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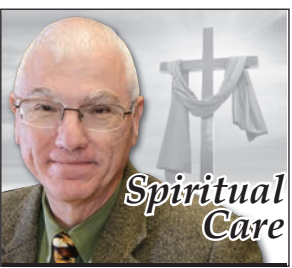
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City's Mission 'Possible,' Mayor Says



Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen greets guests before beginning her State of the City address. In a reference to "Mission: Impossible," she entered wearing dark sunglasses. Photo by Matthew Malone

By Matthew Malone
Staff Writer

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen laid out recent accomplishments and upcoming goals during her State of the City address on March 29. The event's theme reversed a popular film franchise by declaring "Mission: Possible" for Elk Grove.

Singh-Allen said much has changed since she was elected mayor

in 2020. "The big dreams we have conceived for our future that seemed so impossible back then are coming to life today, thanks to the passion, commitment and collective pursuits of dreamers like you and me, who see the promise and the possibilities for Elk Grove's future," Singh-Allen said. "The work of our city is guided by a clear mission that comes from the need and priorities expressed by our community."

She said that governing Elk Grove, like the missions in the action movie series, calls for leadership, adaptability and innovation to confront complex challenges.

"But really, these tongue-in-cheek comparisons are meant to highlight the complexity and the approaches to the work that we must do for our city," Singh-Allen said. "Now, your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to dream big and work

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Council Approves Enhanced Drone Program

By Shaunna Boyd

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - At the March 27 meeting, the Elk Grove City Council considered funding allocations for 2024-2025 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Community Service Grant (CSG). The city received 36 applications, with the total requests exceeding \$3 million, which was well beyond the available funding.

The Community Development Block Grant is an annual federal grant provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for programs and services that benefit low-income individuals.

This year, Elk Grove is expected to receive \$910,987, of which up to 15% (estimated at \$136,648) can be allocated to public services. The applications recommended for approval were Community Link Capital Region for the renters' helpline, the Elk Grove Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Project Sentinel Inc.'s fair housing services, and Waking the Village for youth transitional housing and shelter.

The Community Service Grant is allocated from the city's General Fund to support nonprofit organizations serving Elk Grove residents. This year, the available funding is \$457,969, which will go to organizations that provide public service assistance to the homeless, low-income families and domestic violence victims, as well as support for youth and senior programs, animal services, and for theater and arts programs. Groups recommended for approval were: Al-Misbaah, Alchemist CDC, Campus Life Connection, Chicks in Crisis, Elk Grove Fine Arts Center, Elk Grove Food Bank Services, Elk Grove Homeless Assistance Resource Tea, Elk Grove United Methodist Church, Friends of Elk Grove Animal Shelter, Musical Mayhem Productions, Runnin' for Rhett, Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center, Senior Center, Teen Center, Uplift People of Elk Grove and xHope Inc.

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CSD Fire Shows Strategic Plan, Goals



Sacramento Junior Tennis Fund representatives present a \$1,500 grant to the Cosumnes Community Services District directors. Photo by Matthew Malone

By Matthew Malone
Staff Writer

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Cosumnes Community Services District staff updated the board of directors on the Cosumnes Fire Department strategic plan, as well as its community risk assessment and standards of cover (CRA/SOC). Both documents are major parts of

the department's efforts to gain an international accreditation.

Administrative Manager Carolyn Baptista said that only 21 fire agencies in California are accredited through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI).

"Accredited fire agencies are often described as being community oriented, data driven and

outcome focused. They are well organized and properly equipped, staffed and trained," Baptista said.

To better track progress on the strategic plan, the district switched from using a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet to a dedicated software that can track a goal's status from "not started" to "achieved," as well as varying degrees of setbacks.

Baptista described the five-year strategic plan as a "living document," in which a project may go through multiple status levels over the course of a year. The board adopted the plan in 2022.

Out of the six major strategies laid out in the strategic plan, the one with the highest proportion of completed elements is

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 hard with us to foster a city that provides a vibrant, sustainable economy; community safety and resiliency; a high-performing, financially stable local government; and infrastructure that meets our current and future needs. And I believe that mission is possible."

Sustainable Economy

Singh-Allen said Elk Grove is primed for "explosive" growth. In 2023, she noted, Elk Grove issued more than 400 business licenses to companies starting in the city.

The mayor pointed to two of the largest businesses to open in the city in recent years: a Kubota Tractor Corp. distribution center and Sky River Casino.

Kubota opened its distribution center in southern Elk Grove in December. At the grand opening, an executive said the facility "represents a key chapter in Kubota's history" as it expands in the U.S.

"This \$70 million state-of-the-art facility is serving dealers and customers throughout the West," Singh-Allen said. "Kubota is sparking new jobs, innovations and opportunities for our region, not just at their facility but at hotels, restaurants and retailers here in Elk Grove and it will spur additional growth in the Grant Line business park."

Since its opening in 2022, Sky River has opened new eateries at its location north of Kammerer Road, Singh-Allen noted. She also cited the purchase of 20 acres of land near Sky River by Wilton Rancheria, the tribe that owns the casino.

"This growth continues to enrich our community's dining and nightlife options, and fosters self-reliance and success for Wilton Rancheria and its members," Singh-Allen said, thanking the rancheria leaders for their commitment to Elk Grove.

The Elk Grove Library's upcoming move to the former Rite Aid location on Elk Grove Boulevard and Elk Grove-Florin Road will "offer new ways to engage with education and to connect through spaces and resource that support learning at any age."

Singh-Allen announced that State Sen. Angelique Ashby, D-Sacramento, had secured \$1 million to support the library move.

Addressing the plans to have the Sacramento Zoo

move to Elk Grove, Singh-Allen said the project could attract more than 1 million visitors per year, promote Elk Grove and provide "an amazing educational resource" for students.

Community Safety

The economy's health depends on prioritizing public safety, Singh-Allen said, citing rising reports of shoplifting throughout the state.

Singh-Allen said Elk Grove Police Department conducted 13 covert operations in 2023 "to combat retail theft," recovering more than \$27,000 of merchandise and making 58 arrests. She noted that revenue from the Measure E sales tax funded the hiring of 19 police department staff and the launch of a youth services unit.

Singh-Allen cited the introduction of a community prosecutor, in partnership with the Sacramento County district attorney, saying it would "ensure that these offenses in Elk Grove come with consequences."

"(Community Prosecutor Anthony Ortiz's) new office at the police department literally puts him alongside our officers to combat crime," Singh-Allen said. She added that Ortiz would help prosecute offenses such as burglaries, theft, substance abuse and vandalism.

The mayor said first responder response times to emergencies are another major aspect of public safety. She noted that Cosumnes Fire Department is training new personnel and implementing new software to improve its response times.

Singh-Allen also pointed to the Enhanced Winter Sanctuary as part of the city's response to homelessness. She cited one sanctuary client who used the support to transition to an apartment.

"These are the results we want more of, and to provide more time for guests to make that transition, to sustainable housing, we are using savings from the program to extend the operation of the Enhanced Winter Sanctuary to the end of April," Singh-Allen said.

She cited the city's participation in the Point In Time Count of homeless people in Sacramento County and the hiring of homeless navigators to help unhoused people find permanent dwellings.

Local Government

The mayor spoke about the city's approach to governance.



Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen, center, stands with several dignitaries at the State of the City luncheon: from left, Daniel Washington of State Sen. Angelique Ashby's office, Wilton Rancheria Chair Jesus Tarango, Elk Grove City Councilmember Rod Brewer, West Sacramento City Councilmember Dawnté Early, and SMUD Ward 3 Director Gregg Fishman. Photos by Matthew Malone



Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen delivers her State of the City address at District 56.

"We've never been a city that conforms to the status quo. We strive to be leaders in innovation, pursuing ideas that improve the lives of our residents and streamline our operations," Singh-Allen said.

The city is developing an "inclusive engagement toolkit," she said, to encourage staff to engage the community early and often on projects. Singh-Allen noted that Franklin High School students are working with the city on an augmented-reality version of the planned zoo, and that staff are creating digital presentations on the progress of development projects.

In addition, Singh-Allen pointed to \$2.2 million secured by Rep. Doris Matsui, D-Sacramento, for a number of city projects: connecting local trails, hiring abuse-victim advocates, and converting the city fleet to zero-emissions

vehicles.

"Having strong partnerships with the federal government ensures that we have a champion that is representing the needs of Elk Grove in Washington, D.C.," Singh-Allen said.

She also highlighted the city's efforts to increase diversity in its staff and the adoption of a land acknowledgment honoring Elk Grove's indigenous people.

Infrastructure

Singh-Allen said Elk Grove's roads "are some of the best in the region." She noted that roads in the Sacramento region receive a pavement condition index rating of 53 out of 100, indicating poor condition, while Elk Grove's roads rate an 80, indicating satisfactory quality.

Traffic signal synchronization has reduced travel time by an average of 12% on Elk Grove and Laguna

boulevards, with a 46% reduction in the number of stops crossing the city. Further enhancements will follow, she said.

Singh-Allen turned to the Capital SouthEast Connector, which includes extending Kammerer Road to Interstate 5. She said the city hopes to begin right-of-way acquisitions for the project later this year. The city is still seeking funding for the project through grants.

"The project will remain to provide much-needed additional east-west connection from Interstate 5 to Highway 99. This new roadway will not only provide access and a route for residents and businesses in the developing southern parts of our city, it will offer much-needed traffic relief on Elk Grove and Laguna boulevards," she said.

Singh-Allen also expressed anticipation

for the proposed train station in Elk Grove, which she said would access the city's "untapped potential" by giving a closer connection to the Bay Area, shortening commutes and encouraging businesses to start in or move to the local area. Opening is expected in late 2026.

Singh-Allen concluded on an optimistic note. She acknowledged the women who represent the city on the state and national levels for Women's History Month and thanked the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce for organizing the event.

"I am proud to say that the state of our city is strong. Our mission is possible," Singh-Allen said. "My goal as your mayor is to be able to look back on the great work that we have done together and say, 'Mission accomplished.'" ★

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Levee District Makes Sheldon Repairs With Grant

By Gail Bullen
River Valley Times
Reporter

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A \$390,000 award from the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to reimburse 2023 storm damage repairs and three emergency levee repairs in early March in Sheldon were topics when the Reclamation District 800 (RD800) Board of Trustees met at the Wilton Community Center on March 21.

The board also took in an update about efforts to secure \$5 million in reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for other emergency repairs after the January 2023 storms and approval to fix three levees in Sloughouse downstream from Rancho Murieta.

Another update was that a \$500,000 planning grant secured for the district by State Sen. Roger Niello had been reinstated.

Background

Reclamation District 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 the district's levees in three locations and caused massive erosion elsewhere. Already in debt, the district increased its line of credit to make more than \$6.5 million in emergency repairs. As of the March meeting, Reclamation



An aerial image shows emergency levee repairs at the end of Bradley Ranch Road in Sheldon after a high-water event on March 2. Courtesy photo

District 800 owed \$7.125 million to the Bank of Stockton.

Cal OES reimbursement On March 14, the California State Office of Emergency Services announced the approval of more than \$390,000 in reimbursements to Reclamation District 800 under the California Disaster Assistance Act. The funding was to help cover the costs of two emergency levee repairs after the January 2023 storms.

The two projects were a levee break at the end of Fig Road that cost \$758,000 to repair and massive erosion at the end of Lee School House Road that cost \$1.72 million.

District engineer Patrick Ervin won fast-track approval to fund the two repairs from the National Resource Conservation Service, which is a division of the federal Department of Agriculture. While the district bore the upfront costs, the National

Resource Conservation Service provided 75% reimbursement.

Ervin also applied for reimbursement of the district's 25% share from the California Office of Emergency Services. While the office typically subtracts 6.25% from such reimbursements, it paid the entire amount. The exception was granted because Ervin had requested a waiver due to the district's financial straits.

Ervin told the board he was hopeful that the State Office of Emergency Services also will pay the district's 25% share of FEMA reimbursements for other levee repairs after the January 2023 storms.

New emergency repairs

Ervin reported on three new repairs initiated after a March 2 high water event damaged levees on the Sheldon side of the river.

"Although it was projected to be just above the monitor stage, the river

came up faster and sooner than we thought. It was a lot higher than they projected at 2½ feet below flood level," Ervin said. "We noticed some seepage coming through the levee we had to take care of so we declared an emergency."

The most substantial damage occurred along the levee adjacent to the Bradley Ranch breach in Sheldon, stretching the length of a football field before its repair in 2023. Ervin noted that the new site exhibited sloughing on the land side, with water emanating from rodent holes, necessitating extensive repairs carried out by Asta Construction.

"I think it was our next most likely break but we took care of that," Ervin said.

Additional damage was identified at mile markers 21.2 and 21.8 on the Sheldon riverbank downstream from the Folsom Canal. At one location, situated at a sharp bend in the river, significant erosion was observed, exacerbated by the rising water levels.

Ervin estimated the total cost of the three repairs to be about \$300,000.

During discussions, Ervin and the board addressed a recurring issue regarding Asta Construction's practice of adding a 15% time and materials charge to invoices to cover subcontractor management and material transportation expenses. Concerns arose as FEMA reportedly denied some claims based solely on this 15% overhead charge.

Ervin highlighted the dilemma: "The state mandates a 15% charge for these services, yet FEMA disapproves."

Rebecca Smith, the district's contract attorney, acknowledged this challenge as common in other districts, particularly in emergency situations.

FEMA funding

Ervin provided an update on his efforts to secure FEMA funding following the January 2023 storms. However, the uncertainty persists regarding whether the district will receive this funding, as FEMA previously failed to reimburse Reclamation District 800 for an approved levee repair in 2010, contributing significantly to the district's \$2 million debt before the 2023 storms.

This time, Ervin is pursuing approximately \$3 million in FEMA reimbursements for levee repair work conducted between December 30 and February 24. Given Reclamation District 800's emergency declaration, it stands to potentially receive 100% reimbursement. Ervin meticulously compiled and submitted about 400 documents, recognizing the importance of streamlining the process to increase the likelihood of payment, as advised by the FEMA program manager.

In addition, Ervin has submitted paperwork for approximately \$1.5 million in post-storm repairs between Feb. 27 and July 17, eligible for a 75% reimbursement rate.

Furthermore, Ervin has initiated the approval process for permanent repairs on three levees situated between Rancho Murieta and Dillard Road, comprising one on the right bank and two on the left. These repairs, estimated at \$700,000, will undergo a comprehensive permitting process, which means the repairs take years.

Niello grant

Last summer, Reclamation District 800 received promising news with the allocation of a \$500,000 grant by Senator Niello in the 2023/24 state budget, designated for the financing of Reclamation District 800's long-range planning efforts. Ervin halted work on the application to transfer the money from the state Department of Water Resources upon discovering that the funds had been frozen, due to the state's budget deficit. However, subsequent developments have seen the grant reinstated.

Ervin said he implemented a dedicated tracking system to monitor the time devoted to planning activities. That includes recent engagements such as a levee inspection conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and participation in a working group convened by Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume to evaluate the Cosumnes River watershed.

Smith, the district's contract attorney, is also documenting her time spent on planning initiatives for potential reimbursement from the grant. She said the trustees also could be reimbursed for their involvement in planning activities.

In other business:

Trustee Leland Schneider informed the board that he had tasked Trevor Dosh, the district's new maintenance supervisor, with obtaining quotes from an arborist to remove a "giant, humungous" oak tree that had fallen onto the Lee School House Road levee. Although the tree proved too large for Dosh to handle alone, he managed to trim it sufficiently to make the levee road accessible.

Schneider also provided an update from Dosh, who was still overseeing the tree removal. Dosh had conducted extensive patrols, averaging 10 to 12 hours daily during periods of high-water levels, and had identified rodent holes posing potential threats. Additionally, Dosh successfully restored all equipment to working order and procured straw and ryegrass for erosion control at emergency repair sites. "He's ensured the levees are navigable and clean, and he's even marked the old concrete anchors from the former hops farms to facilitate contractor mowing," Schneider said.

The board deliberated but deferred a vote on allocating approximately \$30,000 to replace the district's pickup truck with a used vehicle. Subsequent to service, Dosh discovered the need for an \$8,000 transmission repair.

District treasurer Perla Tzintzun-Garibay informed the board that Sacramento County had utilized funds from the district's general account with the county to settle a \$350,000 payment to the Bank of Stockton, accompanied by \$38,062 in interest. Tzintzun-Garibay clarified that technically, the county acts as the district's treasurer, ensuring that funds are available and addressing any outstanding debt, although this process had not been consistently followed in the past.

Tzintzun-Garibay recommended establishing a disability payments account with the state, given the district's employment of a full-time staff member and occasional part-time hires. The board unanimously approved the creation of the account.

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Jean Marie Lawton was born on January 8, 1931 to her parents Christian Meinkoth and Elizabeth Monken in O'Fallen, Illinois. Jean was the youngest of six children and lost her father at age 12. At age 19, Jean married William Joseph Lawton on November 16, 1950. William & Jean Lawton were United Methodist Church ministers and served for many years. They adopted both of their children Pam and Bob and loved and cared for them as their own. Jean was a tower of strength, love and support for her family and friends. She was a lover of her grandchildren, enjoyed serving the church family and loved quilting, crocheting and baking. She was an excellent cook and an avid reader. She was great with children and they loved her! Her grandchildren

Lawton, great grandchildren Everlee Lawton, Hudson Lawton and one on the way.

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Memorial has been set up through Point Pleasant Church for Jean Lawton

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California Insurance Market 'In Chaos'



Here are the remains of a burned home in Berryessa Highlands on Sept. 21, 2020. Photo by Anne Wernikoff for CalMatters

By Levi Sumagaysay
CALMatters.org

With more California homeowners just discovering their insurance policies are getting canceled — and hundreds of thousands of others stuck with a pricey option of last resort — state Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara's efforts to fix the home insurance market can't come quickly enough.

Lara has introduced two main regulations, with more to come. The first, unveiled last month, aims to streamline rate reviews. State law gives the Insurance Department the power to approve or deny insurers' requests to raise premiums. Insurance companies complain the process has been holding up the increases they seek as a result of what they say are increased costs due to rising climate-change risks and inflation.

The second regulation will let insurers use catastrophe modeling — which combines historical data with projected risk and losses — along with other factors when setting their premiums. California is the last state to allow for catastrophe modeling.

"We're undertaking the state's largest insurance reform," Lara said during a press conference earlier this month. "We can no longer look solely to the past to guide us to the future."

He said catastrophe modeling will lead to "more reliable rates," "greater insurance availability" and "safer communities," because he said it would further encourage and reward wildfire mitigation by homeowners and communities. Insurance Department spokesperson Michael Soller said success will mean fewer homeowners needing to turn to the FAIR Plan, the state-mandated insurer of last resort.

Insurance trade groups, which stand to benefit most from the new regulations, agree with Lara's support for catastrophe modeling and support his so-called sustainable insurance strategy. So do fire chiefs, to an extent. But almost everyone else — homeowners, consumer groups and former insurance commissioners — has lingering concerns.

U.S. Rep. John Garamendi, a Democrat representing parts of Solano and Contra Costa counties, had two stints as state insurance commissioner in the mid-1990s and early 2000s. He says the insurance market is "in chaos" — and that Lara should be holding public hearings and demanding insurance company executives testify to explain to Californians why

their premiums are rising.

"One of the critical things a commissioner does is to analyze the market and provide the public with information," Garamendi said in an interview with CalMatters. "(Lara) didn't use his power to control the industry and second, to inform Californians."

The criticism drew a retort from Soller: "Commissioner Lara is fixing decades-long neglected issues that have led to this crisis. He is focused on safeguarding the integrity of the state's insurance market, not second-guessing from predecessors who had their chance and failed to act."

Dave Winnacker, chief of the East Bay's Moraga-Orinda Fire District, said the upsides of catastrophe modeling include being able to credit what homeowners, communities and governments do to lessen wildfire risk. That includes being able to account for the numbers and proximity of firefighters in certain areas, Winnacker said.

"Depending on where you are in a state, and that's tied to population density, the number of firefighters available could affect the outcome (of a wildfire)," he said, adding that catastrophe models should reflect that.

He also said he and other fire chiefs are working to make sure the interests of consumers, fire professionals, insurers and the state are aligned. Insurers may not know what homeowners, communities and local fire departments are doing to reduce wildfire risk. One idea: a database to share that information.

"There is no future in which we can price our way out of this crisis with just premiums," Winnacker said, adding that everyone needs to work together.

Dave Jones, the state insurance commissioner for eight years before Lara took over in 2019, said he is "trying to avoid looking over the shoulder of my successor."

Jones is now director of the Climate Risk Initiative Center for Law, Energy & the Environment at UC Berkeley School of Law. He said it is good for consumers that the catastrophe-modeling regulation could take forest management into consideration. But he said he's not sure Lara's actions will be sufficient.

Before the end of the year, Lara is also expected to issue a regulation that will allow insurers to factor reinsurance costs into their rates. Reinsurance is insurance for insurance companies in the event of large payouts. That plus the other new regulations may "help in the short to mid term," giving insurance companies the ability to raise



State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara speaks during a press conference with Los Angeles labor leaders and advocates in Commerce on Sept. 26, 2022. Photo by Alisha Jucevic for CalMatters

premiums, Jones told CalMatters.

But he said those actions may "ultimately be overwhelmed by our failure to stop the fossil-fuel industry, which is contributing to rising temperatures" and therefore insurance losses.

Jones also pointed out that Florida has long allowed insurers to use catastrophe modeling and has let them factor in reinsurance costs in their rates — yet its insurance market is in worse shape than California's.

"Florida has done what insurers are asking for," Jones said. Yet "Florida's rates are three or four times the national average."

Mark Friedlander, spokesperson for the Insurance Information Institute, an industry group, confirmed that the group estimates that Florida's average home insurance premium was \$6,000, or three-and-a-half times the national average, in 2023.

In addition, Jones said Florida's version of California's last-resort FAIR Plan — called the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. because it's funded with a surcharge on policyholders — has more than 1 million policies. California's growing FAIR Plan, run by a pool of insurers, has 373,000 policies, its president told state lawmakers recently.

"That raises the question," Jones said. "Giving insurers (higher rates) and shifting the burden to all Californians... whether that's going to be enough in the face of growing background risk associated with climate change."

Meanwhile, last week State Farm said that it is not renewing policies for 30,000 California homeowners, as well as refusing to cover all commercial

apartments by not renewing 42,000 of those policies.

This is happening despite California approving State Farm's requests to levy double-digit premium increases last year.

"One of our roles as the insurance regulator is to hold insurance companies accountable for their words and deeds," said Soller, the Insurance Department spokesperson. "State Farm General's decision... raises serious questions about its financial situation — questions the company must answer to regulators."

State Farm spokesperson Sevag Sarkissian would not comment beyond the statement the company put on its website last week, which read in part: "This decision was not made lightly and only after careful analysis of State Farm General's financial health, which continues to be impacted by inflation, catastrophe exposure, reinsurance costs, and the limitations of working within decades-old insurance regulations."

Sarkissian also referred CalMatters to the Personal Insurance Federation of California, which counts State Farm as a member. The industry group's president, Rex Frazier, said in an email last week that allowing insurers to use catastrophe modeling would help with insurance availability. Yet in its statement, State Farm acknowledged the actions Lara is taking to try to fix the insurance availability and affordability crisis in California, even as it announced its decision not to renew tens of thousands of homeowners.

Joyce Kaufman, a retiree in Joyce Lake, Mono County,

recently got a notice of non-renewal for her homeowners insurance with Farmers, which she said she and her husband were dreading but expecting.

"I'm not really sure what the state's trying to do, both at the commissioner and legislative level," Kaufman said. And losing the ability to renew her policy is affecting her other insurance needs, she said. As her broker helps look for an alternative, her auto premium is now going up about \$300 a year because it will no longer be bundled with home insurance.

As the new regulations give insurance companies what they had asked for, one part of Lara's strategy — which he first laid out last year after an executive order by the governor — is conspicuously missing. Lara had said insurance companies would be required "to commit to writing at least 85 percent of their statewide market share in wildfire-distressed underserved areas."

That provision is nowhere in the text of Lara's unveiled regulations so far — an omission not lost on consumer groups or former commissioner Jones.

"Where is that 85 percent?" asked Carmen Balber, executive director of Consumer Watchdog. Soller, the Insurance Department's spokesperson, said that part of the commissioner's strategy is coming.

Balber also said she is concerned that the catastrophe-modeling regulation "appears to not comply with the transparency requirements of Prop. 103," the voter-approved law that regulates the insurance industry.

According to the text of the regulation on catastrophe modeling, the public will be able to take part in reviewing catastrophe models before they're deemed acceptable. But anyone who helps review the models will be required to sign a nondisclosure agreement.

"If a big chunk of your insurance rate is behind a 'black box,' then that's not what the voters passed," when they passed Proposition 103 in 1988, Balber said. "At the end of the day, if the commissioner passes something that hides something behind closed doors, we'll have to consider challenging it."

Levi Sumagaysay covers the economy for CalMatters. Previously, she was a senior reporter who covered worker issues, the gig economy, inequality and corporate accountability for MarketWatch. She also was a longtime reporter and tech and business editor at the Mercury News. ★

Council Approves Enhanced Drone Program

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During Public Comment on this item, various representatives from the nonprofit organizations spoke about how the funding will significantly impact their work to serve Elk Grove residents.

Councilmember Darren Suen thanked all the organizations for the work they do in the community and said he wished there were more funding to support these programs: "There's a lot of need out there."

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen said, "Nonprofits fill a huge void. ... You are all doing tremendous work."

City Council directed staff to move forward with the allocations as recommended, and the final vote will be held at a future meeting.

Also considered by City Council were amendments to the Sheldon Park Estates project, currently under construction, which would allow a portion of the subdivision to convert into a private, gated community.

The initial project was approved in 2014 to build 45 single-family homes on two-acre lots north of Sheldon Road. In 2019, an update to the General Plan prohibited gated communities in the rural area. But Council revisited this decision in 2021 and removed that restriction.

The applicant is requesting that 28 lots be included in a private, gated community, Sheldon Park Estates North. As part of that process, four existing roads—Aquafina Court, Evian Court, Penta Way and Dasani Way—will be shifted from public roads to private roads, and vehicle gates will be installed at Penta Way and Dasani Way.

Updated conditions of approval will require the establishment of a Homeowners Association (HOA) to collect fees for maintenance of these private roads, including pavement, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, streetlights, drainage, signs and

pavement markings.

City Council voted unanimously to approve the change and allow the gated community in Sheldon Park Estates.

Council members then considered an agreement with Aerodome for its Drone Response System Program for the Elk Grove Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$2.14 million for the contract duration through fiscal year 2026-2027.

Special Operations Lt. Nate Lange explained that the Elk Grove Police Department has worked with drones since 2019 but this contract would allow for a significant expansion of the program. Lange said that drones can respond quickly to calls for service and the operator is able to assess the situation and see if an officer needs to respond. When officers do arrive on site, the drone provides real-time assistance to enhance officer safety in dangerous situations.

The Elk Grove Police Department uses drones in SWAT operations, to determine the location of illegal firework activity, to identify the culprits of dangerous street racing and to help the fire department assess the fire or flood level in emergency situations.

Aerodome was identified as the best partner for the expanded program, since its drones can fly at night, have advanced radar technology and the software integrates with the Elk Grove Police Department's existing software.

It also provides a geographic information system overlay that shows the streets and addresses so precise locations can be assessed in real time by the operator.

Lange said the drones would never be used for surveillance, only to respond to calls for service. The expanded program will allow for drone use in cases of assault, reckless driving, suspicious person or circumstances, missing

persons, stolen vehicles, theft, robbery, burglary and natural disasters.

The Elk Grove Police Department reviewed the 177,086 police dispatch calls from 2022 and found that 45,472 calls required an officer to respond. Of those, 11% could have been handled by a drone as first responder, which would have allowed officers to focus on other calls that required police engagement.

Using drones significantly increases the response time when residents call for police service, according to Lange, since the drones can be in the air in 10 seconds and arrive at any location within the city in about three minutes, which is significantly faster than officers can respond.

There were no public comments on this item. Councilmember Sergio Robles said it was important to note that the drones would not be used for surveillance purposes. He

said the technology would increase police efficiency and help save lives.

Councilmember Kevin Spease said the drone program is "not a weapon in an arsenal. It is a tool in a toolbox." He said drones will reduce the risk to the police and fire departments "and, even more importantly, to our citizens."

Mayor Singh-Allen said that they were not seeing complaints on this proposal, due to the "public trust. Our community loves and respects our police department, and that is key to overcoming some of those misconceptions of the technology."

It's a "great investment, a great tool," Singh-Allen said. City Council voted unanimously to approve the Aerodome drone contract.

The next Elk Grove City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. April 10 in the City Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way. ★

How to Protect Yourself from EBT Theft

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - California has been experiencing an increase in the occurrence of Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) theft. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is providing security tips and information on how to protect your benefits that can be found on their website at www.cdss.ca.gov in English and Spanish.

EBT Skimming occurs when a thief places a device on a retailer's card-swiping machine to

copy your EBT card information so they can steal your EBT benefits.

EBT Scamming occurs when a thief deceives you into giving out your personal information so they can steal EBT benefits.

Personal information includes your EBT card number, EBT PIN number, social security number, or bank information.

A new mobile app and web-based portal, ebtEDGE, provides new features for EBT cardholders, allowing them to better protect their CalFresh and CalWORKs benefits.

Features include

freezing and unfreezing your account, monitoring transactions for suspicious activity, blocking online and out-of-state transactions and changing pin.

The free app is available for download in the Apple App store and Google Play store. Web-based access is available at ebt.ca.gov/cardholder.

If you think your benefits may have been stolen, you should immediately call the customer service telephone number on the back of your EBT card, 877-328-9677, and the Sacramento County office at 1-800-560-0976. ★

Governor Appoints Price to Superior Court

Sacramento Superior Court News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed Jerome Price Jr., of Sacramento County, to the Sacramento Superior Court bench on March 26.

"The court welcomes the addition of Mr. Price and the experience he will bring to the Sacramento County bench," Presiding Court Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi said.

Since 2021, Price has served as First Assistant Federal Defender in the

Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California.

From 2012 to 2021, Price served as an Assistant Federal Defender in the Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California.

From 2011 to 2012, Price served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Damon J. Keith at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Price earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.



Jerome Price Jr. of Sacramento County will serve on the Sacramento Superior Court. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Superior Court

He fills the vacancy created by the elevation of Justice Shama H. Mesiwala to the Court of Appeal. ★

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| Chair Exercise 9:00 am | Knit & Crochet 9:30 am | Brain & Body NO CLASS 4/10 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 NO CLASS 4/10 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 April 3 10:00 am | Beginning Spanish 10:30 am | Parkinson's Caregivers Support April 12 10:15 am |
| Aerobics 11:30 am | Sign Language 12:30 pm | Parkinson's April 17 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 11:00 am | Intermediate Spanish 12:00 pm | |
| Bridge 1:00 pm | Line Dance All Levels 2:00 pm | Book Group April 10 11:00 am | Scrabble 12:00 pm | |
| Writers Group 1:00 pm | Genealogy 2:00 pm | Jazz Dance NO CLASS 4/10 11:00 am | Rock Painting April 4 & 18 1:00 pm | |
| Intermediate Hatha Yoga 1:30 pm | Mindfulness 2:00 pm | Aerobics 11:30 am | Get Artsy w/Renee April 11 & 25 1:00 pm | |
| | | Chair Yoga NO CLASS 4/10 12:15 pm | Men's Talk Group 1:00 pm | |
| | | Zumba Chair 12:30 pm | Sing & Dance April 11 & 25 1:00 pm | |
| | | Bunco 12:45 pm | Advanced Line Dance 2:30 pm | |
| | | Cardmaking 1:00 pm | | |

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ARTS CALENDAR

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Elk Grove Festival of the Arts, April 27

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center presents the Elk Grove Festival of the Arts, a full day of creative expression at the Old Town Plaza in the heart of our city. This partnership with the City, and the Elk Grove Arts Commission, together fine artists, musical performers, creative students, and the community to enjoy a bit of culture in the beautiful California spring. Collectors will find dozens of fine artists with work at accessible prices – a vast open studios with live painting demonstrations, handcrafted jewelry, and fine and decorative artwork suitable for any home or business.

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

Writers Guild Spring Seminar April 13

The Elk Grove Writers Guild will host its Spring Seminar on April 13 at the Elk Grove Community Center (8230 Civic Center Drive, Suite 140). The event will start at noon with check-in and a pizza lunch. Gini Grossenbacher will speak at 1:15 p.m. on the topic "Exploring Deep Point of View: Fiction and Memoirs." Registration costs \$35. For more information or to register, visit egweg.org/spring. For questions, email loyholder77@gmail.com

Elk Grove Artists Inc. (EGA)

Each month, Elk Grove Artists Inc. engages established and recognized guest artists who conduct workshops, presentations, demos, critiques and more, often sharing stories and experiences that inspire their creativity. To sign up for 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.

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/>

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

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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, please visit elkgrovefineartscenter.org/workshops.

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 information, visit ASeatAtTheTableBooks.org or call (916) 538-3482.

View Artwork from Elk Grove

At webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove/. The Elk Grove Arts Commission has created a virtual Citywide Art Guide hensive inventory of art pieces and art events in Elk Grove. If you know of a piece or event that should be included, contact the city of Elk Grove's community event center manager, Lana Yoshimura at lyoshimura@elkgrovecity.org. ★

POLICE LOGS

Thursday, March 21

1:50 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Kenneth Parks, 28, on warrant charges. Parks was wanted on charges of parole violation and entering a dangerous building, according to jail records. 2:07 p.m., 9600 block of East Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Leandre Dunbar, 29, on warrant charges. 4:46 p.m., School Street/Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Erik Lawson, 30, on warrant charges. 9 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Sabrina Jimenez, 44, on charges of corporal injury to an intimate partner.

possession of a firearm, carrying a loaded firearm, large-capacity magazine possession, and assault weapon possession. 4:57 p.m., Bond Road/Whittmore Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested two unidentified 15-year-olds and an unidentified 13-year-old on charges of unauthorized driving or taking of a vehicle, receiving a stolen vehicle, and conspiracy. 8:14 p.m., Franklin Boulevard/Laguna Park Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Michael Deon, 20, on DUI charges.

Saturday, March 23

3:35 a.m., 9030 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Kevin Hert, 22, on DUI charges. 10:50 p.m., Franklin Boulevard/Laguna Park Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Jessica Tam, 25, on DUI charges.

Sunday, March 24

12:27 a.m., Sheldon Road/Bader Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Lindsay Betts, 31, on DUI charges. 7:22 p.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested William Quantong, 62, on trespassing charges. 11:44 p.m., Laguna

Boulevard/Bruceville Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Arioll Joe, 37, on DUI charges. 4:33 p.m., 7600 block of Chappelle Way: Elk Grove Police arrested an unidentified 17-year-old on warrant charges. 7:01 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Xunkun Wang, 23, on charges of corporal injury to an intimate partner. 8 p.m., 9900 block of Dona Neely Way: Elk Grove Police arrested an unidentified 17-year-old on warrant charges.

Monday, March 25

11:30 a.m., 7500 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Anita Marin, 56, on grand theft charges. 2:07 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Jaleel Abdullah, 26, on charges of corporal injury to an intimate partner. 7:15 p.m., Almond Willow Way/Bond Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Afeef Abdullah, 20, on charges of calling 911 to harass. 8:37 p.m., Bruceville Road/Sheldon Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Stephany Calderon, 37, on warrant charges. 9 p.m., confidential

location: Elk Grove Police arrested Cristyan Hernandez, 29, on domestic battery charges. 11:33 p.m., Grant Line Road/Bond Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Bryan Vazquez Correa, 23, on DUI charges.

Tuesday, March 26

2:13 a.m., Power Inn Road/Llanovista Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Tonisha Elder, 40, on charges of unlawful tear gas possession and drug paraphernalia possession. 9:21 a.m., 9500 block of Laguna Springs Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Abe Sengsouriya, 55, on warrant charges. 11:15 a.m., 9100 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Randy Davis, 64, on warrant charges. 11:22 a.m., Promenade Parkway/Bilby Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Robert Julian, 53, on charges of resisting arrest, drug paraphernalia possession, and meth possession. 2:45 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Amy Gardner, 36, on domestic battery charges. 4:01 p.m., 7600 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Davian Lewis, 25, and Jonathan Williams, 31, on

grand theft and conspiracy charges. 4:39 p.m., 10070 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Michael Turner, 35, on warrant charges. 7:13 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Jason Whitcanack, 43, and Leonard Coz, 38, on organized retail theft, shoplifting and conspiracy charges. 9:37 p.m., 9600 block of Auto Center Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Phoenix Jones, 29, on public intoxication, concealed dagger, and warrant charges.

Wednesday, March 27

4:35 a.m., 8300 block of Sheldon Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Christie Cloninger, 40, on charges of resisting an executive officer, battery and threatening a public employee. 8:25 a.m., 8700 block of Cooperston Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Raul Alcaraz, 42, on burglary charges. 9:20 a.m., 5500 block of Lilyview Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Chance Clark on charges of controlled substance possession while armed, using marijuana in a prohibited location, carrying

a loaded firearm, and concealed weapon possession. 11:53 a.m., 10060 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Ellis Johnson, 37, on trespassing and warrant charges. Johnson was wanted on burglary charges, according to jail records.

Thursday, March 28

6:56 p.m., 8700 block of Poppy Ridge Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Oscar Ramirez, 37, on drug paraphernalia and meth possession charges, and warrant charges. Ramirez was wanted on charges of unauthorized driving or taking of a vehicle, and driving with a suspended license, according to jail records. 7 p.m., 7600 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Christina Ellis, 50, on warrant charges. Ellis was wanted on charges of using a forged credit card, identity theft and petty theft, according to jail records. 7:33 p.m., 8800 block of Bond Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Christopher Barbero, 35, on warrant charges. 11:35 p.m., 9600 block of Amber Fields Court: Elk Grove Police arrested Reginald Armstead, 65, on warrant charges. ★



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Spiritual Game

Win or Lose – Easter Plays the Long Game

Last Sunday, I was disappointed to see the men's basketball team of my beloved alma mater, Baylor University, get pushed out of the Sweet 16 by the stronger Clemson University team.

Nevertheless, I think I'm OK with losing. Clemson kept their ten-point advantage most of the game, but in the last few minutes, Baylor pushed within two points of tying. But, sadly, Clemson stuffed Baylor pride with enough foul shots to make the win definitive.

It just goes to show you, that no matter which team you root for, you must be prepared to lose.

In some ways, I think that's the lesson of Good Friday. The Jesus-followers, my favorite team, lost.

Wait, wait. Don't burn your newspaper yet.

I just think we'd do well to consider that Jesus lost in the sense that he was nailed to a cross. Nearly everything he said in his final three hours dripped with a conciliatory tone.

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do... Today you shall be

with me in paradise. ... Woman, behold, thy son! ... My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? ... I thirst. ... It is finished. ... Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

Yes, he graciously began his talk on Calvary Hill by praying for his murderers, "Forgive them."

But after that, his whole "love-thy-neighbor" campaign seemed headed downhill.

He concludes his Last Will and Testament with – Take care of mom.

He calls out his Father for not watching his back.

And then by the time he announces, "It's finished," his spirit seems in full retreat.

I mean, come on man. From a military outlook, this is defeatist talk.

But here's the thing, the resurrection of Easter actually tells me that God didn't lose. He categorically won.

The losers of the day were the power-hungry folks who sought the winning favor of an earthly king. The real losers were those who'd only followed Jesus hoping he'd lead armies against their Roman oppressors, feeding his soldiers with five bread loaves and two fish.

The absolute losers of the day were the ones who wrapped their populist ideals in God language. Five days before, they shouted "Hosanna" in hopes Jesus could help them crush their enemies.

As our national elections approach, it might be good to remember the lessons of Easter.

Sadly, these days, Christian Nationalism has asserted the same misplaced allegiance shown by the religious people of Jesus' day. The church has become entrenched in tribal affiliations between left and right resulting in the breakdown of relationships.

These folks find it easier to garner votes by demonizing the opposing political party. Players on both sides of this political game seek to restore Jesus to a seat of power that he totally rejected from the cross.

Gratefully, as a follower of Christ, I can tell you that our battle is not with this world.

The Apostle Paul understood this because, before he was a good guy, he was AKA Saul. He lived by the sword, executing Christians for the sake of winning the struggle.

But not long after his conversion, he

would tell the church at Ephesus that "... our struggle is not against flesh and blood but ... against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12).

Easter means that God has already won the battle. He conquered death and all the fear that goes with it. That is victory enough for me. How about you?

The message of Easter is a win-win. God so loved the entire world that he gave his son. (John 3:16)

But we all know that verse.

What we fail to quote is the following verse, John 3:17. "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

See how that goes? No condemnation.

Love wins. It always does because God plays the long game.

Happy Easter, everyone.

I found inspiration for this column in Tim Alberta's book "The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory: American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism." (Harper Collins 2023)

Contact Chaplain Norris at comment@thechaplain.net or 10556 Combie Rd. Suite 6643, Auburn, CA 95602 or voice-mail (843) 608-9715. ★

RELIGION NEWS

Events and Sermon Topics at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

JAZZ and BLUES HOUR: April 7th, the Dave Johnson Band will be performing some Dixieland music, starting at 4pm. May – No concert (see below). June 2nd, Pinkie Rideau will be presenting Blues for your enjoyment. On May 5th, Diane

Sakakihara and Elk Grove Presbyterian Church will be bringing the Triumphant Quartet to Elk Grove for the 5th year. Mark your calendar as the program starts at 3pm (doors open at 2pm) for a wonderful performance by this renowned group. Your \$25 ticket will reserve your seat for this great concert. www.itickets.com/

events/476208. 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@hardinghallinc.com.

UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS

Rev. Dexter McNamara has announced upcoming

sermon topics in April and May: Apr 7th – "Is Seeing Believing?"; Apr 14th – "What's the Proof?"; Apr 21st – "Listen to the Right Shepherd"; Apr 28th – "Radical Attachment Creates Radical Fruit"; May 5th - "Loved into Service"; May 12th – "Trusting Beyond Our Knowing"; "May 19th – "Spirit Filled for a Purpose"; May 26th – "Doxology or Dogma?"

Rev. Deter McNamara welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 am. Our church is located at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn Blvd. For more information Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or elkgrovepres@gmail.com.

Spring Fling at Point Pleasant UMC, April 13

Ladies Fellowship will host a Spring Fling fundraiser on Saturday April 13th at Point Pleasant United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall (3329 Point Pleasant Road).

A soup luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m., followed by a craft and bake sale. Proceeds will fund the restoration of the Historic Buscher House in Point Pleasant. Tickets are

on sale now for \$7 each.

For information or to reserve tickets, call 916-684-2033.

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

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.

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 Mon, Thurs, Fri, 9:30-2:30, Wed, 9:30-6:00.

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

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

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ABOUT TOWN

Elk Grove Garden Club plant sale April 6

Elk Grove Garden Club holds its Plant and Garden Craft Sale on April 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 8609 Brodie Ct. Elk Grove 95624. On sale will be unusual plants, indoor plants, succulents, perennials, annuals, vegetables and arts and crafts items.

Only cash and checks will be accepted. Proceeds will support scholarships and selected charities in Elk Grove.

Elk Grove Community Band Concert April 8

The Elk Grove Community Band's "Festival Music" Concert, free for the community, is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, April 8 in the Multipurpose Room at Joseph Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Christopher J. Tootle is musical director of the band, which includes professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians; and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school

musicians. The April 8 program features "Air for Winds" (Edmondson), "A Festival Prelude" (Reed), "Norwegian March 'Valdres'" (Hanssen), "A Tallis Prelude" (Akey), "The Last Minute" (Fellman), and "First Suite in Eb for Military Band: III, March" (Holst). The band's summer concert is May 20. Learn more at elkgrovecommunityband.org.

Historical Society Tea May 11

The Elk Grove Historical Society announces that tickets are now available for their annual Mother's Day Spring Tea, "Victorian Era Courtship." The event takes place on May 11, noon to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased on our website, elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com, or from our gift shop, eghistory.org. But hurry because the tickets are selling quickly. Please come in your best outfit and Victorian hat to Heritage Garden at 9941 E. Stockton Blvd.

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.

EG Writers Guild Spring Seminar April 13

Elk Grove Writers Guild will host its spring seminar on April 13 at Elk Grove Community Center (8230 Civic Center Drive, Suite 140). The program starts at noon with check-in and a pizza lunch. At 1:15 p.m., Gini Grossenbacher

will teach on the topic, "Exploring Deep Point of View: Fiction and Memoirs." Find more information about Grossenbacher at ginigrossenbacher.com.

Registration costs \$35. To register, visit egweg.org/spring. For questions or comments, email loyholder77@gmail.com.

Widowed Persons Social Club Activities for April

The Widowed Persons Social Club (WPSC) will host the following activities in April. Attendees can join up to three gatherings before joining the club. For information, contact Bonnie Dale at (916) 422-1522.

April 6 - 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Gathering at Peet's Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

April 7 - 4 p.m. - Jazz and Blues Hour at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd. The Dave Johnson Band is playing Dixieland. A \$10 donation is expected at the door.

April 8 - 11:30 a.m. - Mahjong at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Contact is Pat Hunter, 530-559-0191.

American Legion Post 233 Invites Veterans

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.

Our next meeting will be held April 25th, 2024.

Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 invites veterans and their spouses to a dinner/social hour from 6-7 pm. The veterans' general meeting starts at 7 pm.

Veterans' 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 H.

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

Our next Saturday breakfast will be held Apr 6th 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.

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.

For information, contact Dennis Barksdale, Post 233 Baseball Program General Manager, 916-207-9026, dcb@claybar.com. ★

MEETING MINDERS

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

The Elk Grove City Council has its 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 its 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 meetings at 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month. It governs 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 its next meeting Tuesday, April 16, 2024, beginning at

6 p.m. This meeting will be held in-person at the Cosumnes Community Services District headquarters, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd. 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 has in-person meetings every second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. They meet at their district office, 8540 Elk Grove Blvd. Attendees are required to wear face coverings and practice social distancing. For agendas, visit www.EGCCD.com. ★

CSD Fire Shows Strategic Plan, Goals

Continued from page 1
community risk reduction and preparedness, at 38%. In the strategy of fostering an effective emergency response, 86% of items were "on track," the highest percentage for that status level; 7% of the emergency-response items had been achieved. Overall, 70% of objectives are on track or achieved.

Baptista said staff are encouraged to use the "off track" and "at risk" status labels, indicating difficulties like delays or funding shortages, as a way of highlighting which projects need additional resources.

"Noting that 30% of the objectives are either off track or not started, we plan to conduct a mid-strategic plan update as we come upon that halfway point in this five-year plan," Baptista said. "This will include reviewing each objective and seeing if any need to be expanded or condensed to meet the needs of the community."

Presenting the community risk assessment and standards of cover (CRA/SOC), Management Analyst Lizy Silva said the document "the characteristics, hazards and risks of the community; the agency's

resources and response quality; and the plan to maintain or improve capabilities."

Staff have been working on the initial recommendations of the community risk assessment and standards of cover, Silva said, and she focused on the development of performance benchmarks that the department should aim for when responding to calls.

The benchmarks specify that the response to a 9-1-1 call should take no more than a certain amount of time to complete in 90% of cases.

In total, the time from a dispatcher answering a call to fire department personnel arriving at the emergency scene should generally be no more than six minutes and 30 seconds in urban areas, and no more than 12 minutes and 30 seconds in rural areas.

Silva noted that Cosumnes Fire does not directly control the first step of the process, during which a dispatcher answers a call and contacts the appropriate services. Dispatch is handled by a regional group but it is still factored into the overall performance measurement.

Silva then gave the department's actual performance. In 90% of calls in urban

areas, the response time was nine minutes and 32 seconds or shorter, which is three minutes longer than the benchmark. The same statistic in rural areas was 15 minutes and 11 seconds or shorter, about two minutes and 40 seconds above the benchmark.

To bring down response times, the community risk assessment and standards of cover recommended adding three "squads" of medical staff and a new battalion chief. Silva said the department is using funding from the Measure E sales tax to begin training two medical squads and add the battalion chief.

The fire department is also using the funds to upgrade its 9-1-1 alert systems and communication between emergency vehicles and traffic signals. Silva also noted improvements at the regional dispatch center.

The strategic plan and the community risk assessment and standards of cover are two of three "core documents" that the fire department needs to apply for accreditation with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.

The department plans to complete all three documents by February 2025 and the

final step in the process could take place in fall that year.

"We will get out of this process what we put into it, and thus far the time and effort that has been put in by department personnel, other district team members and our external partners has been tremendous," Silva said.

In other business, the board approved the name for a park in the planned Elliott Springs development northwest of Waterman and Bond roads in Elk Grove. The naming committee, which includes directors Peter Sakaris and Angela Spease recommended calling it Cattails Creek Park, based on a cattail feature in the park's play area and the park's proximity to tributaries of Whitehouse Creek. The board adopted the name by a 4-0 vote. Director Orlando Fuentes was absent.

Sacramento Junior Tennis Fund presented the district with a \$1,500 grant to benefit the district's youth tennis program in Elk Grove.

"This is a chance for us to give back a little bit to these kids and make sure that they have an opportunity to play tennis," tennis fund President Carol Rose said. ★

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Superior Court Celebrates Historic Women Leaders

Superior Court of California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Superior Court proudly celebrates the contributions of historic women leaders who have blazed trails within the court.

Presiding Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi is the first Black woman to preside over the unified Superior Court of Sacramento. Judge Awoniyi was appointed to the bench by Gov. Jerry Brown in 2012. During her tenure, she has served rotations in Family Law, Criminal Domestic Violence, Criminal Trials, and Master Calendar for all Criminal assignments. She also served as the Supervising Judge for Family Law and Probate



Sacramento Superior Court Presiding Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi speaks with Judge Dena M. Coggins, Jury Commissioner Ginger Durham and CFO Laetesia Ible in her chambers. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Superior Court

for four years and served two years as the court's Assistant Presiding Judge. Juvenile Court Supervising Judge Dena M. Coggins is the first Black woman from the

Sacramento County bench to be nominated by a sitting president to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California. Judge Coggins was appointed to the bench

by Gov. Gavin Newsom in March 2021. She presides over dependency matters. Veteran court employee Ginger Durham is the first Black woman to serve as Jury Commissioner

for Sacramento Superior Court. Durham is a Nationally Certified Court Manager through the National Center of State Courts and has worked at the court for 18 years. In addition to Jury and Interpreter Services, she has also managed the court reporters and court attendants throughout her career, is an active participant in several statewide pilot programs, is the Language Access Representative for the Sacramento Superior Court and is on the bargaining team for the Region 3 Courts in the court's labor relationship with the California Communications Workers Union.

Laetesia Ible is the first Black woman to serve as the court's Chief

Financial Officer. Prior to joining the court in 2023, Ible had more than 15 years of experience with Sacramento County in various fiscal roles. She previously managed the Sacramento County Probation Department's Fiscal Unit as a Senior Administrative Analyst, overseeing all budgetary, purchasing, accounting, contracting, and grant reporting for the department.

In honor of Women's History Month, the Sacramento Superior Court recognizes all women leaders who have made indelible marks on the judicial system. Their courage, determination, and commitment to justice are inspiration for an equitable and inclusive future. ★

SACOG Gets \$22.5 Million for Green Means Go Program

SACOG News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The U.S. Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities Grant will advance transportation design and planning projects to address barriers in disadvantaged areas.

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) has received \$22.5 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund the next phase of SACOG's award-winning Green Means Go program.

The planning investment will accelerate infill development in 10 areas across the region in designated Green Zones, or areas that have been identified for infill development, to reimagine neighborhoods and address transportation needs.

By pairing transportation planning and housing investments together in Green Zones, it will help build more complete communities where residents can meet their daily needs more holistically within their neighborhoods.

The planning projects span various rural and urban areas within the counties

of Sacramento and Yuba, and the cities of Citrus Heights, Isleton, Marysville, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento, West Sacramento, Woodland, and Yuba City.

These 10 areas share similar issues, busy roadways that limit the ability of community members to safely walk, bike, or roll in their neighborhoods and connect to services and jobs without a car.

These investments will help increase connectivity and reduce the reliance on driving, which helps the region meet greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Equitable community engagement is a significant emphasis of the project to ensure the involvement of communities who have been traditionally left out of planning processes.

SACOG will create a Community-Based Organization Working Group and leverage the model created by the agency's Engage, Empower, Implement program to build capacity, trust, and partnerships with CBOs from across the region.

Another element of this grant is workforce development in which Valley Vision, a nonprofit focused on building a livable region, is leading efforts to

create a pipeline of skilled workers. This effort aligns with the region's Prosperity Strategy and considering the long-term needs as development ramps up in Green Zones once planning has been completed, ensuring that available jobs go to our local skilled workforce.

"Our region is like many in the nation struggling with aging infrastructure that no longer serves us, and local governments who want to reinvest in areas to meet the needs of communities today and into the future," said Michael Saragosa, SACOG board chair, and councilmember for the City of Placerville,

"A huge thanks to the U.S. Department of Transportation for recognizing Green Means Go efforts and for investing in the Sacramento region."

Below is a list of projects that are sub-recipients of the grant. These 10 projects across the six-county region all serve a federally designated disadvantaged community.

City of Sacramento – Reconnecting Old North Sacramento (Del Paso)

Sacramento County – Sacramento County Re-Imagine North Watt Corridor

Yuba County – East Linda Gateway: Lindhurst Corridor Revitalization project

Yuba City – Central City Green Zone Revitalization Plan

City of West Sacramento – US 50 Community Connectivity Project & Sycamore Trail Project

City of Citrus Heights – City of Citrus Heights Sunrise Tomorrow Project

Rancho Cordova – Folsom Blvd: Transforming Old Lincoln Highway Plan

Marysville – Re-Envision Downtown Marysville Plan

Woodland – East Street Corridor Complete Streets

Isleton – SR 160 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge Design

Green Means Go aims to lower greenhouse gas emissions within its six-county region by accelerating infill development and reducing and electrifying vehicle trips.

It targets investment in locally designated Green Zones: areas that cities and counties have identified for infill development that also show a reduction in vehicle miles traveled (VMT), equity and travel choices. ★

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In the majority of pedestrian crashes the victim suffers serious back or head injuries, broken bones, spinal cord injuries, among other injuries. Often, these injuries require extensive surgery along with physical therapy before the person can walk again and resume normal life. Accidents like these can be caused by many reasons, many of which are related to negligent behavior on the part of the driver.

It's not surprising most pedestrian accidents occur in conditions caused by impaired vision for drivers or driver distraction. Factors including night driving, drowsy driving, distracted driving or the poor design of some roads. There will always be drivers who are more cautious in the early morning or late evening yet some don't adhere to this logic. There are drivers who will accelerate around sharp turns or curvy hills and on roads with limited visibility and are unaware someone could be walking on the road side or even using a crosswalk as school children are trained to do in the morning.

Researchers are never surprised to know that the majority of pedestrian accidents occur in urban settings as opposed to suburban or rural. Even though suburban and rural roads are not typically as well-lit as urban ones there are typically fewer drivers and pedestrians. People in these areas tend to drive slower to adjust to winding roads and lighting. As a result of these factors, being a pedestrian in an urban area, particularly one where sidewalks and crosswalks are either unavailable or not readily used can be very dangerous.

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Vincent Flores-Poon, 8911 Wood Lily Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kapture King 360" 8911 Wood Lily Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 22, 2024
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Amanda Chan, 2911 Atterbury Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "King's Sweet Treats" 2911 Atterbury Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 26, 2024
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KINGS 4-16-24

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV004812
Nehad Abdelmohsen El Nozahi aka Nehad Abdelmohsen Elnozahi aka Nehad Abdelmohsen Elnozhi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nehad Abdelmohsen El Nozahi aka Nehad Abdelmohsen Elnozahi aka Nehad Abdelmohsen Elnozhi to Nehad Abdelmohsen Elnozahi.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 9, 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: March 13, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024
ELNOZAH 4-12-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV005169
Janelle Roxanne Madison Harmon has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Janelle Roxanne Madison Harmon to Roxanna Lillie Madison Fox.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 30, 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: March 19, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024
HARMON 4-19-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV005906
Robert Thomas Ericksen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Megan Allie Ericksen to Jordan Bryant Engelhart Ericksen.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 13, 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: March 27, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024
ERICKSEN 4-26-24

SUMMONS

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You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos extensos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una cesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of CA-County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Celina C. Kirchner, Stubbs Alderton & Marklies, LLP, 15260 Ventura Boulevard, 20th Floor, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403, 818-444-4500. Date: (Fecha) 7/19/2023 Clerk (Secretario) Jackie Meraz, Deputy (Adjunto) Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 HELLOTECH 4-12-24

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 2023-07566-CAAPN: 115-1390-018-0000Property Ad-dress: 8945 SHASTA LILY DR, ELK GROVE, CA 95624

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/20/2020. UN-LESS 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, cash-ier's check drawn on a state or na-tional bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust de-scribed below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or war-ranty, expressed or implied, regard-ing title, possession, or encum-brances, to pay the remaining prin-cipal 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 ex-penses 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: Darlene Arnold duly Appointed Trustee: Nestor Solutions, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 8/31/2020 as Instrument No. 202008310594 in Book -- Page -- of Official Rec-ords in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California Date of Sale: 4/12/2024 at 2:00 PM Place of Sale: At the main en-trance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$268,304.37 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8945 SHASTA LILY DRELK GROVE, CA 95624A.P.N.: 115-1390-018-0000The undersigned Trustee dis-claims any liability for any incor-rectness 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 No-tice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTEN-TIAL BIDDERS: If you are consid-ering 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 en-title you to free and clear owner-ship 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 respon-sible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, be-fore you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, pri-ri-ty, 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 con-sult 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 post-poned 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 applica-ble, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or (888) 902-3989 or visit these internet websites or www.nestortrustee.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2023-07566-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NO-TICE TO TENANTS: You may have a right to purchase this prop-erty after the trustee auction pur-suant to Section Giovanna Ni-chelson, Trustee Sale Officer 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you may call or (888) 902-3989 or visit these internet websites or www.nestortrustee.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2023-07566-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 an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should con-sider contacting an attorney or ap-propriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 3/4/2024 Nestor Solutions, LLC214 5th Street, Suite 205Huntington Beach, California 92648Sale Line: (888) 902-3989 Giovanna Nichelson, Trustee Sale Officer EPP 39579 Pub Dates 03/22, 03/29, 04/05/2024 Elk Grove Citizen 4-5-2024

T.S. No.: 9462-6313 TSG Order No.: 230384262 A.P.N.: 116-0390-021-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/24/2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PRO-TECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trust-tee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that cer-tain Deed of Trust Recorded 08/05/2015 as Book No.: 20150805, Page No.: 1053, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: JOSE MAGALLANES BOBADILLA, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully de-scribed in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 04/16/2024 at 9:00 AM Sale Loca-tion: Sale will be held at AUC-TION.COM-East Main Entrance, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 The street address and other common desig-nation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 6627 LAGUNA PARK DR, ELK GROVE, CA 95758 The under-signed Trustee disclaims any liabil-ity for any incor-rectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or en-cumbrances, to pay the re-maining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$180,148.07 (Estimated). Ac-cruded interest and additional ad-vances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possi-ble that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NO-TICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should un-derstand that there are risks in-volved in bidding at a trustee auc-tion. You will be bid-ding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not auto-matically 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 respon-sible for pay-ing off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, be-fore you can receive clear title to the prop-erty. You are encouraged to inves-tigate the existence, pri-ri-ty, 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 con-sult ei-ther of these re-sources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NO-TICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be post-poned 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 applica-ble, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or (888) 902-3989 or visit these internet websites or www.nestortrustee.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2023-07566-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NO-TICE TO TENANTS: You may have a right to purchase this prop-erty after the trustee auc-tion pur-suant to Section Giovanna Ni-chelson, Trustee Sale Officer 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you 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 de-scribed herein shall apply only to public auc-tions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 03/12/2024 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 877-518-5700; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-4812122 03/22/2024, 03/29/2024, 04/05/2024 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 4-5-24

ments 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. NO-TICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you ex-ceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 855-976-3916, or visit this internet web-site https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079/, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 9462-6313 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the ad-dress of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligi-ble tenant buyer" or "eligi-ble bid-der," you should consider contact-ing an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 resched-uled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 22-01781-LC-CA. 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 postpone-ment information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT*: You may have a right to purchase this property 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 22-01781-LC-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 de-scribed herein shall apply only to public auc-tions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 03/12/2024 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 877-518-5700; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-4812122 03/22/2024, 03/29/2024, 04/05/2024 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 4-5-24

T.S. No. 220457781-CA-VOI A.P.N. 117-1480-008-0015 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/24/2019. 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: Elbert Arceo, a single man Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 04/30/2019 as Instrument No. 201904301864 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Sacramento County, California. Date of Sale: 05/09/2024 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: AT THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 720 9TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$370,152.48 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 7515 Sheldon Rd Unit 19103, Elk Grove, CA 95758 A.P.N.: 117-1480-008-0015 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incor-rectness 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 resched-uled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 22-01781-LC-CA. 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 postpone-ment information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT*: You may have a right to purchase this property 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 22-01781-LC-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 de-scribed herein shall apply only to public auc-tions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 03/12/2024 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 877-518-5700; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-4812122 03/22/2024, 03/29/2024, 04/05/2024 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 4-5-24

T.S. No.: 2023-00766-CA A.P.N.:132-1000-050-0000 Property Address: 9680 HOLLY GLEN WY, ELK GROVE, CA 95758 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

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TRUSTEE SALE

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NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACION DE ESTE DOCUMENTO

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/23/2004. 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.

Trustor: ANNETTE MATTHEWS, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY
Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC
Deed of Trust Recorded 02/03/2004 as Instrument No. --- in book 20040203, page 1735 and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 04/25/2024 at 01:30 PM

Place of Sale: AT THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 720 9TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 215,064.43

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGH-EST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:

More fully described in said Deed of Trust.

Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9660 HOLLY GLEN WY, ELK GROVE, CA 95758

A.P.N.: 132-1000-050-0000
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.

The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 215,064.43.

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.

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 re-course.

The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be

postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this internet Web site <https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx> using the file number as-signed to this case 2023-00766-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (866)-960-8299, or visit this internet website <https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx>, using the file number as-signed to this case 2023-00766-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, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: March 8, 2024 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 238 Ventura, CA 93003

Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 <https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx>
Trustee Sale Assistant
WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Published 3/22, 3/29, 04/5/2024
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-19-873390-AB Order No.: DEF-507194 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/8/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): Eileen Argel, a married woman as her sole and separate property Recorded: 9/27/2006 as Instrument No. xxx in Book 20060927 Page 0880 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 4/19/2024 at 2:00 PM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$682,772.33 The purported property address is: 9771 HELENITE CT, ELK GROVE, CA 95624-4464 Assessor's Parcel No.: 134-0870-007-0000 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction

does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 855 238-5118 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-19-873390-AB. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 855 238-5118, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-19-873390-AB to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 855 238-5118 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. TS No.: CA-19-873390-AB IDSPub #0201470 3/29/2024 4/5/2024 4/12/2024
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NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): LOUISE ANN R. LIMJAP, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Recorded: 6/16/2005 as Instrument No. xxx in Book 20050616 Page 2253 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 5/28/2024 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the East Main Entrance of the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$402,727.88 The purported property address is: 9499 WINDRIFT LN, ELK GROVE, CA 95758 Assessor's Parcel No.: 119-1440-066-0000 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-23-968264-SH. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee

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APN: 132-0850-031-0000 TS No: CA08001147-23-1 TO No: 230439677-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 26, 2008. 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 April 25, 2024 at 01:30 PM, at the East Main entrance to the 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 April 3, 2008 as Instrument No., in Book 20080403, on Page 0023 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by SHUMILLA AZHAR, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor(s), in favor of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. 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: 9646 COUNTRY FALLS LANE, ELK GROVE, CA 95757-8348 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$51,136.51 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001147-23-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

FOR: Playground Wood Fiber & Blow-In Installation, Maintenance & Operations

BID#: 783-23/24 OPEN: April 18, 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, April 18, 2024**, sealed BIDs for **Playground Wood Fiber & Blow-In Installation, 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, Purchasing Supervisor, at kgarcia@egusd.net no later than **2:00 P.M. Standard, April 11, 2024**.

Kirsten Garcia, Purchasing Supervisor

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31st Annual Doggy Dash To Take Place April 20 At Land Park

By Annie Kerr

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The largest 5K/2K dog walk and festival event in the Sacramento area is right around the corner. On April 20, the Sacramento SPCA will hold the 31st annual Doggy Dash at William Land Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Doggy Dash is a beloved event in the Sacramento area and a great way to have a fun day with your furry friend and contribute to the efforts of the SPCA to save and care for animals in need.

The Sacramento SPCA provide direct care for more than 40,000 animals each year in the community. Funds raised at this event provide medical care to sick or injured animals, low-cost vaccinations and spay/neuter services, behavior training, humane education programs and more.

Registration is now open for the Doggy Dash, with options to register as an individual or as a team. Individual walkers pay \$35,



The 31st Doggy Dash is April 20 in Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Sacramento SPCA

while teams pay \$45. With registration comes a short-sleeved T-shirt and admission into the festival afterwards. On the day of the Doggy Dash, registration opens at 8:30 a.m. and the 2K/5K walk leaves at 10 a.m. Note: registration is \$50 on the day of. It is required that all dogs be up to date on their vaccinations to participate.

Immediately following the walk, stay and play at the Bark in the Park

festival and enjoy K-9 demonstrations, contests, and more than 100 sponsor and vendor booths to visit, sample and purchase pet-friendly products and more.

Bark at the Park Festival admission is free for registered Doggy Dash walkers. There is a \$5 suggested donation for anyone not registered to walk upon entering the festival area.

The park is on the corner of Sutterville Road and Freeport Boulevard. For tickets, registration, donations and more information, refer to the SPCA Doggy Dash website. ★

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TRUSTEE SALE

number assigned to this case CA08001147-23-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: March 21, 2024

MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001147-23-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Bobbie La Flower, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Order Number 101119, Pub Dates: 3/29/2024, 4/5/2024, 4/12/2024 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 4-12-2024

**City of Elk Grove – City Council
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SUPPLEMENT NO. 32
CONCERNING STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS
IN DISTRICT 1, ZONE 5-AC (LAGUNA RIDGE AREA)
FOR THE BACKER – LILLY AT POPPY MEADOWS PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, **May 22, 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.

Dated / Published: April 5, 2024 and April 12, 2024

JASON LINDGREN
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (916) 478-3635. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

TO: All Prospective Bidders
FOR: Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) and/or After School Education & Safety (ASES)
BID#: 785-23/24
OPEN: April 18, 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, April 18, 2024**, sealed bids for **Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) and/or After School Education & Safety (ASES)** 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. Since this is an RFP, there will not be a public opening.

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, April 11, 2024**.

Kirsten Garcia, Purchasing Supervisor

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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 74
FOR THE BACKER – LILLY AT POPPY MEADOWS PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove on March 27, 2024 adopted its Resolution No. 2024-033, in which it declared its intention to annex territory to the existing Community Facilities District No. 20032 (Police Services) (the "CFD"), and to levy a special tax to pay for certain police services, all pursuant to the provisions of the MelloRoos 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, May 22, 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.

Dated / Published: April 5, 2024 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 **Tuesday, May 7, 2024** for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

**LAGUNA CREEK TRAIL AND WEST STOCKTON BLVD. MULTI MODAL IMPROVEMENTS
AND ELK GROVE TRAIL GAP CLOSURE PROJECT (WAM009)
(FEDERAL PROJECT: STPL-5479(068))**

Bids submitted after the time specified will not be accepted.

Description of Work:

The proposed work shall be performed in accordance with the plans, specifications and other contract documents and shall consist of the following: clearing and grubbing, tree removals, earthwork, drainage facilities, new asphalt path, curb ramps, Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon, crack sealing, pavement repairs, micro-surfacing, traffic signs, striping, and markings, erosion control, landscaping, and other related elements.

The Laguna Creek Trail and West Stockton Blvd. Multi Modal Improvements Project includes resurfacing approximately 2,800 feet of Class I multi-use trail parallel and south of West Stockton Blvd. and will replace 34 non-compliant ADA curb ramps, installing detectable warning surfaces at commercial driveways along Lewis Stein Road. The Project includes a pedestrian crossing with a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) along West Stockton Blvd.

The Elk Grove Trail Gap Closure Project includes construction of a new Class 1 Bikeway along the south side of Elk Grove Creek and addition of bicycle lanes along Laguna Springs Drive. (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$2,636,000.

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 Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California.

Pre-Bid:
This Project does not have a Pre-Bid meeting scheduled.

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

Michael, Karoly, Project Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 662-3204 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:
Kim Marlan, Administrative Assistant, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 627-3315 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

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 \$10.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of \$15.00. 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.

**City of Elk Grove - Planning Commission
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, April 18, 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:

G&C AUTO BODY (PLNG24-004) – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

The Project consists of a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow an autobody and auto paint service business on the Project site, which is located in the Light Industrial (LI) zoning district. The proposed use would be located within an existing ±8,700 square foot office/warehousing building. A ±374 square foot patio cover is proposed at the rear of the existing building to be used as a car wash area for vehicles being serviced, but no other exterior improvements are proposed as part of the Project.

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| PROPERTY OWNER: Cygnus Home Service, LLC Joseph Lasek (Representative) 115 W. College Drive Marshall, MN 56258 | PROJECT APPLICANT: G&C Auto Body, LLC David Pajon (Representative) 100 Stony Point Road, Suite 210 Santa Rosa, CA 95401 |
| LOCATION/APN: | 9919 Kent Street; APN: 134-0100-040 |
| ZONING: | Light Industrial (LI) |
| GENERAL PLAN: | Light Industrial (LI) |
| ENVIRONMENTAL: | The Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. |
| PROJECT PLANNER: | Joseph Daguman, Associate Planner 916.478.2283 or jdaguman@elkgrovecity.org |

Dated / Published: April 5, 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 arrangements to ensure accessibility.

Elk Grove Citizen 4-5-2024

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Fix Prop 47

By John McGinness

On the general election ballot in 2014, California voters were given the opportunity to vote for Proposition 47, the so-called Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act.

For those of us who took the time to read the text of the proposition, it was clear that nothing in this law would make schools or neighborhoods safer. On the contrary, the proposition was fraught with damaging ideas. Crimes such as possession and use of dangerous drugs would be reduced from felonies to misdemeanors. Possession of the so-called date rape drug would be an offense that would warrant no jail time whatsoever. Possession of methamphetamine would also be reduced to a mere misdemeanor, those possessing it could claim it was for personal use, regardless of the quantity, and no time in custody would follow. In recent history, very few people had been forced to serious time in custody for mere possession of illicit drugs. However, the threat of incarceration would often be the impetus for defendants to go to drug court, where they would stipulate to their guilt and be forced into treatment to put them on a path to a much better life. The success of drug court was very impressive. We did not see droves of people occupying the streets, parks and sidewalks of our communities looking like the walking dead, while discarding human waste and dirty hypodermic needles on the playgrounds and streets of cities and towns throughout the state.

The loss of the ability to file felony charges in these cases would foreseeably evaporate the participation in drug court, because the incentive to do so would be lost by removing the criminal justice-imposed consequences for such offenses.

Similarly, changes that would eliminate real consequences for serial theft were a part of this horribly ill-conceived



John McGinness. Courtesy photo

proposition. Previously, repeat thieves would be subject to jail time felony consequences. The criminal element generally knew of the consequences of California Penal Code Section 666 that would make even petty theft with a prior a potential felony that could result in time in custody for repeat cases of theft, reducing the incidents of repeat theft. All the penalty enhancements for repeat theft cases would be eliminated by the passage of this proposition.

It was abundantly foreseeable – if this proposition passed it would incentivize chronic dangerous drug abuse and serial theft. Retailers would have a difficult time staying in business, their incentive to cooperate with the criminal justice system would go by the wayside, because liability risks of stopping thieves would simply become greater than the benefit to be realized from a system that would not punish offenders.

Similarly, drug addiction as the result of chronic drug abuse would skyrocket. The quality of life would be profoundly diminished in urban, suburban and even rural parts of California.

All of this would be abundantly clear to those who took the time and effort to read the proposition, and realize the predictability of the devastating consequences that would follow if this concept became law.

Regrettably, the good people of California had faith in those they had elected to represent their best interest in state government. Voters were persuaded to support something seemingly so appealing as the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act. After all, who among us does not want safe neighborhoods and schools?

The problem is the Summary and Title of this proposition was disingenuous. There was nothing in this proposition that would make schools or neighborhoods safer. In fact, it was clearly predictable that this proposition would adversely affect public safety in schools, neighborhoods, businesses and recreation venues to a degree not previously seen in society.

Regrettably, the voters were duped by dishonest messaging from the very people who had been entrusted with their vote.

Consider the ubiquitous tents in public places; the sickly pathetic souls wandering about in a daze; and the areas lost for use by law abiding, tax paying citizens because of fear for their safety and concerns for their health posed by those who have ravaged their own bodies by chronic drug abuse. Consider relentless images of smash and grab retail thefts that have forced long-time successful businesses to flee the state because they cannot endure the current conditions.

Retail and cargo theft have exploded in California. Drug addiction and homelessness have become a humanitarian crisis. The consequences are impacting public safety and the quality of life of all

Californians.

Members of the California Legislature have promised to fix the problem, as have members of the state's executive branch. Do not be fooled into believing these false promises. This mess was created by well-intended voters who were lied to. Proposition 47 is a law that was created by the voters; ONLY the voters can amend it.

There is good news, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act is very likely to qualify for the November ballot and will give the voters an opportunity to ameliorate the adverse consequences of Proposition 47. There is still an opportunity to sign the petition to ensure the voters have a legitimate choice this year.

This effort will reclassify theft with two or more prior convictions as jail-eligible felonies, add new laws to address "smash and grab" thefts, add Fentanyl to the list of hard drugs resulting in felony prison time, and provide addiction and mental health services for treatment-mandated felony charges.

Some have asserted that enforcing laws and imposing consequences on offenders represents a lack of compassion. Who do you love that you want to see sleeping on a cold Sacramento sidewalk on a January night with temperatures in the teens, or conversely baking in the summer sun in triple-digit heat? Who honestly believes that a young offender who begins to steal, and is not persuaded away from that behavior by predictable consequences for their actions, will live a richer, fuller life?

Compassion demands providing the resources and impetus for change.

To sign the petition, or learn more, visit <https://casafecommunities.com>.

John McGinness, MS is the retired sheriff of Sacramento County, an adjunct professor of Criminal Justice and Leadership Studies and the host of the John McGinness Show on KFBK. He can be reached at 916-924-3901. ★

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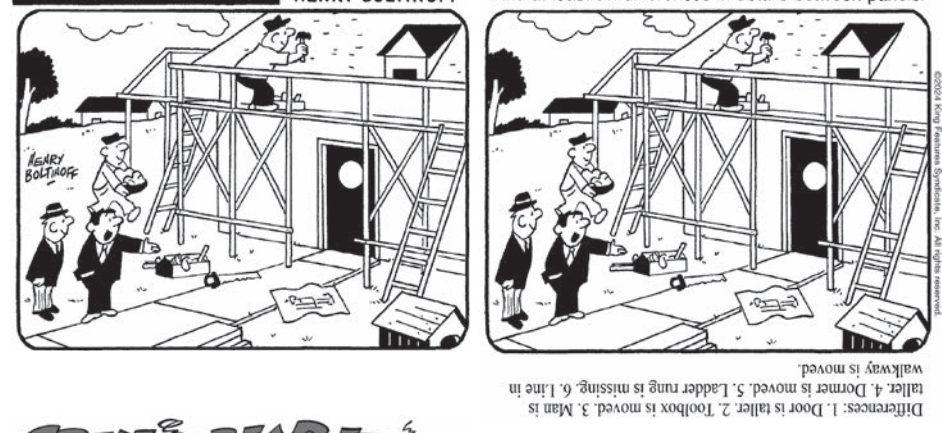


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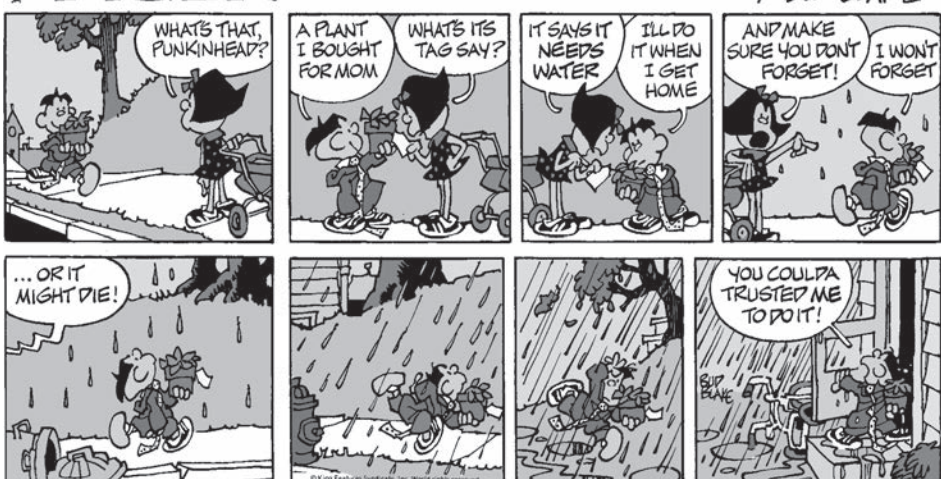


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Elk Grove Baseball Teams Take On Easter Tournaments

By Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE (MPG) - Baseball action in the Delta League as well as other teams from Elk Grove took a pause from league play to participate in various Easter tournaments throughout California, and here is how those local teams performed:

Elk Grove Thundering Herd: The Herd participated in the San Diego Downtown Lions Invitational H.S. Baseball Tournament in San Diego. This tournament was established in 1951 and is ranked by MaxPreps as the No. 5 tournament in the United States, according to the tournament's web page.

In the Herd's opening game, they lost in a close one 2-1 against the Rancho Bernardo Broncos from San Diego. Their following game was against the La Costa Canyon Mavericks from Carlsbad, where the Herd took the win by a score of 3-2.

The Herd finished their tournament participation with two losses, both by the score of 7-0, to the Eastlake Titans of Chula Vista and the El Camino Real Royals of Woodland Hills. Following their four games, the Herd went 1-3 in tournament play, putting them at an overall record of 8-6 as they travel back home to resume Delta League play, where they have a 5-1 record, against the Pleasant Grove Eagles



Pleasant Grove's Justin Dougan prepares to deliver a pitch on March 8 in the Eagles' matchup against the Woodland Wolves at home. Photo by Alejandro Barron

for a three-game series.

Franklin Wildcats: Following their first league series where they went 3-0, the Franklin Wildcats participated in the Boras Baseball Classic in the northern bracket where they played at the Army Depot Park in Sacramento. The Boras Baseball Classic is a single-elimination bracketed tournament held annually in California where 32 elite high school teams face each other to name a state champion, according to the Boras Classic web page.

The Wildcats went

3-1 as they defeated the Bakersfield Christian Eagles 2-0 in their opening game, lost to the Granite Bay Grizzlies in 11 innings by a score of 11-9, then won out the rest of their games by a score of 9-1 to the Palo Alto Vikings and 5-0 to the Casa Grande Gauchos of Petaluma.

The Wildcats finished tournament play 3-1 to put them at 9-3 overall and will resume league play against the Jesuit Marauders.

Pleasant Grove Eagles: The other undefeated team in the Delta, with a 3-0 record, is the Pleasant

Grove Eagles, who entered into the 54th Fresno Easter Classic winning five of their last six games and outsourcing their opponents 72-18.

In their opening game, the Eagles took the victory over the Dos Palos Broncos by a score of 9-3, fell to the Liberty Hawks of Madera by score of 8-7, lost to the Buchanan Bears of Clovis 8-4 and ended tournament play with a loss to the Redwood Rangers of Visalia 5-1.

The Eagles went 1-3 in tournament play and moved to an overall record

of 7-6. They will look to remain perfect in league play against the Elk Grove Thundering Herd.

Cosumnes Oaks Wolfpack: As for a team that is struggling, the Cosumnes Oaks Wolfpack lost every game of the Christian Brothers Easter Tournament that was hosted at Christian Brothers High School.

The Wolfpack entered play with an 0-6 league record and fell to a 2-11 overall record following losses 10-0 to the Lodi Flames, 10-1 to the Christian Brothers Falcons,

4-3 to the Inderkum Tigers and 1-0 to the Monterey Trail Mustangs.

The Wolfpack will look to turn things around in the Delta with a series against the Davis Blue Devils.

Sheldon Huskies: The Wolfpack isn't the only team 0-6 in the Delta, as the Sheldon Huskies put league play on pause to participate in their spring tournament where they went 2-1 with a loss against the River City Raiders 10-0 and two straight matchups against the Redwood Christian Eagles of San Lorenzo with wins of 4-2 and 9-8 in eight innings.

The Huskies move to a 3-11 record and will resume league play against the Elk Grove Thundering Herd on April 8.

Bradshaw Christian Pride: Another team in the 54th Fresno Easter Classic was the Bradshaw Christian Pride, who went undefeated with a 4-0 record.

The Pride defeated the Justin Garza Guardians of Fresno 6-4, beat the Chowchilla Tribe 10-2, took down the Stockdale Mustangs of Bakersfield 6-3 and ended tournament play with a win against the Buchanan Bears of Clovis.

The Pride move to a perfect 13-0 overall, along with a 5-0 record in the Sierra Valley Conference where they look to remain undefeated against their next league opponent, the El Dorado Cougars. ★

Eagles Thrown Out In Comeback Attempt

By Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE (MPG) - Despite their attempts at a comeback, the Pleasant Grove Eagles fell to the St. Francis Troubadours 3-1 in their league opener, ending their five-game win streak with a 3-run third inning from the Troubadours.

All of the Troubadours' runs came in the third inning when a diving attempt on a line drive to left field allowed the ball to rattle in the corner for a two-run inside-the-park home run to open the scoring and a single with a runner on second later drove in the third run.

These would be the only runs that starting pitcher

Madeline Lawson would give up, as she would go on to pitch a complete game with 10 strikeouts, five hits and took the loss.

Throughout the game, the Eagles would get runners on but couldn't capitalize on those run-scoring opportunities as they couldn't make adjustments at the plate, according to head coach Brian Cherry.

"We played solid defense, which is one of our strengths, and we had a lot of solid contact but we just kept the ball in the air too much," Cherry said. "I think 12 of our outs were fly-outs so we didn't make the offensive adjustment to keep the ball out of the

air."

Despite the struggle to adjust, the game was finalized with the tying runs stranded on second and third. Offensive standouts include senior Carly Henderson with a 3-3 with three singles and senior Riley Bigley going 2-3 with a single and a double.

"We're proud of them for never giving up and they give us a full seven innings every time. I have 12 seniors so I have 12 big leaders on the team that keep us in the fight," Cherry said.

Cherry said it's fun to coach a team with this type of experience and drive to play, and it'll help them throughout the season.



The Pleasant Grove Eagles were aggressive in trying to get runners in scoring position as an Eagle player tried to steal second base and was thrown out in their league opener at home against the St. Francis Troubadours on March 27. Photo by Alejandro Barron

Overall, Cherry was happy with his team's performance, despite the loss, besides a few offensive

adjustments that need to be made.

The Eagles fall to 6-2 on the year and 0-1 in league,

as they look to improve and win their first league game in the competitive Delta League. ★

Elk Grove's Baseball Players Shine In MLB Play

By Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - With the Major League Baseball season kicking off March 28, the following are some of Elk Grove's own who are featured on the active 40-man roster of their respective teams, as of March 31.

Dylan Carlson (Cardinals): Carlson is fighting way back to the active roster as he had an injury-riddled 2023 season with a high ankle sprain which he sustained on Mother's Day when running out of the batter's box. Despite the pain, Carlson tried playing through it but ended up having ankle surgery in September.

"The biggest issue I ran into was when I started to compensate for that foot, I started getting stress reactions, back issues from walking differently and then I ended up with the oblique strain," Carlson said in an article for MLB.

Carlson played 76 games in 2023 where he slashed .219/.318/.333. Currently placed on the 10-day injured list, Carlson looks to play a big role once healthy in a young outfield for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Carlson played 18 games of spring training slashing .271/.340/.521 in 48 at-bats. He is the veteran player in the outfield with none of his teammates currently on the active 40-man roster exceeding his age of 25.

J.D. Davis (Athletics): After a hectic offseason with the San Francisco Giants, winning his arbitration hearing and being placed on waivers after the signing of Matt Chapman, Davis found a home across the bay in the Oakland Athletics.

Davis won his arbitration case against his former team for a salary of \$6.9 million unguaranteed money, which meant he received \$1.1 million

in termination pay once he was released after not being claimed off waivers and the Giants unable to find a suitable trade.

Davis spent one full season with the Giants after being traded from the Mets midway through the 2022 season. In his 2023 season, Davis slashed .248/.325/.413 where he was fully expecting to call home in 2024 until he was the odd man out once Chapman signed as a free agent. The Giants were looking to trade him, then suddenly placed him on waivers as he was instructed to stay home and not report to spring training.

"So from there, it was definitely a gut punch," Davis told NBC Sports California. "I had a feeling that either a trade was going to happen or not, and heck, there probably was a chance I was going to clear waivers just for the sake of [there being] two weeks left in spring

training, everybody's rosters are pretty much solidified, they've already had their first two, three cuts, their clubhouses are getting smaller."

It was reported on March 15 that the Oakland Athletics had reached an agreement with Davis on a one-year \$2.5 million contract with \$1 million in incentives and this was thanks to the good word from former Giants teammates now on the A's to their front office.

"Once they (Ross Stripling, Alex Wood and Scott Alexander) started texting me about, 'Hey, we want you over here, this is a good group of guys. Good, young core.' Davis started his A's career on a positive note with a multi-homer game on March 29.

Nick Madrigal (Cubs): In 2021, Madrigal had season-ending surgery to repair a torn hamstring while he was still on the White Sox. It has been six

years since Madrigal was drafted fourth overall to the south side of Chicago and since then, he has continued to have hamstring issues leading him to not show the full potential of his college days at Oregon State where he was named Pac-12 Player of the Year and on the College World Series All-Tournament Team his sophomore season.

Madrigal has shown flashes of his college self but hasn't played more than 92 games in a season due to injuries even after being traded to the north side of Chicago to the Cubs. It was reported early in spring training that Madrigal had a mild strain as he only played eight games. Despite the strain, Madrigal made the Cubs opening-day roster and has played one game recording one hit through their first series of the season.

Rowdy Tellez (Pirates): After five seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays, Tellez

found his power stroke in the 2022 season with the Milwaukee Brewers, where he was traded to midway through 2021, hitting 35 home runs. Before the Major League season in 2023, Tellez represented the Mexican National Team in the World Baseball Classic, which led to a .280/.333/.440 slash line with five runs batted in (RBI's) in six games. He had an injury-riddled season with the Brewers, sustaining a fractured finger and forearm inflammation, and was left off the National League Wild Card Series roster.

During the off-season, Tellez signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates on a one-year \$3.2 million deal with \$800,000 in incentives. In 105 games in 2023, Tellez slashed .215/.291/.376 in 351 at-bats. Through his first series with his new team, Tellez hit a three-run home run on March 31 for his first RBI of the season. ★

Olympic Softball Medalist Inspires Young Athletes

By Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE (MPG) - At the National Fastpitch Coaches Association convention in December of last year, NFCA hall of fame coach and current Sheldon Huskies softball coach Mary Jo Truesdale connected with Joey Lye, who won a bronze medal with team Canada in softball at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Truesdale and her staff spoke to Lye about what she does and the message she sends to young student-athletes, and the idea sparked there to bring her to town to speak to young softball players in the area.

As a result, on March 16 Lye came from Florida, where she currently resides, to speak with the Huskies, the Sacramento Breeze and Lady Magic softball at the Breeze Bats Facility in Sacramento.

"We (Truesdale, her staff and Lye) aligned in so many of our values and how important it is for us to impact the youth of today, and we decided there and then that they were going to bring me out and it came together so easily as her staff is so amazing," said Lye.

Now that Lye has retired from competitive play, she travels to talk about mindset to young athletes, as she also is featured in a TeEDx Talk video titled "Joey Lye: Master Your Unstoppable Mindset" on Youtube as well as the TED website.

According to Lye's website, she played 12 years with the Canadian National Softball team and coached 12 years in the NCAA, and she now specializes in high performance consulting, speaking engagements and workshops.

The main slogan Lye goes by is "adapt and thrive," which she said is powerful and helped her throughout her career.

"In the moment and over time has impacted my approach, my response and how I navigate challenges that come at me through life, and I hope it's a slogan that people can remember and use in their own lives," Lye said.

Truesdale agrees with this, as she said that this slogan is important for the young women who attended the event to learn to become stronger adult women because it's all about facing adversity and to get past anything that confronts them.

One of the reasons that Lye travels to speak to young female student-athletes is



Joey Lye stands with her bronze medal from the 2020 Tokyo Olympic games on March 16 at the Breeze Bats Facility in Sacramento. (Photo by Alejandro Barron)

to tap into that potential that they may not know they have, Lye said.

"For them to have a real female stand in front of them and talk about challenges they're currently facing and strategies to navigate them and hopefully set them up for more success in life and realize they have more potential than they even know, it fills my soul to impact these athletes and know that someday they could end up achieving something because they heard from a woman who faced challenges in her life and ended up overcoming them." She had a female athlete figure to look up to in Vicky Sunohara, a Canadian ice hockey coach, former player and three-time Olympic medalist. Lye said she tries to share that inspiration with young athletes, as she felt so empowered to be in her presence and to learn from someone so successful.

Lye talked to these young

student-athletes about mental health in sports, reasoning that the earlier that they learn how to manage through tough times the more successful they are going to be.

"There are strategies to help ourselves manage through tough times and it's OK to voice when we're having a hard time, and it's important to have a support system that can help us through challenges, and the earlier we have those habits and support systems the more successful we are going to be and the less anxiety will be taking over our

life. And as adults they will have strategies in place that already work for them vs. growing up into adulthood needing to then figure out how to operate at an optimal level," Lye said.

The decision of which college to attend for Lye was driven by which school would let her be a multi-sport athlete, in softball and hockey, while giving her a quality

education, so she tells young student-athletes about how important education is, especially with time management later in life.

"I think sports are an amazing avenue to education, and the experience of being a collegiate athlete sets individuals up for so much more success in life because you're learning to balance the rigor of a college education with the rigors of a college sport," Lye said.

These opportunities are obtainable for these student-athletes, and although everyone's path may look different there is a fit out there for them if they choose to play sports in college, Lye said.

One of the student-athletes who attended this event was Sheldon Husky middle infielder Madison Chapman, who said she took in a lot of information that Lye had to share.

"I had an open mind coming in and I was ready to hear from a professional athlete and try to be like a sponge and soak up anything I could get, and I'm really thankful our coaches could organize this as now I'm very motivated as I feel her talk pertained a lot to me so I was able to take in a lot of information for myself," Chapman said.

The biggest takeaway for Chapman was building her confidence on and off the field to be able to play at the collegiate level.

Another Sheldon Husky who attended was pitcher Kwinci Brown, whose biggest takeaway was creating a process for herself when going to the plate.

"Most of the time when I go up to bat I don't really have a process; I just kind of go up there and do it so I feel like if I were to tune in with my mental side it could help my performance a lot but I feel like I could be calmer," Brown said.

Brown will begin to create this process by setting up reminders in her phone with a motivational message, like Lye said in her speech, as well as applying other pieces she had mentioned about creating a process, which Brown found to be inspiring and motivational.

The biggest takeaway Lye wants for a young student-athlete is to expect challenges instead of fearing them.

To follow Lye's work, visit her website at joey-lye.com and her Instagram and Twitter @joeylye. ★

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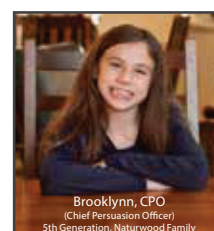
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