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## CRUMPLEY, MATTOCK CINCH EDH CSD SEATS

Challenger Terry Crumpley and incumbent Noelle Mattock emerged the winners from a crowded slate of contenders for two seats on the El Dorado Hills Community Services Board of Directors. Crumpley garnered 21.27 percent of the votes cast, while Mattock got 20.98 percent, ending up ahead of the other four candidates: Charles Hammond, Guy Gertsch, Don Clark, and Bill Tobin.



Terry Crumpley

Top vote-getter Terry Crumpley is a CPA, and she ran on her ability to understand numbers and budgets. She has two sons aged 9 and 13, and a 16 year old daughter, and lives in the Hills of El Dorado. She says she ran because “she wanted to be more involved in her community.”

Crumpley is in favor of enforcing CC&Rs, the rules and regulations of neighborhoods, which is a big issue to Terry. She lives in the Hills of El Dorado and sees a lot of violations. Crumpley estimates that the \$10 per parcel CC&R enforcement fee generates about \$140,000 per year, with \$24,000 contributed by the Design Review fees. Sixty-eight percent of the CSD’s CC&R budget is being spent on administration and overhead, she says.

She is a proponent of property rights,

and doesn’t think anyone’s property rights should be violated by lights shining in one’s windows. While agreeing that we do need lighted fields, a high impact park on Bass Lake Road is probably not a good idea, she says. There are other places where we could have lighted fields. A lot of things could be done with Bass Lake—fishing, recreation, hiking, biking, and walking trails that would be good for seniors and others, she says.

Terry thinks the senior program in El Dorado Hills is a good one. There seems to be a lot of good programs. Senior day care would be useful in El Dorado Hills—the space is there, but the funds are not. Terry also thinks we could get donations from the community for senior day care.

As to transparency on the CSD board, Terry thinks that in the past the board has not been transparent at all, and that communication with the community has been lacking. She says she cares about what people have to say. She will try to communicate with the community, she says.



Noelle Mattock

Noelle Mattock has lived in El Dorado Hills since she was two years old. Her father served on the Fire Board, and her mother was active in the community, which she says spurred her to become involved in the community. Mattock has a Masters in Public Administration and works for a large engineering firm that handles environmental projects. She deals with policy and analyzes how projects affect the community. She felt she had skills that would benefit the community.

Mattock sees CC&Rs as very important. She has talked to a lot of people regarding the CC&R dysfunction, and learned that

volunteers came to offer their services and were turned away by staff. She is looking for ways to find more funds for the CC&Rs.

Regarding lighted ball fields, Noelle has stated that she loves the “dark skies” policy. She would not want to put lighted fields into a community if it would infringe on implementation of the dark skies policy.

Regarding transparency on the CSD board, she said that she has been an advocate of transparency. She worked with the issue of Oak Knoll Park when residents of Woodridge were wrongfully charged to maintain it, and \$400,000 was refunded back to residents. Concerning Wild Oaks Park, she helped review a complaint about five properties that were inappropriately charged, and refunded the money. ~



## EL DORADO HILLS INTERCHANGE WORK TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW

The next phase of the improvements on the interchange at Highway 50 and El Dorado Hills Boulevard has begun. The phase will construct westbound on- and off-ramps that are designed to ease traffic congestion on El Dorado Hills Boulevard.

The current project re-routes the westbound off ramp and relocates the westbound on-ramp. The westbound off ramp will pass over El Dorado Hills Boulevard and loop around to complete the intersection of El Dorado Hills Boulevard and Saratoga Way, opposite the Jack in the Box and 76 Station. The existing westbound Highway 50 on ramp will be relocated north of the new off-ramp, not far from its current location.

The new arrangement will remove the

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existing westbound on- and off-ramps, eliminate the intersection closest to the freeway and the existing signal. Instead of two signals on the north side of Highway 50, there will be only one. For a diagram of the improved circulation, click [here](#).

The ramp project is funded with money from the state Corridor Mobility Improvement Account. Caltrans conducted a state-wide competition among local agencies, and the county won the funds because the Department of Transportation was able to produce plans and specifications for the phase in record time, and argued its case persuasively to Caltrans. The estimated cost of the whole interchange is \$15.5 million of funding.

A high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane was added to both the west- and east-bound lanes of Highway 50 up to Bass Lake Road during the first phase of the interchange project. The next phase of the HOV project is funded by the Casino Settlement Agreement between the county and the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians. That phase extends the HOV lanes from Bass Lake Road to Cameron Park Drive, and should open in a few days.

The next project to commence will be the Silva Valley interchange, which will bridge Silva Valley Parkway over Highway 50 and add on-ramps both north- and south-bound at Silva Valley Parkway. The new interchange will be east of the existing underpass under Highway 50.

Because the later phases of the interchange will come close to several sites of historical value, two local historical organizations, the Clarksville Region Historical Society and the Lincoln Highway Association, have been working with the Army Corps of Engineers and the county to develop a Historical Property Treatment Plan that would preserve any artifacts uncovered by construction. ~

*Credits: Penne Usher, EDH Telegraph*



## WEST PLACERVILLE INTERCHANGE PROJECT TO IMPACT TRAFFIC

Persons wishing to visit the County Government Center on Fair Lane should be aware that the normal route—taking Highway 50 to Placerville Drive, crossing the freeway and turning right onto Fair Lane—will be closed for construction work from November 7 to December 18. The street will be closed between Vintage Transport at 161 Fair Lane and the driveway for the El Dorado County Juvenile Hall at 299 Fair Lane. Detour signs will be posted.

All businesses along Fair Lane will remain open during the road closure, including those in the Country Fair Plaza, Vintage Transport, all county government offices, the county courts, Sheriff's Office and the El Dorado County Library.

The closure is due to construction of the long awaited Western Placerville Interchanges Project. Phase 1A of the project includes the building of a westbound on-ramp to Highway 50 from Ray Lawyer Drive and an auxiliary lane connecting to the off-ramp at Placerville Drive.

The Western Placerville Interchanges project as a whole is designed to improve the Forni Road-Placerville Drive Interchange and upgrade the Ray Lawyer Drive overcrossing to a full interchange with the construction of highway on and off ramps.

Segments of Forni Road, Placerville Drive, Fair Lane and Ray Lawyer Drive will be eventually widened and improved.

The present phase has an estimated cost of \$7.3 million, funded by \$6 million from the Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account and \$1.2 million from El Dorado County. When completed, the complete project is expected to cost an estimated \$40 million, with phasing occurring as funds become available.

A map of the current phase may be found at [wp1a.com](http://wp1a.com). For questions about the project, call Nate Stong at 530 642-5250. ~

*Credits: Wendy Schultz, Mountain Democrat*



## EL DORADO COUNTY JOINS HJTA FIRE FEE LAWSUIT

Last month the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to join the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (HJTA) class action lawsuit seeking to overturn the state fire fee.

Hundreds of residents have contacted the county to voice their frustration about the fire tax," said Supervisor John Knight. "The Board of Supervisors can't sit idly by while the state is running a legalized extortion scheme on rural residents."

El Dorado County residents living in the "state responsibility area" began receiving fire fee bills in late September. The fee is \$150 per habitable structure within the state responsibility area. A \$35 dollar discount applies if the structure is also within the boundaries of a local fire protection district.

The county government received bills for five pieces of property including sites purchased for road right of way, the Perks Court homeless facility, residential property adjacent to the Headington Road corporation yard, and the Union Mine disposal site. The county filed a Petition for Redetermination, and submitted a letters to state officials indicating the county's payment of the fee was provided under protest.

The county's letter argues that the fire fee is actually a tax which requires a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. The bill imposing the fire fee garnered only a simple majority of votes. "For this reason," the letter states, "the County of El Dorado pays the Fire Prevention Fee under protest and reserves all rights to pursue a refund of said amount through judicial action or otherwise."

It is expected that the HJTA complaint against the fee will be amended in the coming weeks to add additional plaintiffs, including El Dorado County.

Information about the lawsuit is available at [www.firetaxprotest.org](http://www.firetaxprotest.org). Additional information about the fee, including a list of recommended actions regarding payment, is available on the county's website at [www.edcgov.us](http://www.edcgov.us). ~



**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Hello All,

As I write, rain is falling and it's getting colder, so I know for sure that our brief Indian summer is over and winter is really here.

Of course, that means that road construction will slow down, but I understand that work on the El Dorado Hills Boulevard westbound ramps project will proceed because the environmentally-sensitive earthwork for the bridge abutments is already completed, which means that the contractor will be able to work through the winter on the overpass spanning El Dorado Hills Boulevard.

The new ramps will probably be open by the end of next year, weather permitting. It will be a relief to have just one set of signals there on the north side of the freeway.

In fact, we have a lot for which to be thankful. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, and in remembrance of Veteran's Day, don't forget to pray for our troops, wherever they may be.

Sincerely,

*John Thomson*

President



**LOCAL RESTAURANTEUR TO REOPEN MONTAÑO IRISH PUB**

The abrupt closure of Kinnee O'Reilly Irish Pub in August left El Dorado Hills residents longing for a proper pint of Guinness. Into the breach has stepped local restaurant operator Richard Righton. Righton recently announced plans to reopen the El Dorado Hills pub around the first of December with the same great Irish brews, a new menu and a new name: "36Handles."

The pub is a short distance from Richard's gourmet burger cafe, Relish. Both are located in Montaño de El Dorado, the retail center at the corner of White Rock and Latrobe Roads. Righton, 46, also operates the upscale Bidwell Street Bistro in Folsom.

The commonsense observation that two eating and drinking establishments so close together might cannibalize each other's sales doesn't hold in this case, says Righton. The pub was a perfect complement to Relish, with the pair drawing up to a thousand patrons into Montaño on good nights.

Relish enjoyed its best six months while Kinnee O'Reilly's was open, he said. St. Patrick's Day was the burger bar's best day ever, he added.

Recapturing that dynamic is a large motivation for Righton, who had high praise for the former pub owners' attention to detail in creating the consummately authentic Irish pub, but made it clear he didn't share their allegiance to the Emerald Isle. He's British, after all.

But the pub won't be a strictly British affair either.

British Pubs are known for a lot of things, but good food isn't one of them. "And the food here is definitely going to be good," he promised. "That's what I'm known for and that's what I want to bring to this place."

The sacrifice in ethnic authenticity gives Righton the latitude he needs to create a pub

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**BURGLARY VICTIM SHOOTS TIRE OUT ON GETAWAY CAR – CROOKS CAPTURED**

On Monday November 02, 2012, a husband and wife arrived home in the 4500 block of Wendsan Lane in Placerville to find two burglars rushing out of the front door.

The couple noticed an unfamiliar car in their driveway when they got home at 1:36 p.m., according to Lt. Tim Becker of the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office. Two women allegedly rushed out the front door and ran in different directions.

The husband had a rifle in his car. He retrieved the rifle and stood in front of the suspects' car. By this time, they had jumped in the car for a getaway. The husband, however, was not going to allow that to happen.

The burglars tried to leave, hitting the man on his knee and spinning him around but not injuring him. He was able to line up a shot and hit one of the rear tires of the fleeing car.

Officers began searching for a car with a flat tire and found it soon after on Green Valley Road, turning onto Ponderosa Road. The tire was smoking and the car pulled over. Officers allegedly noticed items that were said to be missing from the victims' house were in the car. The male victim arrived and positively identified the duo.

The two suspects, identified as Ashliegh Natasha Harrison, 28, and Teresa Marie Garcia, 28. Harrison is being held on counts of first-degree burglary, possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia and two enhancements of prior felony convictions and serving jail time for felonies, with bail listed as \$114,000. Garcia is being held on counts of possession of a controlled substance, burglary, receiving known property over \$400, being a felon in possession of ammunition and violation of parole, with bail listed as \$35,000.

*Credits: Cole Mayer, Mountain Democrat*



**PUB** *(continued)*

menu that will appeal to modern palates.

As the pub's name implies, 36 beers will be available on tap. Most of Kinnee O'Reilly's beer selection will return, including the Guinness, with the same care given to each carefully poured pint. Expect British standards like Bass Ale and Boddingtons, plus a Belgian or two alongside the Irish brews on tap. Local microbrews will also be represented, as will Coors Light, "the No. 1 selling beer in El Dorado Hills," said Righton, who also promised 20 good wines by the glass.

36Handles will stock top-shelf bourbons to fuel old world cocktail offerings, including the classic Old Fashioned, the tart Whisky sour and the king of cocktails, the Manhattan, all in contrast to Relish's trendy blended frozen cocktails and exotic martinis.

When Kinnee O'Reilly's opened in September 2011, local newspaper *Village Life* called the impeccably crafted Irish Pub a "beacon of light in the current dark economic climate," and praised its ambiance, beer, food and owners for having the chutzpah to launch a new business in the depths of the recession and, in doing so, fill a gaping hole in the local restaurant and night life scene.

The pub developed a loyal following. The beer was always spot on and the staff consistently friendly. In August 2012, however, the owners abruptly threw in the bar towel, reportedly the result of a lawsuit by a restaurant supplier.



Over the river and through the woods  
Trot fast my dapple gray.  
Spring over the ground  
Like a hunting hound  
On this Thanksgiving Day, Hey!  
Over the river and through the woods  
Now Grandmother's face I spy.  
Hurrah for the fun,  
Is the pudding done?  
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie.  
—English folksong

Righton spent his formative years in England behind the bar, pouring cream tea in the afternoons at 14, then graduated to pulling pints in the evening. Within a few years he was managing several pubs for Charrington Bitter, which merged with Bass in 1967.

He trained as a chef, but found his personality better suited to the front of the house, he said. He left England for France, and learned enough to open the elegant French Bidwell Street Bistro in Folsom thirteen years ago, befriending commercial real estate broker Vinal Perkins in the process.

Perkins went on to create Montaña de El Dorado and offered Righton a prime corner location above the intersection, where Righton launched Relish in March 2010.

Perkins said he had several potential tenants who were interested in taking over the pub after it closed, but Righton's track record, knowledge of, and connection to, the community stood out.

The pub is a classic Guinness pub, with signature dark paneling, mustard-yellow walls and gilded mirrors, authentic right down to the chairs imported from Ireland.

Righton promised the pub will remain comfortable, with little change to the decor initially. The eleven televisions will stay, and the overall ambiance will remain family-friendly, including a kid's menu and games.

The most noticeable addition will be four dart boards. He'll sponsor a darts team or two, he said

Righton will manage the pub for the first year or so, he said, leaving Bidwell Street Bistro in the capable hands of executive chef Wendi Mentink. Chef Pedro will manage Relish.

The December first grand opening depends on getting the liquor licenses transferred. ~

*Credits: Mike Roberts, EDH Village Life*



## BLAC SETS DECEMBER BOARD MEETING DATE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

The BLAC Annual Christmas Party will be held on December 3rd starting at 6 o'clock at the home of Fran and John Thomson, 501 Kirkwood Court, in Woodridge. All BLAC Members and their guests are cordially invited. Children are welcome. The annual election of officers will be held at a short business meeting to be held that evening. Invitations will be sent to all members and invited guests. For information call Fran Thomson at 530-677-3039.

All BLAC members are cordially invited to attend all meetings. For further information regarding our meetings, please contact Vice President Kathy Prevost, 530-672-6836. ~

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