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Community members design their 'dream park'

2 final planning meetings on possible park project to take place Saturday

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HANFORD — With four community-based planning meetings under its belt, the Hanford Parks and Com-

munity Services department is getting a clearer picture of what the community would like to see in a possible new 40-acre park in the city.

"I think we're getting most of the segments of the community, so, so far so good," director Brad Albert said before the fourth meeting Thursday evening.

The proposed 40-acre park project is part of an \$8.5 million grant application through the California Department of Parks and Recreation's

Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program to create new parks and new recreation opportunities in underserved communities across the state.

The city selected the possible park location east of the Florida Street and 9 1/4 Avenue intersection, on the eastern boundary of Hanford's current residential development. While the location is currently an orchard, there are plans to annex it into the city. During the meetings, community

members have been able to participate in the conceptual design of the park, as well as vote on potential recreational features and amenities.

A couple dozen community members attended the meeting on Thursday evening and Albert said the department has been able to talk to over 100 community members altogether.

Albert said the meetings have gone well so far and each has been a little different. He said the first meeting included Senior Citizens Inc. and

ideas from the senior community, the second meeting included sports groups and the third meeting was a block party at the Kings View Apartments, which had more families and input from kids.

While getting kids to visualize an entire 40-acre park was interesting, Albert said it was very fun to see the kids get excited about new playgrounds and sports fields.

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15-year-old arrested on suspicion of attempted murder

STAFF REPORTS

CORCORAN — A 15-year-old boy was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder Thursday after he allegedly shot at a vehicle passing by, according to Corcoran Police Department officials.

Around 9 p.m. on Nov. 10, Corcoran officers were advised of a shooting that had occurred at around 11:15 a.m. that same day in the 900 block of 6 1/2 Avenue. Officials said the department and the Kings County Major Crimes Task Force began investigating the incident.

Through investigation, the agencies learned that a male subject was walking on 6 1/2 Avenue and as a vehicle passed his location, he took out a firearm and shot at the vehicle multiple times before fleeing the area on foot.

The investigation led to the identification of a 15-year-old male as the suspect and an arrest warrant was issued.

Just after 1 p.m. on Thursday, officials said the task force and officers located the juvenile suspect in the 1900 block of Josephine Avenue.

Authorities said the juvenile was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Kings County Juvenile Center on suspicion of attempted murder, shooting at an inhabited vehicle, assault with a firearm on person, carrying a loaded firearm, participating in a criminal street gang and conspiracy to commit a felony.



In this March 15, 2019, Sentinel file photo, Hanford West's Macie Figueroa throws to the infield during a Central Sequoia League game against Kingsburg at Norman Boyles Field.

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Menlo College gets a Husky

Macie Figueroa signs NLI with the Oaks

NOE GARCIA
Staff Reporter

HANFORD — Hanford West's Macie Figueroa realized a long-time dream on Wednesday.

The 17-year-old softball

center fielder accepted her scholarship and signed her National Letter of Intent to Menlo College at Norman Boyles Field with family and friends in attendance.

"It's honestly like one of the best feelings in the world," Macie said. "You've worked your whole life going towards this.

All your time and energy, it's not going to waste."

Last season, the Menlo College softball team went 15-9 before COVID-19 ended their season. The Oaks were off to one of their best starts in team history, including a 4-1 showing at the TCS SoCal NAIA College Classic.

"Menlo feels like the perfect place for me and I want to say there's been many nights I cried because I was so happy," Macie said. "It's definitely a great feeling."

Menlo College is a private college located in Atherton with

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COS finds new women's tennis coach

NICK GIANNANDREA
COS Athletics

College of the Sequoias' women's tennis team is transitioning to the leadership of a familiar face.

Chad Borkey, a program assistant the past two seasons, has been elevated to head coach, Giants' Athletic Director Brent Davis announced.

"The greatest pinnacle of anyone's coaching career is being a head coach," Borkey said. "And I'm very honored that coach Davis had faith in me to give me this job. I want to compete and have the girls have a good time. I'm really excited about it."

The 42-year-old Borkey has been a jack of all trades since arriving at COS in the fall of 2018 as a football assistant after spending the previous

12 years as a men's basketball assistant at the community college and NCAA Division II levels, including stints at Giants' rivals Fresno City and West Hills-Coalinga.

Borkey became a women's tennis assistant for COS in the spring of 2019, and is slated to join the Giants' women's basketball coaching staff for the upcoming season.

"It's great that he can step in and do this," Davis said of Borkey. "He's really good with young people, he knows how to run a program and he knows how to recruit. Those three things will help him out and serve COS well."

Borkey replaces Jay Johnson, who stepped down after 14 seasons as COS' women's tennis coach.

"We have a great opportunity

to build something here," Borkey said. "Coach Johnson did a great job for many years, and I hope to build off that."

Borkey developed a passion for sports — which led to a career in coaching — while growing up in the Shasta County town of Burney, population 3,154.

Like many of his friends at Burney Junior and Senior High, a seventh- through 12-grade school of roughly 150 students, Borkey was a multi-sport athlete, participating in football, basketball and tennis.

After going off to college at Fresno State, a conversation back home in Burney helped point Borkey toward involvement in competitive sports. A friend from school (Robby



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Chad Borkey will take over the College of the Sequoias women's tennis program as the new head coach.

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