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### Council Expanding Mission of Arts Panel



By Sean P. Thomas

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Elk Grove City Council approved a resolution at its Dec. 11 meeting to dissolve the Elk Grove Arts Commission and replace it with a new commission intended to help expand the relationship between arts and economic ventures throughout the city.

The new seven-member commission will be named the City of Elk Grove Arts and Creative Economy Commission and is tasked with fostering a stronger “creative economy,” across the city by developing funding strategies, programs and opportunities to help leverage economic benefits from the arts.

“Arts attract business; arts attract talent to our community, arts attract visitation and tourism to our community,” Economic Development Director Darrell Doan said during a presentation on the resolution. “Arts improve our branding position as a community, it improves our quality of life, and it makes our city beautiful.”

The advisory commission will meet monthly and will help develop an “arts and creative economy strategy” to accomplish the reshaped commission’s goals. Doan said the hope is the plan will take a year to develop and will include a consultant at a cost of \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Doan said the new commission could also recommend Economic Development Measure E funds for potential programming.

The structure change comes almost a month after the city council requested more information at its Nov. 13 meeting on expanding the role and purpose of the Arts Commission.

The previous five-person commission, which was formed in 2002 as the Arts Committee, was tasked primarily with recommending art installations at city-owned facilities and recommending different arts and entertainment ventures within the city, among other arts related objectives.

Members of the previous Arts Commission voiced uneasy concerns about the change.

Nan Mahon, a local writer and chairperson for the Arts Commission, asked the council to

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## Mayor, Councilors Take Oath of Office

By Sean P. Thomas

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - After certifying its November election results, three familiar faces were sworn into office surrounded by family, friends and local dignitaries at the Dec. 11 Elk Grove City Council meeting.

Incumbents Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen and council members Darren Suen, District 1, and Kevin Spease, District 3, took their oaths of office after being reelected to another term in their respective seats.

Shouldered by her family, Singh-Allen, the first directly elected Punjabi-Sikh woman mayor in the United States, took a moment to reflect on the results and her family’s immigrant background.

“I’m a proud immigrant to this country, and I am reminded today the power and the resiliency of the immigrants and refugees who call this country home,” Singh-Allen said.



Incumbent Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen, left, takes the oath of office administered by Lt. Gov Eleni Kounalakis at the Elk Grove City Council’s Dec. 11 meeting. Photo by Dave Soto Photography

“As the first directly elected Sikh woman mayor, it is an honor,” Singh-Allen added. “The

journey is not easy; I did not want to take this swearing-in ceremony for granted. This is an

important moment for my family...”

Singh-Allen also

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Spease, a cyber security expert who was first



"I typically don't speak in such bragging terms,"

Suen, who has served

Denise Suen, his wife,



The officials will return to the council to serve with District 2 Councilor Rod Brewer and District 4 Councilor and Vice-Mayor Sergio Robles. Both of their terms will end in 2026.

"We feel incredibly supported by all of you and this community," he added.

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current efforts the city

Gary Mendoza, a local musician who said he has participated in several local

the proposal and the positive benefits the committee could provide for the city.

Vice-Mayor Sergio Robles said he does not want to see the city take on a more “corporate” approach to arts, and hopes the commission drives more people to Elk Grove for family events and local

District 1 Councilor  
Darren Suen said he agreed

City spokesperson Kristyn Laurence said the plan is to devise a recruitment strategy for the new commission when council returns to session in January. ★

# California Respects the Power of Your Vote

By Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., California Secretary of State

Californians can confidently claim this: California has made more significant reforms to our election laws and expanded voting rights than any other state.

The relevance of this accomplishment deepens as we prepare to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act next year. This landmark legislation began to undo our country's long history of voter suppression, intimidation, and disenfranchisement that far too many Americans experienced at the polls for decades.

My own parents, who were sharecroppers, were denied their right to vote in the Jim Crow era South. Before moving to Los Angeles from Hope, Arkansas, my parents, David and Mildred Nash, could not vote. My father was an adult with six children before he registered to vote and was only able to exercise that constitutional right for the first time here in California.

As California Secretary of State, I do not take the progress we have made over the years lightly. My staff and I hold sacred the obligation to ensure that our elections are safe, free, fair, and accessible to all. Therefore, before certifying the results for this year's election on Dec. 13, we have taken a number of steps to ensure that every vote is counted. We have also made sure that our ballot counting process is credible and free from interference.

To meet that deadline without a hitch, California requires elections officials in all 58 counties to turn in their official results by a certain date. This year, that date was Dec. 6.

By law, every eligible voter in our state receives a vote-by-mail ballot. This ensures all registered voters can exercise their right to vote.

Whether you placed your ballot in a designated drop-off box, voted by mail, or cast your ballot at a polling center, votes are safe and secure. And we allow voters to sign up to receive text message, email, or voice call notifications about the status of their own ballots by using the Where's My Ballot? tool. To learn more or to sign up, paste this URL in your web browser: <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>

The ballots of Californians who voted by mail are also protected. The United States Postal Service partners with the State to make sure ballots are delivered on time. All mailed-in ballots are sent by First Class mail with a postage paid envelope provided to every eligible registered voter.

Election Security is our number one priority. That's why my office designed and implemented a program to back up that commitment. For more information, visit this URL: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/election-cybersecurity>

Additionally, California takes preventive actions to make sure our voting technology keeps our elections safe and protects everyone's votes.

For example, county voting systems are not connected to the internet, which protects them from cyber-threats. The State also performs regular and rigorous testing to make sure the voting systems are working optimally, and only authorized personnel are granted access.

Staff members are also given phishing and cybersecurity training.

VoteCal, the state's centralized voter registration system, is also key. The system is regularly updated, and it is used as a resource for counties to verify voter signatures.

California also provides security at all counting locations and makes sure ballot drop-off boxes are secured and monitored.

And all election processes are open to observation during specified hours.


In my role as Secretary of State of California, there is nothing more important to me than defending our democracy. I am committed to safeguarding voting rights, and to leading our state in upholding the highest democratic standards by implementing policies and practices that Californians and all Americans can trust and look to for instruction and hope.

You can contact the California Office of the Secretary of State at 1-800-345-Vote or [elections@sos.ca.gov](mailto:elections@sos.ca.gov) with inquiries or to report suspected incidents or irregularities. Additional information can be found at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov) and the office's social media platforms:

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Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.

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# Thomas Becomes City Editor at Citizen

By MPG Staff

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Sean P. Thomas, a veteran journalist with ties to the local Elk Grove community, joined Messenger Publishing Group as its new city editor for the Elk Grove Citizen on Dec. 11.

A Laguna Creek Class of 2009 graduate, Thomas said he’s thrilled to have the opportunity to return to Elk Grove after nearly 15 years to help cover the local news for his hometown newspaper.

Thomas started his career in journalism as a reporter for the Calaveras Enterprise in San Andreas, before being promoted to editor in chief.

Thomas also worked for the Los Angeles Downtown News for three years as both a staff writer and managing editor before moving to Santa Fe, N.M., where he worked for the Santa Fe New Mexican for two years. His roles with the newspaper included reporting on public safety and local government.

Thomas took a short break from the

newspaper business in 2022 to open a small café in Santa Fe with his fiancé before returning to journalism in 2024.

“Elk Grove has ballooned in size and really grown up since I was last here and I’m sure there are plenty of stories under the surface just waiting to be told,” Thomas said. “I look forward to being able to tell some of those stories and to help provide a strong local newspaper for my community.”

Thomas can be reached at 916-410-5389 or sean.thomas@mpg8.com. ★



**Citizen City Editor Sean P. Thomas is a Laguna Creek High School alumnus.**  
Photo courtesy of Sean P. Thomas

# A Trip Back in Time at Old Fashioned Christmas

Story and photos by Sean P. Thomas

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The holidays in Elk Grove take on a nostalgic hue each year during the Elk Grove Historical Society’s Old Fashioned Christmas celebration, immersing visitors in a vision of Christmas from over 150 years ago.

At the Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum in Elk Grove Park, visitors have an opportunity to jump back in time to see how people from yesteryear celebrated the holiday season, take in a parade of glistening Christmas trees or take a moment to meet and snap a picture with the jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus.

Together, the different features have melded into a fun and festive local Christmas event that Elk Grove Historical Society President Stan Lake said continues to grow year after year, adding new amenities, including a kids’ kitchen where children can bake and decorate Christmas cookies with their families.

“It’s kind of gotten



**Mikael Jones, 14, left; Mikenzie Jones, 5; and Mikayla Jones, 11; enjoy the snow and traditional festivities at the Elk Grove Historical Society’s Old Fashioned Christmas event on Dec. 13.**

bigger and better than it has in the past,” Lake said. “So far, even with the inclement weather, we have had good turnouts. Looking at our number this year compared to last year, we’re pretty ahead.”

The event, which takes place from 3 to 7 p.m., Fridays through Sundays over a three-week period every December, finishes its final weekend run on Sunday. Admission is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children 16 and under.

There are also close to 100 decorated Christmas trees that provide ample

photo opportunities for families and friends and an artificial snow blower to set the holiday mood.

Sinh Banh, an Elk Grove resident, attended the event with her family on Dec. 13 and watched her children smile as they danced through the artificial snow before snapping a few photos. Banh said she attended last year’s event and was adamant about returning.

“We really loved it,” Banh said. “It’s a really fun, family event.”

Likewise, Sean Alamares said he and his wife, Serena Alamares,

brought their family to the event last year as well and decided to return.

“My wife loves old-fashioned things, so we decided to come again,” Alamares said as his children, Maverick and Ace Alamares, created tree ornaments with their mother at the direction of Mrs. Claus.

Inside the museum, each room is decorated to resemble different time periods stretching back to the Victorian Era. The effort, Lake said, is only possible due to local volunteers and businesses that



**Mikenzie Jones, 5, left; Timothy Banh, 13; and Mikayla Jones, 11, take in the snow at the Elk Grove Historical Society’s Old Fashioned Christmas event on Dec. 13.**

donate their time and effort to get the event in order.

Elk Grove Historical Society volunteer Dinah Withrow offered her time to help decorate the Foulks House, the oldest home in Elk Grove, as a minimalist depiction of how a soon-to-be Elk Grove resident would have spent their Christmas along with a few volunteers.

“We are really trying to recreate 1854; that’s when the house was built,” Withrow said. “We tried to do all that we could find about those times. When they came, they didn’t have much money, so there were a lot of things like dried oranges, dried apples ...

we really tried to research what they would do.”

Bill Buffington and his wife, Jan Buffington, whose parents would volunteer at the historic Rhoades Elementary School, attended the event on Dec. 13 and remarked on the effort put into the event.

“They have done just a great job,” Bill Buffington said. “We can’t believe what they have done with all the lights and just all the decorations. Someone put a lot of work in.”

*Old Fashioned Christmas runs Dec. 20 to 22 at the Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum, 9941 E. Stockton Blvd. ★*

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**Dec. 9**  
1:48 a.m., 10100 block of Kuhn Ranch Way, Elk Grove Police arrested two juvenile males, ages 16 and 17, on burglary, possession of burglary tools and criminal conspiracy charges.  
6:31 a.m., 8500 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Milton Williams, 33, on DUI and drug possession charges.  
4:40 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested two juvenile males, ages 16 and 17, on burglary, criminal conspiracy, concealed weapon, weapon possession and resisting arrest charges.

**Dec. 10**  
12:02 a.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Laguna Springs Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Austin Gonzalez, 24, on drug possession and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.  
11 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested George Pajarillo, 60, on public intoxication charges.  
6:18 p.m., 8400 block of Bond Road,

Elk Grove Police arrested Angel Vasquez, 27, on warrant charges.

**Dec. 11**  
3:44 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 16, on grand theft charges.  
3:56 p.m., 8400 block of Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Adrienne Varela, 45, on arson charges.

**Dec. 12**  
2:08 p.m., 9600 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Melvaney Carter, 22, on burglary and resisting arrest charges.  
2:11 p.m., 8800 block of Calvin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Sakina Mohamad, 55, on burglary charges.  
4:38 p.m., 9600 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Nico Moreno, 35, on burglary charges.  
4:48 p.m., 5900 block of Tom Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Daniel Yafet, 23, on resisting arrest charges.

**Dec. 13**  
2:23 p.m., 7400 block of Elk Grove

Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Nico Moreno, 35, on theft and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

2:59 p.m., 9700 block of Silvergate Lane, Elk Grove Police arrested Christian Silva, 25, on warrant charges.

4:45 p.m., 7400 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Artis McHugh, 49, on battery that causes serious bodily injury and warrant charges.

9:49 p.m., 9600 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Luis Avitia, 23, on felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition and concealed weapon charges.

**Dec. 14**  
12:14 A.M., Calvin Road/Bradshaw Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Christopher Glassel, 38, on receiving a stolen vehicle charges.

8:53 a.m., 9600 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Monique Redlon, 41, on shoplifting charges.

4:09 p.m., 8300 block of Sheldon Road,

Elk Grove Police arrested Mitchell Dixon, 44, on possession of drug paraphernalia charges.  
4:57 p.m., 8900 block of Gerber Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Vinh Dang, 37, on hit and run, evading arrest, reckless evading arrest and warrant charges.  
9:59 p.m.: 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Shauntae McClish, 37, on warrant charges.

**Dec. 15**  
5:02 a.m., Kammerer Road/Highway 99, Elk Grove Police arrested Reema Ram, 36, on possession of drug and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.  
9:47 a.m., confidential address, Elk Grove Police arrested Thomas Amarante, 21, on corporal injury to an intimate partner charges.  
4:12 p.m., confidential address, Elk Grove Police arrested Gaufuaina Fautanu, 31, on corporal injury to an intimate partner charges.  
7:26 p.m., 5500 block of Coral Creek Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Robynn Andrade, 32, on DUI/Drug charges. ★

Large-Scale Bird Fighting Ring Investigated in Herald Area

Sacramento County Sheriff's Office News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Two weekends ago, Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Central Division Patrol Deputies responded to a residence in the south area of the county on Borden Road in southern Sacramento County, regarding a large group of vehicles.  
Upon their arrival, approximately 40 to 50 individuals fled the area on foot and by vehicle. Multiple vehicles crashed through neighboring fences, and several

were left abandoned at the scene.  
Suspecting the individuals fled because of a large-scale bird fighting event discovered on the property, Central Division deputies and detectives from the Sheriff's Special Investigations Bureau (SIB) authored a search warrant, where they recovered seven birds that had been tortured. More than 200 total birds were located on the property, with clear indications of their being raised as fighting birds. Detectives also located numerous antibiotics and drugs used in growing and treating fighting birds, along with vials of pain-killers. Sacramento County Animal Control assisted in taking multiple birds for protection, along with the injured birds that will be humanely euthanized due to their extreme injuries.  
The Special Investigations Bureau will work with Animal Control and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office during this investigation. The California Department of Food and Agriculture has been contacted for further testing of the birds. Bird fighting rings have been related to the spread of the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI),

which has impacted farmers throughout California.  
The investigation will be ongoing, and numerous arrests are anticipated. If anyone suspects any mistreatment, abandonment or any event that leads to the torture of animals, the Sheriff's Office encourages all people to report it immediately by contacting the Sheriff's Office at (916) 874- 5115 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP (4357). Tips leading to an arrest are eligible for a CASH reward of up to \$1,000, and tipsters remain anonymous.  
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More than 200 birds were found on the property. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office

asked for identification. Contact Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP (4357), 1-800-AA-CRIME, or \*\*TIPS. Use the "P3 TIPS" app or online at [www.sacvalleycrimestoppers.com](http://www.sacvalleycrimestoppers.com).  
Tip information may also be left anonymously at [www.sacsheriff.com](http://www.sacsheriff.com) or by calling (916) 874-TIPS (8477). ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Things can change quickly in Kings Town, and the happenings of the past week certainly demonstrate exactly that.  
The hardcourt gladiators from Sacramento are currently on a torrid 3-game winning streak, looking ahead to Monday night's game against the Denver Nuggets.  
If you hadn't paid attention and just tuned into the Kings, you'd discover a team that is just finding themselves 26 games into the regular season, after losing every game in the preseason.  
Fans and pundits alike have riddled the airwaves with remedies for multiple losing streaks, along with advice to coach Brown as to who should be his starting five.  
I am more than happy to announce that coach Brown's decision to finally insert Malik Brown into the King's starting lineup has produced four wins in the last five games, and everyone is now wondering why it took three seasons to figure this one out.  
But rather than casting aspersions, I will take the high road, and just give him an attaboy for making a decision that was long overdue. Malik is thrilled to be where he always thought he should be, and now coach Brown can simply focus on his bench that is currently ranked in the bottom of the league.  
Kevin Huerter is showing signs of returning to form and seems to be comfortable taking the 6th man position that was formerly Monk's, so it's really the next three or four rotations that are going to tell the tale.  
What has created chaos with the team is the night-in and night out inconsistency as to who will sit the night out completely, or who will garnish the majority of the minutes.  
Big man Alex Len cannot catch a break, as he all too often finds himself at the end of the bench being a spectator for the entire game. This 7-foot giant has NBA game, and from my perspective, it's up to coach Brown and his staff to build this big man's confidence. One way you do that is by giving him a consistent rotation that he can count on every night.  
Len has played several good games and shows real promise, only to find

himself relegated to the bench the very next game with no explanation except for the dreaded, coaches' decision.  
The Kings can keep scouring the league for another trade/acquisition, or just look at their own bench, and perhaps realize that there is more talent already on this team than they are giving them credit for.  
I for one believe that Alex Len has a big upside, but it takes a coach and staff that are willing to build a player's confidence if you want to see the desired result.  
So far, I'm giving this staff a failing grade as it relates to evaluating talent, and you need to look no further than the inexplicable trade of Davion Mitchell to qualify my comments.  
The Kings are still feeling the void left in Mitchell's absence, and all he is doing in Toronto is making Canadian fans fall in love with him. From the Kings bench to the Raptor's starting point guard, Davion is making the Toronto GM look like a basketball wizard.  
The Kings cannot afford to continue undervaluing talent, or simply not see the forest for the trees. Let's get everything out of the team currently constituted, and that means starting with consistency as it relates to players coming off the bench. If Huerter is the 6th man, who is #7, 8, and 9? At this point no one but coach Brown knows, and he doesn't know until just before gametime.  
Here's the good news! At 13-13 it's time to hit the reset button. Yes, the Kings are at 500, and now is the time to start making a run that can propel this team to the playoffs.  
The starting five of, Fox, Monk, DeRozan, Murray, and Sabonis are a formidable group to guard, and I look forward to watching this team come out of the blocks on all 8 cylinders every night.  
So, take heart Kings fans, because the best is yet to come, and that's without a trade or an acquisition.  
Merry Christmas to one and all and go Kings!  
*Your thoughts are always welcome at [vggharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vggharriskingsfan@gmail.com).* ★

CITY OF ELK GROVE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE ARTS AND CREATIVE ECONOMY COMMISSION

CITY OF ELK GROVE

The City of Elk Grove encourages residents to apply for appointment to fill seven (7) voting member positions on the Arts and Creative Economy Commission.

**Qualifications:** Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, reside in the City of Elk Grove, and be registered to vote. A member may not be an officer or employee of the City.

The City seeks to form a Commission comprised of a broad mix of experts and participants in arts & culture and the creative economy that is reflective of the City's diversity. Ideal candidates will be actively engaged in arts and culture and have a strong vision of a thriving arts and culture scene in Elk Grove that generates economic, creative, and educational benefits for the City and its residents, businesses, and visitors. Though not a requirement, prospective applicants displaying a broad set of skills/expertise combining the arts and creative economy are encouraged to apply. (Note: This is a non-paid, volunteer position.)

**Specific Tasks or Objectives:** The Arts and Creative Economy Commission ("Commission") is established for the purpose of providing advice and recommendations to the City Council, City Manager, and City staff related to programs and activities designed to develop, sustain, and expand a thriving arts and creative economy ecosystem. Specific tasks and objectives include the following: 1) Advise the City Council and staff and make recommendations regarding the type and nature of arts and creative economy services, programs, projects, and activities initiated and or facilitated by the City, 2) Advise the City Council and staff and make recommendations regarding the preparation, implementation, and periodic updating of an arts and creative economy strategy, 3) Advise the City Council and staff and make recommendations regarding the type, nature, location, and maintenance of public art, 4) Advise the City Council and staff on efforts to promote the City as an arts and creative economy destination, 5) Provide an annual report to the City Council on the status of the arts and creative economy and the activities and findings of the Commission, and 6) Such other tasks and objectives as requested and or authorized by the City Council, City Manager, or designee.

**Appointment and Term:** The appointments will be made by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council. Commission members shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council without a set term.

The Commission shall meet one time per month, on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, or as otherwise determined by the Commission with the approval of the City Manager or designee. The meetings shall be subject and noticed pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code sections 54950, et seq.).

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

**The deadline to submit an application is February 5, 2025** or until such time as sufficient applications have been received.

**Jason Lindgren, City Clerk**  
**(916) 478-2286**  
**Dated / published: December 20, 2024**



# Dignity Health Hospital Noted for Maternity Care

## Dignity Health News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - U.S. News & World Report, the global authority in hospital rankings and consumer advice, has named Dignity Health Methodist Hospital of Sacramento as a 2025 High Performing hospital for Maternity Care. This is the highest award a hospital can earn as part of U.S. News’ Best Hospitals for Maternity Care annual study.

U.S. News began evaluating maternity care hospitals in 2021, rating hospitals that provide labor and delivery services and submit detailed data to the publication for analysis. Best Hospitals for Maternity Care assist expectant parents, in consultation with their prenatal care team, in making informed decisions about where to receive maternity services that best meets their family’s needs.

Methodist Hospital of Sacramento earned a High Performing designation in recognition of maternity care as measured by factors such as severe unexpected newborn complication rates, birthing-friendly practices and transparency on racial/ethnic disparities, among other measures.

“This award is a testament to the unwavering commitment and dedication of our OB physicians, nurses and support staff in our Family Birth Center,” said Phyllis Baltz, President & CEO of Methodist Hospital of Sacramento. “Every day, our health care practitioners go above and beyond for our patients and their babies. It is a privilege to be part of these special life moments with expecting parents, and we could not be more proud to receive this recognition.”

U.S. News evaluated 817 hospitals from



across the United States. Only half of all hospitals evaluated for U.S. News’ 2025 ratings edition have been recognized as Best Hospitals for Maternity Care.

“The hospitals recognized by U.S. News as Best Hospitals for Maternity Care showcase exceptional care for expectant parents,” said Jennifer Winston, Ph.D., health data scientist at U.S. News. “These hospitals demonstrate significantly lower C-section rates and severe unexpected newborn complications compared to hospitals not recognized by U.S. News.”

The U.S. News Best Hospitals for Maternity Care methodology is based entirely on objective measures of quality, such as C-section rates in lower-risk pregnancies, severe unexpected newborn complication rates, exclusive breast milk feeding rates, birthing-friendly practices and reporting on racial/ethnic disparities, among other measures.

For more information, visit [health.usnews.com](https://health.usnews.com). ★

# Keep Your Pets Safe During the Holidays

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The holiday season is a time for joy, celebration and spending time with loved ones – including our furry, feathered and scaly family members. However, this festive time can also bring unique challenges and hazards for pets. By taking a few precautions, you can ensure your pet stays safe, comfortable and stress-free while enjoying the holiday spirit.

### Decorate with Care

Holiday decorations add charm, but they can pose risks to pets.

**Christmas Trees:** Secure your tree to prevent it from tipping over if your pet gets curious. Avoid using tinsel, which can cause intestinal blockages if ingested.

**Ornaments:** Keep fragile or small ornaments out of reach. Opt for shatterproof decorations on the lower branches.

**Lights and Wires:** Tape down wires and unplug lights when you’re not home to prevent chewing accidents.

**Candles:** Use flameless candles to avoid burns or fires if a tail or paw knocks

them over.

### Watch What They Eat

Holiday meals often include foods that can be harmful to pets.

**Toxic Foods:** Avoid giving your pet chocolate, grapes, raisins, onions, garlic and anything sweetened with xylitol.

**Bones:** Cooked bones can splinter and cause serious injuries. Offer pet-safe treats instead.

**Alcohol:** Keep alcoholic drinks out of reach – even small amounts can be toxic to pets.

If you want to include your pet in the festivities, prepare them a special treat, like a dog-friendly “pupcake” or some plain, cooked turkey (without seasoning or bones).

### Provide a Stress-Free Environment

With guests coming and going, homes can become chaotic during the holidays. Create a calm, safe space for your pet.

**Safe Spaces:** Set up a quiet room or corner with their bed, toys and water where they can retreat if they feel overwhelmed.

**Guests:** Remind visitors to keep doors and gates closed and to ask before offering food or treats to

your pet.

**Fireworks and Noise:** If your holiday celebrations include loud noises like fireworks, consider using calming aids such as white noise machines, anxiety vests or pet-safe CBD oil (with vet approval).

### Traveling with Pets

If you're traveling for the holidays and bringing your pet along, make sure they're travel-ready.

**Car Safety:** Use a pet seatbelt, carrier or barrier to keep them secure.

**Pet Identification:** Ensure your pet has an updated ID tag and microchip.

**Packing:** Bring food, water, medications and a few comfort items, such as a favorite blanket or toy.

### Be Mindful of Plants

Many holiday plants are toxic to pets, including Poinsettias, which are mildly toxic and can cause irritation if ingested; mistletoe and holly, which can cause severe gastrointestinal upset or worse if consumed; and lilies, which are extremely toxic to cats, even in small amounts.

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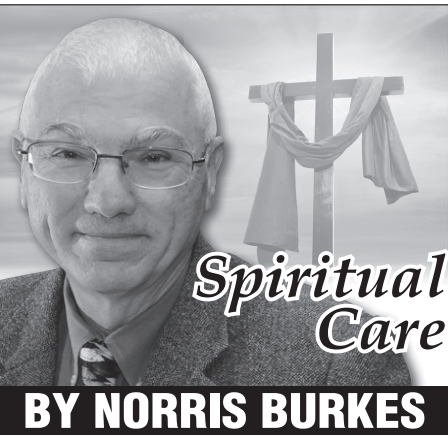
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# Definitely NOT the Best Christmas Ever



This is the time of year when writers like to recount their “Best Christmas ever.”

Their stories often include a video of a slobbering puppy leaping from a ribbon-covered box or a marriage proposal, or my favorite, a deployed soldier surprising her family with an early homecoming.

But if you’ve read my column long enough, you’ll know that this columnist seeks to fill the holes of the unexpected. So, today, I recollect my very worst Christmas ever!

I was only 4 years old, but savvy enough to ask my parents why our Charlie Brown Christmas tree was so bare. I didn’t understand why my father, a poor ministerial student, had nothing to place under the tree.

However, I became cautiously optimistic on Christmas Eve when my dad called us one-by-one into his study cubby.

My sister came away with a new doll. My brother followed holding a kinetic car, the kind you roll backwards to wind up the energy.

Score! Seeing that kind of haul, my kinetic energy was pushing full throttle.

I approached my dad’s desk and climbed into his loving lap.

“I have something very important to tell you,” he said.

My little eyes reflected with the anticipatory joy of Tiny Tim.

“There is no such thing as Santa Claus,” he said. “We celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, not Santa.”

My eyes blinked with tears. Could it get any worse for a preschooler than that?

Yes, actually, it could.

When I asked about my present, my dad told me that I’d be sharing the kinetic car with my brother.

“Does it get it any sadder?” you ask.

In fact, it did..

I joined my brother on the kitchen floor where we took turns sending the car careening back and forth like a game of catch.

Twenty minutes into the game, my 5-year-old brother began speculating on how the car mechanism worked.

“Let me take it apart,” my brother begged with screwdriver in hand. I was curious, too, but I would only agree if he promised to restore it to working condition.

He promised.

Ten minutes later, with wheels, chassis and motor spread on the kitchen table, the car was humpty-dumptied.

Saddest, worst, most disappointing Christmas ever, right?

So, why would I write about a Christmas memory worthy of Debbie-downer?

As foul as it was, it still points toward some spiritual takeaways of Christmas.

First, Christmas needn’t be all about materialism, about what we buy or what we consume. It might also be about sacrifice.

My sacrifice fed my brother’s mechanical mind. He explored the workings of the tiny engine, gaining early insights into motion, potential energy and kinetic energy. He may have failed the car restoration business, but he became an electronics repairman and later started his own electronics business.

Second, my worst Christmas inspired me to share what we are given. Christian scripture reminds us, “To whom much is given, much shall be required.”

I didn’t get much, but in sharing it, I perhaps inspired greater generosity. For years to come, my brother modified other gifts into things much more interesting.

One year he rigged a toy tank to burst from a record player box and shoot rubber bands. Another year, he removed the capacitor from an old radio to make an electric shock device capable of repelling the school bullies.

I’ve shared this sad story with my wife many times over the years. So, last week I told her I’d have my best Christmas ever if she’d give me a miniature Schnauzer puppy for Christmas.

At first she said no, but after reading this column, she assured me that our neighbor would likely “share” his new puppy.

So much for the worst Christmas ever. ★

# RELIGION NEWS

### Music and Sermon Topics at Elk Grove Presbyterian

Our JAZZ & BLUES HOUR has concluded for the year but will resume in the spring. Scotty Inman performed for the community on Nov. 15 at District 56. It was a wonderful evening concert of worship and fellowship.

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U P C O M I N G S E R M O N T O P I C S: Rev. Dexter McNamara has announced sermon topics as we enter the Advent season: Dec. 22, “Agents of God’s New Beginning.”

CHRISTMAS EVE: Our 7 p.m. Christmas eve service will be a festival of Lessons, and Lights.

Rev. 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 elkgrove-pres@gmail.com.

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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 Wednesdays 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 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. This meeting is in-person at the Robert L. Trigg Education Center Board Room, 9510 Elk Grove Florin Road.

Members of the public can also view it 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.

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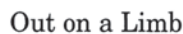
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3. Sicilian erupter
4. Movie trailer, e.g.
5. Perfecting, as in skill
6. Toe the line
7. Popular pickup
8. Puppy love
9. Jumping stick
10. Forsaken
11. Barely got by
12. Spumante-producing town
15. Greek god's libation
20. Rumpelstiltskin's machine, pl.
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26. Modified "will"
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ABOUT TOWN

**Old Fashion Christmas  
Dec. 6-22**

The Elk Grove Historical Society invites the community to Old Fashion Christmas, which will be held Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 6-22, from 3-7 p.m.

The holiday event features beautiful decorations on the museums and grounds at 9941 E. Stockton Blvd.

The Parade of Trees will be decorated by local nonprofits.

There will also be a snow-blowing machine, a holiday playland and cookie decorating.

Admission \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

**Light Up Elk Grove Set for Dec. 22**

The Chabad of Elk Grove is hosting its third

annual Light Up Elk Grove Hanukkah event at Old Town Plaza from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22.

The event will feature the lighting of a 9-foot tall LED menorah, and latkes and doughnuts to eat, as well as a bounce house, balloon twisting and carnival games for the kids.

The event is free and is co-sponsored by the City of Elk Grove.

For more information, go to [JewishElkGrove.com](http://JewishElkGrove.com) or email [info@jewishelkgrove.com](mailto:info@jewishelkgrove.com).

**Widowed Persons Activities**

Jan. 2: Noon no-host Lunch & Bunco at Round Table, 8795 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Jan. 3: 10 a.m, Pinochle at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact

is Jim at 916-768-1923.

Jan. 4: 10:30 Coffee Gathering at Peets Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Jan. 6, 10:30 a.m., WPSC Board Meeting at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Open to all members.

Jan. 6, Noon lunch at Taqueria Los Compadres, 9190 E. Stockton Blvd. Contact is Barbara at 916-516-6009.

Jan. 8, noon no-host lunch followed by Beginners' Pinochle at Original Mike's, 9139 E. Stockton Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Jan. 10, 10 a.m., Hand and Foot card game at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

A widowed person may

attend up to three events before joining WPSC.

Contact Bonnie Dale at 916-422-1522 if you are interested in membership

**Gardeners of the Grove Meets Jan. 7**

The Gardeners of the Grove will hold its January meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025.

Our featured speaker is Debbie Arrington, master rosarian, award-winning journalist and co-editor of the Sacramento Digs Gardening blog. Arrington will share her insights about rose care in the Sacramento/Elk Grove area.

The meeting will be held at the Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd. (entrance is on the Elk Grove Boulevard side.) Social time starts at 6 p.m.

and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome! For more information, contact Anne Padilla: [apadilla0511@gmail.com](mailto:apadilla0511@gmail.com).

**American Legion Post 233**

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

There will be no scheduled general meeting in December.

We invite veterans and spouses to join us the first Saturday of each month for our Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 Family Social Breakfast at 9 am at Mimi's Cafe on the corner of Laguna Boulevard and

West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99).

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

**Other Veterans Meetings Listed**

American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units: 4th Wednesday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Breakfast: 2nd Saturday, 8-10 am., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

Marine Corps League: 1st Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting, 7p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

VFW Post 2073: 2nd Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. ★

Christmas Berries Grace American River Parkway

By Derek Minnema

Christmas berries adorning the American River Parkway with their brilliant red clusters have symbolically been spreading Christmas cheer along California's waterways since long before the state was settled.

Spanish missionaries arriving in the late 18th century were struck by the resemblance of the plant to European holly, traditionally used as Christmas celebrations throughout Europe. The plant's association with Christian symbolism was immediate and profound. The bright red berries, appearing at their peak during the Christmas season, were seen as representing Christ's blood, while the sharp-toothed evergreen leaves reminded the faithful of the crown of thorns placed upon Jesus's head during the crucifixion.

This symbolism resonated deeply with early Christian settlers, who saw divine providence in finding such a powerful reminder of Christ's sacrifice in their new homeland.

The berries' annual December emergence aligned perfectly with Advent, the Christian season of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Just as the Star of Bethlehem guided the



Planted on Landis Avenue by early Carmichael colonists, an ancient persimmon tree is framed by winter berries. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

Wise Men, these red berries served as natural guides along the paths of early Christian travelers in California.

Today, along the American River Parkway in Fair Oaks, these biblical berries continue their winter display, creating a timeless connection

between past and present. On a crisp December morning, with temperatures hovering around 55 degrees, mountain bikers and equestrians shared the damp trails, their paths lined with the festive shrubs. Recent rains had left the soil perfectly tacky for bike riding, and

the air carried that distinctive winter freshness that makes every breath feel like a blessing.

The integration of natural space and residential areas in Fair Oaks creates a unique community character that reflects the peaceful coexistence of nature and civilization.

Unlike many Sacramento suburbs that surrendered to high-density development, Fair Oaks has maintained its semi-rural atmosphere, with the American River Parkway serving as a green ribbon that ties the community together.

The Christmas berries mark the changing

seasons along the parkway's winding trails, their transformation from white spring blossoms to red winter fruits mirroring the Christian liturgical calendar.

The berries begin to turn red as Advent approaches, reaching their peak brilliance during the Christmas season, when Christians worldwide celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The berries' persistent presence through winter mirrors the endurance of faith, while their sharp leaves remind believers of Christ's later sacrifice.

As another December unfolds, I find myself increasingly grateful for these simple gifts, open spaces that give us room to breathe, trails that bring neighbors together and these beautiful berries remind us of Christmas past and present.

Whether watching a friend's horse carefully traverse the path or pausing to let a mountain biker pass with a wave and a smile, I'm reminded that the best Christmas presents don't come wrapped in paper.

They grow wild along our trails, they float down our river and they live in the hearts of the community we've built together.

Derek Minnema is a Fair Oaks resident, who can be reached at [DerekMinnema.com](mailto:DerekMinnema.com). ★

93rd Annual Capitol Tree Lighting

Governor's Office  
Press Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - A cherished holiday tradition, this year marked the 41st consecutive year that California's Governor and First Partner have hosted a child receiving support from one of California's 21 non-profit regional centers to light the California State Capitol Christmas Tree. Nine-year-old Carter Morris from Merced was selected by Central Valley Regional Center to represent the more than 450,000 Californians with

intellectual and developmental disabilities who receive services.

"Happy holidays, California! It was an honor to stand with Carter in solidarity with all of California's kids with intellectual and developmental disabilities, to light the Capitol Tree this year. The holiday season is about gratitude, being together with loved ones, and giving to those less fortunate than ourselves, and I am so pleased to usher in this time of joy with Carter and his family," Gov. Gavin Newsom said at the tree lighting ceremony.

First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom commented on the occasion, "The holidays are a powerful reminder to lead with empathy and compassion, spreading joy and kindness to those around us. This year's California State Capitol Tree Lighting was especially meaningful as we joined Carter and his family for this beautiful tradition. Standing with them, we were reminded of the strength and resilience of our communities and the importance of coming together to celebrate hope and connection during this season." ★



Gov. Gavin Newsom and family at the 93rd annual Capitol Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on Dec. 11. Photo courtesy of Governor's Office



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Magic Hands Health Services LLC, 1755 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Luxury Day Spa" 8805 Elk Grove Boulevard, C, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2024  
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Enchanted Elk Grove LLC, 10459 Amado Street, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Enchanted Indoor Playground/Enchanted Natomas" 10459 Amado Street, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2024  
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Elk Grove Golf Studio, LLC, 9105 Laguna Main Street, Suite 150, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elk Grove Golf Studio/Elk Grove Indoor Golf Studio" 9105 Laguna Main Street, Suite 150, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2024  
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HAWAIIAN 1-3-25

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF  
PAMELA L. TREECE-SINCLAIR  
CASE NO. 24PR003411

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Pamela L. Treece-Sinclair.

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

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows December 31, 2024, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Jeff Klink, 3200 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95816; (916) 455-5575  
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TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 24-02074-KO-CA Title No. 240285255-CA-VOI A.P.N. 1 17-1350-041-0000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/14/2005. 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: Dolores M. Garcia, an unmarried woman Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 12/20/2005 as Instrument No. Book 20051220 Page 1136 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Sacramento County, California. Date of Sale: : 01/07/2025 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: \$466,762.70 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 7475 Whitmore Street, Elk Grove, CA 95758 A.P.N.: 117-1350-041-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times if 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 visit the Internet Website address www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 24-02074-KO-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 postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT\*: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" you may be able to purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest

est 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 24-02074-KO-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. \* Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 11/20/2024 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 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-4829327 12/06/2024, 12/13/2024, 12/20/2024  
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T.S. No.: 2024-10671-GSE APN: 116-1240-036-0000Property Address: 8984 SIERRA NEVADA WAY,, ELK GROVE, CA 95624NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALEYOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/21/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: YOLANDA CISCO, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: Nestor Solutions, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 8/23/2021 as Instrument No. 202108231690 in Book -- Page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California Date of Sale: 1/7/2025 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: East main entrance Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$475,078.37 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8984 SIERRA NEVADA WAY,ELK GROVE, CA 95624 A.P.N.: 116-1240-036-0000The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may ex-

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APN: 132-0910-055-0000 TS No: CA05000376-24-1 TO No: 240433700-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 December 20, 2018. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 7, 2025 at 09:00 AM, East Main Entrance, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on December 28, 2018 as Instrument No. 201812280545, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by JOHN TRAN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for IAPPROVE LENDING 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: 10178 NICK WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95757 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein.

Said sale will be made 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 \$320,927.19 (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 visit the Internet Website address www.Auction.com or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA05000376-24-1. 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 have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA05000376-24-1 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



# Mustangs Stumble Against Warriors

Story and photo  
by Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - A top team in the area, the Monterey Trail Mustangs, lost 2-0 against the Hiram Johnson Warriors on their home turf on Dec. 11, in a pre-season match just a week away from starting league play.

Both goals the Mustangs conceded came on counter-attacks the team failed to defend during transition.

“On the two transitions we were just too flat going back to the ball,” head coach Hugo Flores said. “We need to be focused, be intense and attack the ball first.”

Coming off a weekend of tournament play where the Mustangs dropped two of three matches, they found themselves down 1-0 in less than 10 minutes into their match with Hiram Johnson.

In the 38th minute, the other counter put the Mustangs down 2-0 before the end of the first half.

“I had a free kick, and I



Ahmad Ahmadi of the Monterey Trail Mustangs attempts to steal the ball away from a Hiram Johnson Warrior in their pre-season match on Dec. 11. The Mustangs would end up falling to the Warriors by a score of 2-0.

gave it to the keeper and then we got scored off of,” team captain and senior Ivan Perez-Moreno said. “It also comes down to practice because if I were to train my free kicks more, I would’ve made it and not get scored on.”

The Mustangs had multiple occasions to create

goal-scoring opportunities with a plethora of free kicks in the first half in their favor, yet none of them created any real scoring opportunities which Flores said his team needs to be more focused on.

The same could be said by Flores about his team’s performance on defending

set pieces. The Warriors were able to win headers in the box, but none were able to land in the back of the net.

“We came thinking that we were just going to beat them like we beat everybody else so there’s no intensity, no focus and just no pride,” Flores said.

Flores said that the third pass was lacking during this game to be able to find the goal-scoring opportunities and avoid his team being shut out against the Warriors.

In the postgame speech, Flores told his team that his team has a target on their back.

“Last year we started slow and we finished strong,” Flores said. This year we started strong so everyone’s looking at us especially with the realignment of the school’s going to the Delta League.”

Despite the loss, the Mustangs have a chance to bounce back before league play against familiar foes like the Kennedy Cougars, McClatchy Lions and Laguna Creek Cardinals.

“I feel like Kennedy and McClatchy is going to be a really good test to help us see how we start in the league and hopefully we get the win in those games,” Perez-Moreno said.

Despite being newcomers to the Delta League,

Perez-Moreno said he doesn’t feel like much will change for the program.

“I feel like we just got to lock in from here on out and have good training,” Perez-Moreno said. “Honestly, for me, I feel like everything comes down to training. If you train good, you play good.”

With the transition to the Delta League, Flores said he and the Mustangs are just going to take it one game at a time as they get a feel for some unfamiliar opponents.

The loss moved the Mustangs’ record to a 5-3-1 but went on later that week to beat the Cougars by a 2-0 score to move to six wins.

The Mustangs will play the McClatchy Lions on Dec. 16, (after press time), their final test before the start of Delta League play.

The Mustangs will then play another former Metro League team and Delta League newcomer, the Laguna Creek Cardinals, on Dec. 18. ★

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS  
Storage Tank No2 Interior Repair and Recoating Project

The Florin Resource Conservation District ("District") will receive sealed bids for the Storage Tank No.2 Interior Repair and Recoating Project at the office of the Elk Grove Water District no later than January 7th, 2025, at 2:00 PM at which time or thereafter said bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened. Bids shall be valid for 60 calendar days after the bid opening date. Work includes furnishing of all labor, materials, tax, equipment, and services for the completion of the Storage Tank No.2 Interior Repair and Recoating Project as outlined in the Contract Documents, including all plans, specifications, and all addenda for this project. Bids must be submitted on the District's Bid Forms. Bidders are responsible for purchasing and obtaining all the contract documents. Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at: Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange, 5370 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95819, (916) 442-8991.

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NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with California Commercial Code Sections 7209 and 7210 and California Civil Code Section 798.56a, the mobilehome described as a 1965 Redman New Moon Mobilehome, Decal No. LBL3627, Serial No. S12289, located at 10007 Ketcham Drive, Space No. 66, Sacramento, California 95827, will be sold at public auction at 11:00 a.m. on January 8, 2025 at Park Royal Estates, 10007 Ketcham Drive, Space No. 66, Sacramento, California 95827. The parties believed to claim an interest, Sean Patrick Porter, Sammy C. Kitty Porter, and Park Royal Estates MHC, LLC, have been given notice and the time specified for payment in the notice has expired. The undersigned is entitled to a warehouse lien against said mobilehome to satisfy the lien, storage and other related charged incurred including reasonable charges of notice, advertisement and sale. Sean Patrick Porter, Sammy C. Kitty Porter, Park Royal Estates MHC, LLC, Registered Owner, Legal Owners, Interested Parties, please take further notice that, in order to prevent the mobilehome from being sold at the noticed sale, the following amount must be paid prior to the sale: the current total claim as of December 20, 2024 is \$1,284.44 and shall increase by the amount of \$26.36 per day for each day after December 20, 2024, until the date of sale, as well as any additional lien sale costs incurred shall be added to this amount as provided in the Commercial Code. Bidders are required to show proof of cashier's check(s)/money order(s) in an amount equal to the claim to date amount prior to bidding. The purchaser of the home may be responsible for paying unpaid taxes, fees, liens or other charges owed to the State of California and/or other governmental entities. Please note that the sale may be cancelled at any time, up to and including the time of the sale. Traci Britt, 3511 Del Paso Road, Suite 160, Room 147, Sacramento, California 95835 (916) 432-3298, Authorized Agent for Park Royal Estates MH Park, LP

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CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 19-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 12.08 CONSTRUCTION IN STREETS, AND TITLE 13 WATERCOURSES, TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ISSUE ENCROACHMENT PERMITS FOR MODIFICATIONS TO DRAINAGE FEATURES (CEQA EXEMPT). The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Elk Grove Municipal Code Chapter 12.08 Construction in Streets and Title 13 Watercourses as shown in Exhibit A and Exhibit B, respectively (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) to authorize the Public Works Director or authorized designee to issue encroachment permits for modifications to drainage features. Introduced November 13, 2024; Adopted December 11, 2024; Effective January 10, 2025. AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, December 20, 2024  
A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email [cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org](mailto:cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org)

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CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 20-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK AMENDING PORTIONS OF ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 16 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) AND TITLE 23 (ZONING) RELATED TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE CITY OF ELK GROVE'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend various sections of EGMC Title 16 (Buildings and Construction) and Title 23 (Zoning) related to electric vehicle charging infrastructure requirements as shown in Exhibit A (on file in the Office of the City Clerk), to ensure consistency with the adopted Climate Action Plan as amended and the 2022 Building Standards Intervening Code. Introduced December 11, 2024; to be adopted January 8, 2025. AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, December 20, 2024  
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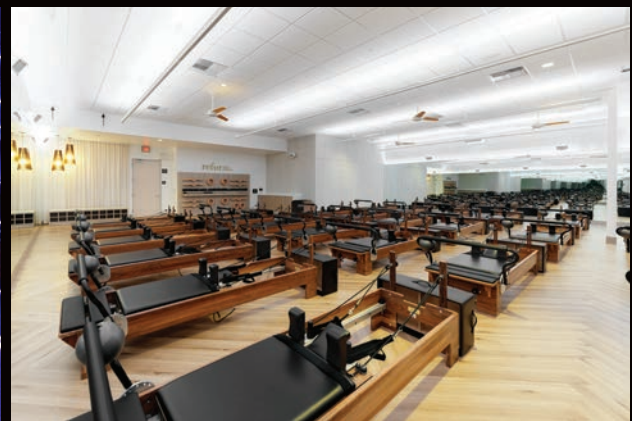


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