at The Center at District 56. For more info contact Diane at (916) 479-3578, or diane@hardinghall.com.

UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS

Rev. Dexter McNamara has announced upcoming sermon topics in March: Mar 10th – "A Demanding Love"; Mar 17 th – "A Confusing Response"; Mar 24 th – "To Celebrate and to Observe"; and Mar 31 st - EASTER...HE HAS RISEN!! Sermon Topic "Uncertainty and Belief". Following our Easter service, we will share a potluck repast with the American Missionary Church. This church meets in our building Sunday afternoons.

Rev. Dexter 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 Upcoming Events

Light of the Valley Lutheran Church is gearing up for its annual Easter Services & Spring Events.

- Spring Fling: Saturday, March 23, 11a -1:30p. This event is free to the community with an Easter egg hunt, bounce house, hot dogs and more.

- Palm Sunday: 8:45a & 10:30a.

- Maundy Thurs.: 7p
- Good Friday: 7:00p
- Easter Sunday: 8:45a & 10:30a.

Breakfast 9:30a to 11:00a. Light of the Valley is at 9270 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove. For more information: 916-691-3568.

Field of Hope United Church of Christ's Services

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

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

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

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

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

Begin your week with a congregation who seeks to glorify Jesus Christ through singing and God's Word, the Bible. Sunday worship service begins at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Our gatherings are at 9766 Waterman Road, Suite F (next to the

Mel Dogs restaurant). For more information, call (916) 714-3444 or email: [office@ gracechurcheg.org](mailto:office@gracechurcheg.org). Check out our website at [www. GraceChurchEG.org](http://www.GraceChurchEG.org).

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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ALL-DELTA LEAGUE SELECTIONS WINTER SPORTS SEASON

Girls Wrestling		
Name	School	Weight
Kaydance Vang	Sheldon	102
Hazel Hy	Cos Oaks	107
Bailey Rademaker	Cos Oaks	112
Andrea Gonzalez	Davis	117
Brooklin Cienfuegos	Davis	122
Katrina Michele	Davis	127
Skye Schneider	Elk Grove	132
Rachel Zheng	Sheldon	137
Athena Rivas	Sheldon	142
Kyleann Baird	Elk Grove	147
Avangelina Turner	Davis	157
Chrystina Ballejos	Sheldon	172

Co-Coaches of the Year		
Marcus Gonzales	Sheldon	
Ben Xiong	Sheldon	

Boys Wrestling		
Name	School	Weight
Isaiah Gonzaga	Elk Grove	108
Logan Robison	Pleasant Gr	115
Josiah Sandoval	Elk Grove	122
Nick Bulanin	Elk Grove	128
Bryce Camara	Elk Grove	134
Thomas Mueller	Davis	140
Paul Johnson	Elk Grove	146
Jacob Briggs	Elk Grove	152
Noah Daniels	Sheldon	159
Jordan Ford	Elk Grove	167
Sterling Holmes	Franklin	177
Grant Anderson	Jesuit	192
Logan Nguyen	Jesuit	217
Peyton Resier	Pleasant Gr	287

Coach of the Year		
Nick Jordan	Elk Grove	

Men's Soccer		
Name	School	Weight
Eric Jensen	Jesuit	
Talbot Carter	Jesuit	
Jack Cazneau	Jesuit	
Renner Smiley	Jesuit	

Paul Locaste	Davis
Diego Nieves	Davis
Oliver Fleet	Davis
Dylan Ehlers	Davis
Tyler Hoffner	Elk Grove
Alejandro Velasquez	Elk Grove
Carter Tseu	Pleasant Grove
Logan Race	Pleasant Grove
Jalen Scott	Pleasant Grove
Mason Reyes	Franklin
Michael Tse	Franklin
Emmanuel Alvarez	Sheldon
Carson Steele	Sheldon
Michael Louizos	Cosumnes Oaks

Co-Players of the Year		
Charlie Black	Jesuit	
Angad Singh	Elk Grove	

Coach of the Year		
Paul Rose	Jesuit	

Women's Soccer		
Name	School	Weight
Senai Rogers	Franklin	
Sydney Pasion	Franklin	
Bella Ramos	Franklin	
Emily Bailey	Franklin	
Abby LaRocca	Franklin	
Miya Alamares	Davis	
Grace Fabionar	Davis	
Sabrina Hazel	Davis	
Isabella Hazel	Davis	
Caitlin Hafenstein	St Francis	
Elizabeth Barger	St Francis	
Maggie Koerwitz	St Francis	
Natalie Underwood	Pleasant Grove	
Adalynn Alley	Pleasant Grove	
Emma Buettner	Pleasant Grove	
Ellie DePaco	Cosumnes Oaks	
Leiliana Medrano	Cosumnes Oaks	
Camille Gaibaldi	Elk Grove	
Halina Ilejay	Sheldon	

Player of the Year		
Yasmin Azar	St Francis	

Coach of the Year		
Maryclaire Robinson	St Francis	

Men's Basketball

Name	School
Jaden Spears	Sheldon
Nick Stone	Sheldon
Tyler Rattler	Sheldon
Muhammad Singleton	Sheldon
Kevin Haupt	Jesuit
Cole Epperson	Jesuit
Asher Schroeder	Jesuit
Aiden Rollins	Franklin
Greg Piotrowski	Franklin
Jay Washington	Cosumnes Oaks
Vinny Gonzales	Elk Grove
Elijah Sykes	Pleasant Grove
Aidan Crawford	Davis

Player of the Year		
Jaden Woodard	Sheldon	

Coach of the Year		
Joey Rollings	Sheldon	

Women's Basketball

Name	School
Tasiana Carr	Franklin
Olivia Nicholas	Franklin
Jasmine Clee	Franklin
Caitlin Subejano	Cosumnes Oaks
Bria McGahan	St Francis
Chidera Okoye	St Francis
Sydney Teoh	St Francis
Lexi London	St Francis
Tessa Schouten	Davis
Alia Cordone	Davis
Kate Meyers	Pleasant Grove
Leila Williamson	Pleasant Grove
Charlize Miles	Sheldon

Player of the Year		
Isabel Tan	Cosumnes Oaks	

Coach of the Year		
Kim Manlangit	Franklin	

TRACK AND FIELD BEST TIMES & MARKS

(Elk Grove-area athletes – Through 3/2/24)

Boys

Event	Name	School	Time	Section Rank
100m	Andrew Bishop	Cos. Oaks	11.00	2
200m	Andrew Bishop	Cos. Oaks	22.24	2
400m	Hayden Gray	Elk Grove	49.88	2
800m	Tylor Tumlinson	Pleasant Gr.	1:58.76	4
1600m	(none listed)	-	-	-
3200m	Derik Klipfel	Sheldon	9:46.98	10
110m H.	Myles Mcfarland	Cos.Oaks	14.17	1
300m H.	Myles Mcfarland	Cos.Oaks	39.37	1
4x100 Relay	Jordan Agbettor, Alejandro Muhammad, Divine Omini, Lehman Benson	Cosumnes Oaks	43.99	10
4x400 Relay	Jackson Traynham, Jordan Agbettor, Lehman Benson, Ny'j Addison	Laguna Creek	3:31.83	2
Shot Put	Luke Stuckey	Pleasant Gr	48'2"	11
Discus	Jordan Garcia	Cos.Oaks	142'3"	10
High Jump	Matthew McHale	Pleasant Gr.	6'0"	7
Pole Vault	Matthew McHale	Pleasant Gr.	11'6"	13
Long Jump	(none listed)	-	-	-
Triple Jump	Arjan Banwait	Monterey Tr	40' 2"	9

Girls

Event	Name	School	Time	Section Rank
100m	Ihe Okoh	Franklin	12.60	3
200m	Ihe Okoh	Franklin	26.35	10
400m	Camille Bursey	Sheldon	1:00.98	6
800m	Alana Farve	Sheldon	2:25.23	6
1600m	Kylie Monson	Pleasant Gr.	5:26.61	15
3200m	Kylie Monson	Pleasant Gr.	11:25.73	2
100m H.	Senai Rogers	Franklin	16.23	5
300m H.	Senai Rogers	Franklin	47.29	3
4x100 Relay	Ihe Okoh, Alexis Steward, Kamryn Taylor, Senai Rogers	Franklin	49.34	1
4x400 Relay	Addison Vicochea, Desy Nuraini, Olivia Meisel, Ava Lopez	Pleasant Gr.	4:33.70	12
Shot Put	Elizabeth Byars	Cos. Oaks	36'7"	4
Discus	Temerra Martinez	Franklin	102'11"	12
High Jump	Alyssa Porter	Pleasant Gr	5'4"	1
Pole Vault	Sophia Forst	Pleasant Gr	10'0"	3
Long Jump	Shemi Brown-Dawson	Pleasant Gr.	16'1"	12
Triple Jump	Shemi Brown-Dawson	Pleasant Gr.	36'11"	1

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State Wrestling Roundup

Poway Ends Buchanan's State Championship Run

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BAKERSFIELD, CA (MPG) - Mechanics Bank Arena in Bakersfield was the site of wrestling history Feb. 24 at the 51st Boys and 13th Girls CIF State Championships, presented by the California Correctional Peace Officers Association.

Led by 105-pound state champion Anaya Falcon, only the seventh girl all-time to win three or more state titles; Walnut broke open a tight team race to capture its first girls' championship. The Mustangs edged emerging power Newport Harbor by nine points for the title.

"This achievement holds immense significance for our girls, who have dedicated themselves tirelessly over the past few years," said Walnut coach Cecil Sebastian. "Having been runners-up at CIF (Southern Section), Masters, and State last year, their perseverance this year really shined through after starting the day in fourth place."

"As a team, it's nice knowing all of our hard work individually comes together in the end," added junior Deandra Meza.

On the boys' side, Poway captured its first title since 2009 – fifth all-time – and ended Buchanan's seven-year title run in the process, by parlaying an unbelievable Friday into state records for most state placers (12) and highest team score (290.5). The team total was 14 better than the mark set by Clovis in 2015, one year before Buchanan's remarkable run began.

"I'm really proud

of these guys and our coaches," said Poway's John Meyers. "Not a lot of people see what goes on behind the scenes. No one sees what these kids have gone through. The discipline and dedication..."

Three girls wrestlers became two-time State Champions, Isabella Marie Gonzales (115-pounds) a junior from Clovis East, Duda Rodrigues (155-pounds), a senior from Newport Harbor, and Leilani Lemus (170-pounds), a sophomore from Clovis.

Additionally, five boys became two-time State Champions including, Ronnie Ramirez (120-pounds), a junior from Walnut, Daniel Zepeda (138-pounds), a junior from Gilroy, Brock Mantanona (150-pounds), a senior from Palm Desert, Robert Platt (215-pounds), a senior from Poway, and Cody Merrill (285-pounds), a senior from Gilroy.

Elk Grove's Josiah Sandoval placed seventh at 126 pounds, while Laguna Creek's 106 pounder Zack Hoover took eighth place. They were the only local boys to grab a medal in Bakersfield. On the girls' side the Herd's Skye Schneider took fourth place at 130 pounds.

"Sandoval did an exceptional job at the State Meet after winning a Section title," Elk Grove co-head coach Pat Coffing said. Sandoval was the Sac-Joaquin Section champion at his weight as was Hoover and fellow Cardinal Declan Follette at 285 pounds.

Nick Bulanin was one Herd qualifier for the trip to Bakersfield, but a knee

injury prevented him from going.

"Bulanin injured his knee at (the Division I championships) and when he got to Masters it grew up to the size of a softball and was unable to compete at the State Meet," Coffing said. "It cost him a State medal, in my opinion."

Bulanin did place fourth in Stockton.

One surprise at Bakersfield was the Herd's 113-pounder, David Maxson. Circumstances in the post-season allowed him to move into Elk Grove's starting lineup and he impressed all the way to the Sac-Joaquin Section Masters where he was fourth and qualified for the State Championships.

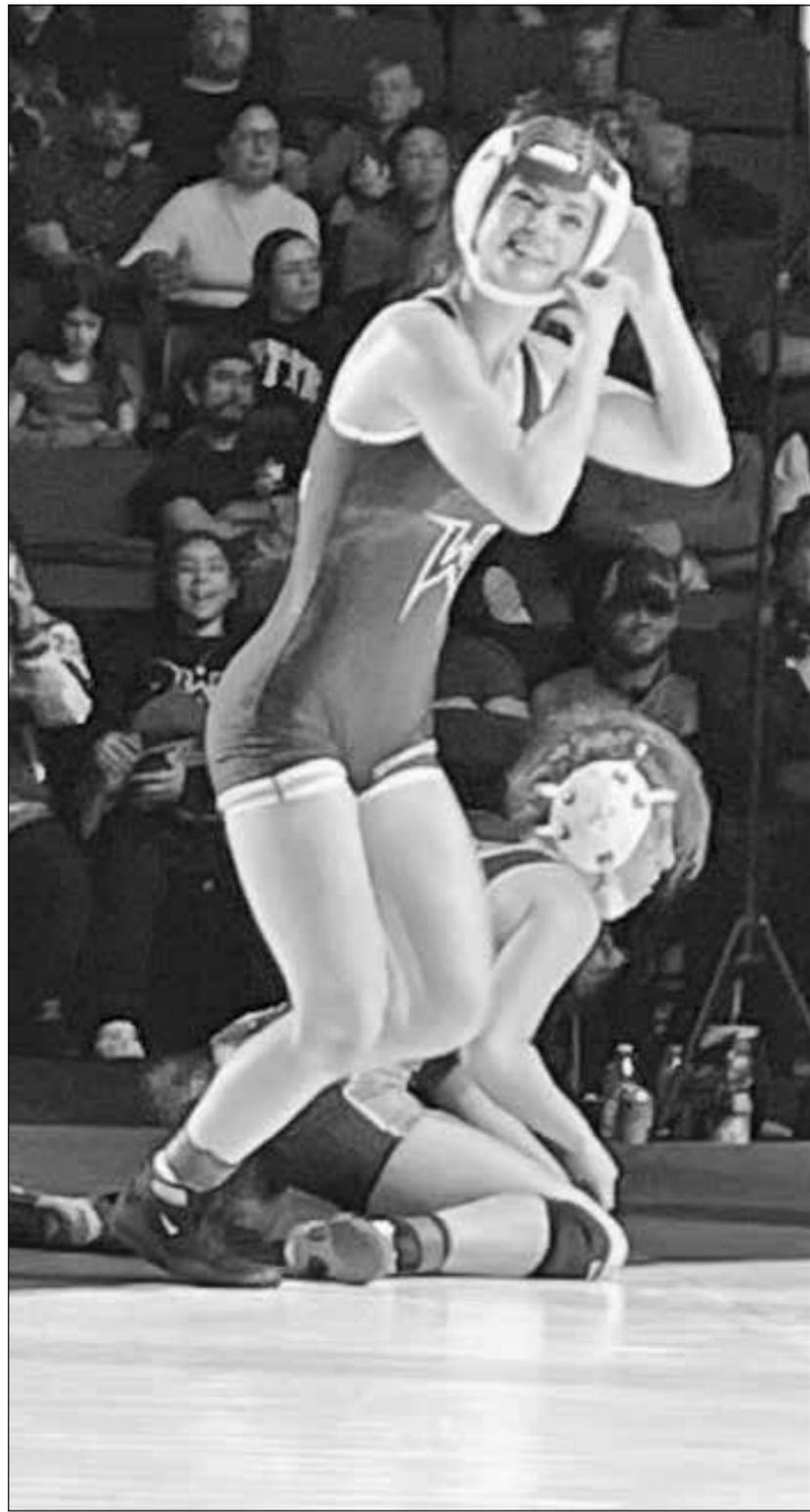
"Truly an outstanding run for a kid who was second team a week and a half earlier," Coffing said.

It was also an impressive post-season for Schneider.

"She did not wrestle her freshman year and she comes out as a sophomore and comes out this year and finishes third in the Masters and fourth in the State Meet," Coffing said. "She is very talented and is technically sound."

Next season, the long-time coach along with his co-head coach Nick Jordan expect once again to be competing atop the Delta League, a championship Elk Grove has won 21 seasons in a row.

"We will be solid, we bring back three Section medalists," Coffing said. "We bring back (Paul) Johnson, (Jacob) Briggs, (Bryce) Camara is going to be solid. We may not be as high-end, but we're going to be solid, bringing back (Brady) West, (Gabriel) Fernandez." ★



Anaya Falcon, only the seventh girl all-time to win three or more state titles, led Walnut High School to the 2024 CIF Girls State Wrestling Championship Feb. 24. Photo courtesy – CIF

CIF STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boys Team Scores (Top 10):

1. Poway	290.5	6. Bakersfield	124
2. Buchanan	255	7. PalmDesert	112.5
3. Gilroy	206	8. GraniteHills	100.5
4. StJnBosco	186	9. Fntn.Valley	71
5. Clovis	144	10. Vacaville	66

Girls Team Scores (Top 10):

1. Walnut	96	6. CenCatholic	55.5
2. NewportHbr	87	7. Northview	52
3. Poway	77	8. Brawley	51.5
4. Gilroy	69	9. Clovis East	47
5. Pitman	65	10. Santa Ana	42

SCOREBOARD

Monday, Feb. 26

Girls Softball

Pleasant Grove 1, Rocklin 0 (9 inns.)

Marley Escobar drove in Riley Bigley with the game winner in the ninth inning. Madeline Lawson tossed a one-hitter for the Eagles.

Elk Grove 3, Vista del Lago 2

Herd scored twice in the bottom of the seventh to win the non-league game. Loie Moore was three-for-three while Kaitlyn Maciel drove in a pair of runs. Freshman Kaylee Buck went the distance allowing two runs on eight hits for Elk Grove.

Baseball

Burbank 3, Florin 2

Panthers' Martin Vega drove in both runs.

Boys Volleyball

Folsom 3, Laguna Creek 1 (25-14, 17-25, 25-16, 25-18)

Franklin 3, McClatchy 1 (23-25, 25-20, 2-16, 25-22)

Inderkum 3, Elk Grove 1

Tuesday, Feb. 27

Girls Softball

Elk Grove 11, Del Oro 6

Kaitlyn Maciel and Jenna Porto each drove in three runs for Elk Grove. Madison Carda picked up the win in the circle.

Oak Ridge 9, Sheldon 1

Trojans scored six times in the fifth inning to down the Huskies who were limited to three hits.

Cosumnes Oaks 16, Grant 0

Lodi 4, Franklin 3

Ashley Fields had a pair of hits and drove in a run for the Wildcats.

Baseball

Oak Ridge 9, Pleasant Grove 1

Monterey Trail 11, Venture 1

Mario Navarro earned the win. Christian Coronado went 4-for-4 including a double, triple and four RBI. Navarro and Gabe Coronado had two hits. Andrew Brown hit a double.

Laguna Creek 13, Ponderosa 2

Ty Collum drove in five runs, while Jacob Halseth and Chris Deluca each had three RBI.

College Baseball

Cosumnes River 9, Modesto 8 (10 inns.)

Griffin Harrison scored on a wildpitch in the bottom of the 10th to snare the win for the Hawks. Ben Perneti drove in three runs.

CIF NorCal Boys Basketball

Division I

No. 10 Monterey Trail 70, No. 7 University 68

Boys Volleyball

Sheldon 3, Kennedy 0 (25-14, 25-17, 25-17)

Pleasant Grove 3, Del Oro 2

Folsom 3, Elk Grove 1 (23-25, 25-14, 25-23, 25-20)

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Girls Softball

Folsom 5, Sheldon 2

Huskies had eight hits. Reyna Ozuna had an RBI double.

Granite Bay 10, Franklin 3

Madison Ortega and Micayla Arlotto each had a pair of hits for the Wildcats.

Elk Grove 5, Lodi 4

Loie Moore was two-for-three with a double and RBI.

Baseball

Pleasant Grove 8, Del Campo 4

Brayden Boyle drove in three runs, while Rowdy Schneider drilled a two-run homer for the Eagles.

Bradshaw Christian 27, Argonaut 0

The Pride scored 16 times in the second inning. Gabe Viegas, Ethan Quach, Kaleb Lum and Fujii-Sisler each had three RBI in the romp.

Florin 11, Burbank 1

Mason McNany had a pair of hits and three RBI.

Franklin 8, Folsom 2

Jason Harris had a double and a home run for the Wildcats.

Laguna Creek 11, Sierra 0

Three RBI for Brandon Low and Ty Collum had a pair of double for the Cardinals. Quincy Bootay homered in the game.

Sheldon 2, Kennedy 1

Placer 11, Cosumnes Oaks 1

Boys Golf

Sheldon 223, Galt 295

Kien Ton (S) 42, Austin Lewis (S) 42, Nate Parent (S) 46, Aiden Filan (S) 46

College Baseball

Modesto 12, Cosumnes River 2

Chase Christenson (CR) had a pair of doubles for the Hawks.

CCCAA Men's Basketball

NorCal Playoffs

Gavilan 83, Cosumnes River 68

Isaiah Griffin (CR) 25 points, seven rebounds; Karlos Zepeda (CR) 14 points

Boys Volleyball

Bradshaw Christian 3, Florin 2 (22-25, 25-20, 24-26, 25-22, 15-9)

Thursday, Feb. 29

CIF NorCal Boys Basketball

Div. I

#2 San Ramon Valley 85, #10 Monterey Trail 66

The Mustangs finish the year with a 27-5 record.

College Baseball

Modesto 9, Cosumnes River 5

Noah Canter (Elk Grove H.S.) had a three-run homer for the Hawks.

Boys Volleyball

Sheldon 3, Del Campo 0 (25-18, 25-16, 25-21)

Pleasant Grove 3, Christian Brothers 0 (21-18, 25-21, 25-15)

Franklin 3, Kennedy 1 (22-25, 25-18, 25-21, 25-23)

Elk Grove 3, Del Oro 1

Friday, March 1

Boys Volleyball

Enochs 3, Monterey Trail 2 (20-25, 20-25, 26-24, 25-18, 16-18)

CSD Board Approves New IT Position, Takes in Bridge Update

By Gail Bullen
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Reporter

RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG) - Except for a bone of contention over adding a full-time information technology (IT) position and the attorney's wry report about the wooden bridge, most of the discussion at the Feb. 21 meeting of the Rancho Murieta Community Services District (CSD) was about the monthly staff reports.

IT Position
At their December Board meeting, the board approved a request by General Manager Mimi Morris to create a part-time IT position to replace contracted services.

At the February meeting, Morris asked to make the position full-time because staff had determined there were far more duties than originally envisioned. The salary would be about \$120,000 with a total cost of \$185,000 with the inclusion of benefits. Morris said a full-time position would allow the district to consolidate all information technology work, (including the surveillance camera system, the security database, and computers for the plants and lift stations), under one position to better control costs and fully integrate all district IT needs.

Morris said she was proposing a reclassification of an existing position that hasn't been filled since July. In her memo, she said it would cost \$62,000 to transition from contracted services to an in-house IT manager. After Directors Linda Butler and Stephen Booth raised strenuous objections, Morris clarified that eliminating the contracted IT services would more than pay for the increased salary for the already budgeted position

and leave the district about \$20,000 in the black. At the end of the discussion, the board voted 3:2 to approve the new position. Butler and Booth were the nay votes.

Butler said she couldn't understand paying an additional \$62,000. "We are in no financial position to spend more money unless it is an emergency," she said. "In my opinion, this isn't an emergency... We can survive until we are better shape financially."

Booth said the timing wasn't right for the district to create another high-paid, full-time administrative position although he still favored a part-time IT position.

Director Randy Jenco asked Morris to explain some of the arguments she made to the Personnel Committee to justify the new full-time position. She said that even since then her laptop has been malfunctioning for 10 days even though the contracted vendor has made three attempts to fix it.

Morris said the district has struggled for years with limited IT support. "Between my database capabilities, Mark's (Matulich) abilities with information technology, and this IT person, I think we would get the district's multiple systems that rely on technology to a much higher mode," she said. "It is all related to moving the organization forward."

After Director Martin Pohl asked her about the math, Morris provided a rough estimation off the top of her head. The salary for a budgeted, vacant position for an accounting technician is \$70,000. With benefits, the total cost would be \$105,000 to \$110,000. Reclassifying the position and increasing the salary to \$185,000 with benefits would increase the costs by about \$70,000.

However, the savings from eliminating the \$120,000 in contracted services would leave the district \$50,000 in the black. On the other hand, the \$30,000 cost for a parttime payroll clerk must be subtracted, which would leave the district about \$20,000 in the black.

Butler again objected to creating a full-time position. "We are very financially stressed at this point, not because we have too little money necessarily, but because we don't know how much money we have," she said.

Morris told her that staff has moved district funds from a bank and a state fund to significantly increase the interest rates. That will mean new revenue of \$600,000 from one of them.

Morris also told Butler she couldn't be any more cost-conscious. "I do not recommend wasting money ever," she said. "But I think this will be like a jetpack for us."

Booth told Morris he was impressed with her revenue enhancement efforts, but he still didn't think the timing for a full-time IT position was right and wouldn't recommend it to the community. Jenco said the issue was being mischaracterized. "So in the big picture, we are trading one position for another, and we are really not adding any expenses to our budget," he said.

Audience member Mike Martell, a past CSD Board member, recommended a full-time IT position, saying it would be essential for getting the most benefit as the district increases its surveillance camera system after more funding comes in from the new housing.

After President Tim Maybee called for the vote on the full-time IT position, he,



Director Linda Butler argues against the creation of a new IT position at the Rancho Murieta Community Services District Board meeting on Feb. 21. President Tim Maybee is to her right. Photos by Gail Bullen

Jenco, and Pohl voted yes. Butler and Booth voted no.

Wooden Bridge District Counsel Andrew Ramos provided an update on the district's efforts to transfer the wooden bridge to the Rancho Murieta Association, which has been going on for years.

Ramos said the most recent effort was a board resolution in November asking that the bridge be exempt from surplus property under the Surplus Lands Act, which is administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

After spending two months reviewing request, the department attorneys ignored "the rules of geometry that no houses could fit on the property," Ramos said. However they did suggest the district could use another exemption that Ramos was presenting to the board.

"The bottom line is they didn't know what to do with us. The department's job is to make sure public agencies are making property available for affordable housing uses before selling it on the open market or doing something with it," Ramos said. "They didn't know what to do with a wooden bridge over the Cosumnes River."

The board voted 5:0 for the new resolution to seek a different exemption.

Other business
• Morris reported she

expected the release of the long overdue audit 2020/21 fiscal year the following week. She said the Finance Committee would review it on Feb. 29.

• Director of Operations Michael Fritschi reported the final phase of the Integrated Water Master Plan would be presented to the board on March 20, with a town hall meeting the following day. The other board members agreed with Butler that the community must be given at least 14 days to consider plan before scheduling a town hall. A town hall date hadn't been determined as press time.

• Morris delivered the security report since Security Supervisor Kelly Benitez has resigned. See the story in the Feb. 23 issue. Of 93 patrol shifts in January, 27 weren't covered. She also reported that two dash cameras had been installed in the two patrol vehicles.

• Morris said four information requests has been made to the district in January. One was from Richard Gehrs, who asked where footage from the CSD patrol dash camera would go. She said it would be stored on a district server.

• The River Valley Times protested a decision to discontinue publication of the security logs after Benitez's resignation.

• Fritschi said the district will put a project to improve

safety at Granlee's Dam out to bid with funding to come from a \$1.3 million state grant.

• Morris staff is preparing a report on progress made since the Sacramento County Grand Jury published a critical report in March 2023. She said it should be ready by the March 20 board meeting.

• Although approval of a contract with the employee union, Operating Engineers Local 3, was on the agenda, the board tabled it because one small issue is still being worked out.

• Fritschi reported that the utility staff spent much time over three weeks remodeling the front office at the CSD Building.

• Fritschi also reviewed the updated matrix of capital improvement projects for the current fiscal year.

• Speaking during public comments, resident Ted Hart warned the board that all three major entities in Rancho Murieta are heading for a collision. See the RMA meeting story this issue.

• The board approved changing the entity that handles employee payroll deductions for retirement savings. Morris said the new CalPERS 457 Plan won't result in any cost to the district but it will reduce the administrative costs for employees on their savings.

The board will hold its next regular meeting at 5 p.m. on March 20. ★

CITY OF ELK GROVE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION



The City of Elk Grove encourages applicants demonstrating an understanding of the rural Elk Grove experience with community planning interests to apply for appointment to fill a voting member position vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Qualifications: Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, reside in the City of Elk Grove and be registered to vote. Members may not be an officer or employee of the City. Members may not be an elected or appointed official of another public entity whose jurisdiction includes any portion of the City.

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Appointment and Term: The appointment will be made by Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen, with the approval of the City Council. Member appointments are reviewed by the Mayor and City Council annually. Appointees will be required to take an Oath of Allegiance, complete ethics and anti-harassment trainings, and disclose personal assets and interests as required by the Political Reform Act.

The Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove.

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

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