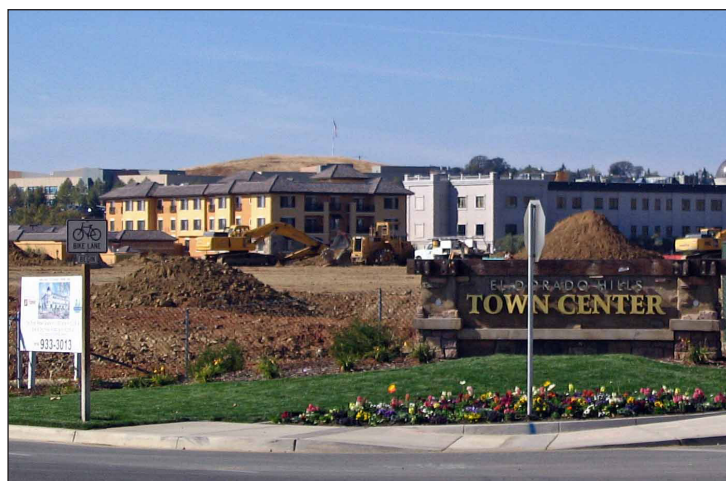




Green Valley Station in progress



Site of new Target store in Town Center

GREEN VALLEY STATION CENTER WORK BEGUN

Last month grading work began on the future Green Valley Station, a retail complex to be built along Green Valley Road east of the intersection with Cambridge Drive.

The complex is planned as a 64,079 square foot commercial shopping center that will include two drive-up fast food establishments and a pharmacy retailer with a drive-up pharmacy window. The current project will cover about 8 acres (about one-third) of the approximately 13-acre parcel. The other portion may be developed in the future; however, there are no development plans available at this time, and 5 acres of the site will remain vacant for the foreseeable future.

The proposed structures are to be slab-on-grade stucco buildings with a Spanish lighting motif. The finish is to be plaster with moldings for trim and cornices and stone veneer finish along the store fronts. Fabric and steel awnings are to be used throughout the shopping center. Accent steel features are also proposed. The shopping center has been designed with pop-outs, tower elements, and a varying color scheme to add visual relief and interest throughout the center. The color palette for the site has been proposed and is extensive. The colors include Colonial

Revival Green Stone (similar to sage green), Nuthatch (brown), Eastlake Gold, Interactive Cream, Biscuit, and Roycroft Adobe (similar to brick red). The roof is to be flat concrete tile, and the windows are to have green reflective tint.

The final tenant mix for the commercial spaces is unknown at this time; however, the developer has developed a site plan with six building types which can accommodate the proposed restaurants and major chain retailer. Construction is estimated to be completed sometime next Spring. ~

NEW TARGET BREAKS GROUND IN EDH

Site work began three weeks ago for a Target store at the El Dorado Hills Town Center. Located at Vine Street and White Rock Road near the theaters, the proposed Target will likely be around 128,000 square feet. Counting El Dorado Hills, Target has its hands full in Sacramento, but so far there are none of the retailer's "super stores" in sight.

There has been talk that Target Corp. is scouting Greater Sacramento for sites for its grocery-selling "Super-Target" format, but those rumors are just not true, according to the retailer's local broker, who recently spoke to the Sacramento Business Journal. So far, Target is focusing on its regular

stores—which have some food items but not a full-blown grocery—for the Sacramento area, Bob Nolasco of Grubb & Ellis reportedly said. A West Sacramento Target store is to open in March, and construction is scheduled to begin late this year on a Target store that would anchor the Woodland Gateway Center along with a Costco, and a Target store opened in Lincoln two weeks ago. Three stores being built, plus the Davis ballot item, are keeping the retailer busy.~

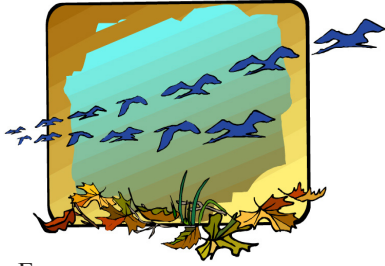
BLAC TO HEAR CSD CANDIDATES

Candidates for the El Dorado Hills Community Services District open board positions have been invited to speak at the regular meeting of the Bass Lake Action Committee (BLAC) on November 6 at 7:00 p.m. according to BLAC Vice President and Political Affairs Committee Chair Kathy Prevost.

Bob Davis, Tony Rogozinski, and Bill Vandigrif are all running for the CSD posts, and have gained the endorsement of many individuals and community and business organizations. All Bass Lake residents are invited to participate in the one-hour candidate forum. At press time, Davis and Rogozinski had accepted invitations to appear, and Vandegrif was pending. Prevost

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Hello Everyone,

Ah, Fall. Louis, my vineyard consultant, told me last month that the first frost would produce a leaf fall in my vineyard. Sure enough, the other night was frosty, and the leaves on my vines turned color and are dropping off as I write this.

So we have had the first frost, and the Holidays are looming. Daylight savings time has given way to standard time, and I find that the sun wakes me, but is gone almost before the afternoon fades away.

It was no surprise that we filled both of our green waste bins with debris from falling leaves and fall trimmings this week. The vigorous growth of the summer has faded to the annual task of raking leaves and cuttings.

But if you look closely, you will see on the bare branches the little buds that will be next year's growth. Even while shedding their leaves for winter, the trees and shrubs get set for the promise of Spring.

Fran and I still sit on the patio watching the sun set with a glass of wine, but instead of the sun's rays we have only the space heaters to warm us. We used to get warm breezes, but now we get the scent of oak burning in the fire places of our neighbors.

"The frost is on the pumpkin," as my dear Mother, who was born and raised in the Midwest used to say. "Don't let Jack Frost nip your nose!"

I might give all of you the same advice. Keep yourself warm this Winter, and remember that, after the Holidays, Spring is just around the corner.

John E. Thomson
President



Artist's concept of Mercy Hospital's entrance after expansion

CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WEST AND OTHERS TO EXPAND IN FOLSOM

Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) has big plans for its 85-bed hospital in Folsom. The parent company of the local Mercy Hospital recently broke ground on a 25-bed emergency pavilion there, but according to newspaper accounts, that's just the first step in a much broader development plan.

Preliminary plans for the Mercy site indicate CHW may spend more than \$225 million over the next 15 years to expand the hospital to more than 300 beds. The plan includes a 21-bed medical surgery unit, followed by a new patient wing with up to 90 beds and (in 2020 or later) an inpatient tower with up to 90 more beds.

At that rate, the project could rival Kaiser Permanente's long-term plans for what could become a 430-bed hospital linked to the proposed Palladio shopping center in the Broadstone complex near Highway 50 and East Bidwell Street in Folsom.

The Folsom-El Dorado Hills region is reportedly underserved with respect to the number of available hospital beds, according to some local hospital officials. Folsom is projected to grow from a population of more than 67,000 in 2005 to more than 75,000 residents by 2020, and El Dorado Hills already has 40,000 plus residents.

Mercy Folsom already serves the local residents from El Dorado Hills to Rancho Cordova, which have more than tripled since the late 1980s. This population is expected to increase by 50 percent over the next decade. The first expansion at Mercy Folsom, which recently broke ground, is a \$27 million, 22,410-square-foot emergency pavilion expected to open in 2008. If growth continues and money flows to cover the costs, the master plan also calls for Phase 2, a 15,000-square-foot, 21-bed medical-surgery unit in what would initially be shelled space under

the new emergency pavilion. It's expected to cost \$13 million to \$17 million and open by early 2010. Phase 3 would be a three-story, inpatient hospital wing with expanded obstetrics services, an intensive-care unit, another medical-surgical unit, ancillary services such as imaging and a laboratory, and a new public entrance. The new wing would have 75 to 90 beds, cost about \$80 million and open sometime between 2012 and 2015. Phase 4 would be a new inpatient bed tower with up to 90 more beds and a medical office building for administration and other services and could open in 2020 or beyond, at a roughly estimated cost of \$80 million to \$100 million, according to Mercy Hospital officials.

Mercy's 30-acre campus at 1650 Creekside Drive in Folsom has plenty of room to grow, and hospital finances are strong. According to figures from the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, Mercy Folsom generated gross patient revenue of almost \$224 million in 2005 with more than \$15 million in net income from operations.

Other health care providers, such as Kaiser Permanente, are also expanding in Folsom. Kaiser opened a \$20 million medical office building on Iron Point Road in October 2002, and is rapidly expanding. Preliminary plans for Kaiser's planned 50-acre campus near Highway 50 and East Bidwell include an outpatient surgery center, a 430-bed hospital built in three phases, and four new medical office buildings. If the entire project gets built, more than a million square feet of medical space would be constructed there over the next 25 years. However, the only immediate project is the 46,000-square-foot outpatient surgery center with six operating rooms and 32 treatment bays, which is estimated to cost at least \$33 million. Initially slated to open this year, the project has been delayed, but its construction now is expected to begin by next Spring and will take a year to complete. ~

CANDIDATES *(continued)*

said that the invitations were extended to meet the candidates and does not constitute an endorsement by BLAC.

The meeting will be held at the home of John and Fran Thomson, 501 Kirkwood Court, El Dorado Hills. Call BLAC President John Thomson at 530-677-3039 for further information and directions. ~



Grading operations at Montano de El Dorado

SHOPPING CENTER BREAKS GROUND IN EDH

Last month saw the ground broken for what is described by the developer as an upscale lifestyle shopping complex that will be located on the south side of White Rock Road, just east of the intersection with Latrobe Road, in El Dorado Hills. The property, which is distinguished by a Heritage Oak at the top of the hill, was reviewed by the El Dorado Hills Area Planning Advisory Committee (APAC) last year. After intense discussions and ultimate agreement on several community-based enhancements, APAC approved the design.

Montano de El Dorado, which is projected to grow into a lifestyle center of 180,000 to 200,000 square feet, will eventually consist of four buildings measuring 6,100 to 12,000 square feet each, says developer Vinal Perkins of Sacramento Commercial Properties Inc. His company is developing the shopping center in a joint venture with Matthew Harmon of Arrowest Properties. Perkins expects the first phase, which should be done next Spring, to house a casual dining restaurant, a jewelry store, a day spa, a men's clothier, an art gallery, a financial institution, and a coffee shop. The second phase is slated to open in 2008, and might have an anchor store as large as 80,000 square feet, Perkins says. Montano de El Dorado's style would be Mediterranean or Spanish with water features, gazebos and lots of patio space where patrons can linger. The cost of the first phase is estimated at \$13 million.

Access to the shopping center will be from White Rock and Latrobe Roads. Road improvements to facilitate traffic operations on Latrobe and White Rock Roads, including the intersection of Latrobe and White Rock Roads, have been incorporated into the development. No signals will be allowed along Latrobe Road, and only right-turn-in and right-turn-out driveways will be allowed on Latrobe Road and another driveway located approximately midway between Latrobe Road and Post Street on White Rock Road. Full turning movements will be allowed for the development's main driveway, which will be at the present intersection of Post Street and White Rock Road, where a signal will be installed. ~

SACOG TO HOLD MTP 2035 PLANNING EVENT

El Dorado County residents are encouraged to help guide billions of dollars for transit, roads, neighborhood improvements, bike trails and other transportation-related projects in the Sacramento Region by participating in the development of the Sacramento region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2035.

Sponsored by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), Valley Vision, and other agency partners, the next phase in building a regional transportation strategy will consist of eight identical "Tall Order" workshops held simultaneously throughout the Sacramento Region on Thursday, November 16, 2006 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

GRAND JURY TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS

The 2006-2007 El Dorado County Civil Grand Jury is hosting a series of public forums to meet the public and explain its function. The El Dorado Hills meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the El Dorado Hills Fire Station, 1050 Wilson Boulevard.

The El Dorado Civil Grand Jury is an investigatory body created for the protection of society and the enforcement of the law. It is an arm of the Court and a representative of the public. Although it is an arm of the Court, it operates independently of direct Court supervision. It is a check against governmental authority. It is not a branch of the County, nor is it answerable to the District Attorney.

The Jury has oversight responsibility over local government, including but not limited to: county government, city government, special districts, and local school districts (financial not curriculum). The Jury does not have jurisdiction over the Courts, other counties, federal or state governments, or private citizens. Typically the Grand Jury looks at systems and processes. The Jury has no enforcement authority, it can only make recommendations through the publication of a final report, usually published at the end of June of each year. Each complaint the Jury accepts for investigation must be investigated thoroughly, seeking out and analyzing the facts, prior to writing a report for publication. This is a time-consuming process and usually takes many months to complete.

For additional information, please call (530) 621-7477. ~

El Dorado Hills residents may participate at the meeting to be held at the Folsom Community Center, at 52 Natoma Street (near the Folsom City Hall) in Folsom. All workshops are identical. The workshops are free, and food will be served.

RSVP by clicking on the link to Tall Order Workshops on the SACOG web site www.sacog.org or call Valley Vision at 916-325-1634. ~





TRASH PICKUP RATE HIKE LOOMS FOR EDH

The El Dorado Hills Community Services District (CSD) has announced a public hearing to be held on November 9th to consider a request for a rate increase by Waste Connections, the company that recently took over the trash hauling franchise for El Dorado Hills from Waste Management. If approved, the rate hike would be effective November 1, 2006.

Residential residents now pay from \$19.55 to \$29.50 per month, depending on the sizes of their mandatory three carts: one for trash, one for recycling (mixed), and one for green waste (yard clippings). Many residents have opted for an additional recycle or green waste cart, for which there is no charge.

The proposed new rates, said to be needed because of inflation (3.7%) and for increased motor fuel costs (3.57%), will range from \$20.97 to \$31.64 per month. The additional cart and the backyard pickup for physically handicapped residents will still be free. The proposed rate increases for commercial and industrial trash customers are commensurate.

The rate hearing will be held in the CSD Pavilion at 1021 Harvard Way (at the intersection of El Dorado Hills Boulevard) at 7:00 p.m. Residents wishing to comment in writing may do so by addressing their letter to Wayne Lowery, CSD General Manager, 1021 Harvard Way, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 or you may email Wayne at wlowery@edhcsd.org. ~



THANKSGIVING

Following a nineteenth century tradition, most Americans believe that the first American Thanksgiving was a feast that took place on a day sometime in the autumn of 1621, at Plymouth Plantation, Massachusetts.

We all remember that in 1620, a group led by separatists from the Church of England, who were heading for Virginia, instead landed at modern-day Plymouth, Massachusetts. In the autumn of 1621, they celebrated a three-day Harvest festival with the native Wampanoag people, without whom they would not have survived the winter of 1620. This event was not viewed as a thanksgiving celebration at the time; the colony would not have a Thanksgiving observance until 1623—and that was a religious observance rather than a feast.

The nineteenth-century interpretation of the 1621 Pilgrim festival has since become a model for the United State's version of Thanksgiving. However, it was an established tradition before the popularization of the Pilgrim story. The tradition of thanking Almighty God for the year's harvest in the Autumn was already a well-developed practice in Europe during medieval times. In some countries, a part of this celebration included lighting up bonfires, dancing and eating.

Thanksgiving is also related to Harvest festivals that have long been a traditional holiday in much of Europe. The first known

North American celebration of these traditional festivals by Europeans was held in Newfoundland by Martin Frobisher, who led the Frobisher Expedition to find the Northwest Passage in 1578, and Canadians trace their Thanksgiving to that festival.

The American Christmas shopping season in the United States traditionally begins after Thanksgiving, on the Friday after Thanksgiving. This shopping tradition has held forth since at least the 1930s. ~



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