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Elk Grove Gets Large Bookseller



Author Tarah DeWitt after cutting the ribbon Sept. 15 to open the Elk Grove Barnes & Noble store.

Story and photos by Keith Burbank

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Barnes & Noble is aiming to fill a void here starting Sept. 15 that Borders Books left when it closed in 2011. The major brick-and-mortar bookseller opened the doors to a 20,000-square-foot store – plus café – at 9 a.m. Sept. 15 at 8120 Elk

Grove Blvd., next to Whole Foods Market, which opened Sept. 16. Both are in The Village shopping center. “It’s great to be a part of the community and we’re looking forward to connecting with customers about” the love of literature, Store Manager Stephanie Simon said. The store has about 25 employees, which varies depending on the season, Cluster Leader Jeremiah Ward

said. “We’re very excited to open in Elk Grove,” said Janine Flanigan, vice president of store design for Barnes & Noble. Company officials have been talking about it for about three years, she said. Construction started in early April, Flanigan said. Customers will have tens of

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Council Hears Pros and Cons of Camera System



A Flock camera is shown on Sept. 14 near Civic Drive and Caroline Avenue in Galt. Photo by Keith Burbank

By John McCallum

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Opponents and proponents of automated license plate readers (ALPRs) here squared off during an information-only presentation by the Elk Grove Police Department at the Sept. 9 City Council meeting. While law enforcement and City Council members praised ALPRs use in solving crimes and enhancing public safety, residents seeking removal of the devices said they lead to civil rights violations, cases of mistaken identity and even persecution by law enforcement of opponents of the cameras. “This is mass surveillance and we don’t want it here,” Lindsey Halsell, a member of De Flock Elk Grove, a citizen group advocating for the removal of ALPRs, said in remarks during the public comment period. Twenty residents spoke at the meeting against using the devices and for their removal. It’s the second consecutive meeting the council has heard from citizens about their displeasure with ALPRs. Twenty-one individuals spoke at the Aug. 26 meeting. Several residents also spoke at the March 25 meeting where Elk Grove Police Chief Robert Davis presented the department’s 2025 annual activity report: a report that included a brief overview of the ALPR program by Real Time Information Center (RTIC) manager Andrea Cortez. That report showed a 2% drop in crime overall in the city. Opponents of ALPRs told the council early in the Sept. 9 meeting that law enforcement officials would not present evidence ALPRs had led directly to a reduction in crime but rather use statistics about camera activity and

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New Editor Crosses U.S. to Elk Grove



New City Editor Keith Burbank and partner Dorothy Mendoza outside her home in Sacramento. Photo by Jonathan Mendoza

By Keith Burbank

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Hi! I’m Keith Burbank, the new city editor for the Elk Grove Citizen, The Galt Herald, Land Park News, Pocket News, Arden Arcade News, East Sacramento News and River Valley Times. I moved to Sacramento from Jensen Beach, Florida. I moved here to spend more time with and marry my partner and Sacramento resident Dorothy

Mendoza. We are Catholic and plan to marry at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. I left Jensen Beach at about 2 p.m. Aug. 22, the day before my 59th birthday, stopping first at my mother’s home in Stuart, Florida. I said goodbye to mom at about 5:30 p.m. and made my way through Port St. Lucie, Florida, to Florida’s Turnpike. Florida’s Turnpike snakes its way through the center of the Florida peninsula and joins Interstate 75 at the

Wildwood exit. Interstate 75 north took me to westbound Interstate 10, which traverses the southern continental United States from Florida to California. I drove a 2026 Toyota Corolla along Interstate 10 through Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and part of Arizona. The trip took me over bridges, through construction zones, across more than 850 miles of Texas and down a 4,000-foot

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Weekend in Greece Returns

A weekend Greek culture and food festival is coming Sept. 26 and 27 to Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 9165 Peets St., Elk Grove. Visitors can experience Greek food, music, dancing and tours of the church, which was completed in 1995. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. Photo courtesy of Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



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anecdotal evidence such as specific crimes solved to defend the devices' use. Some opponents agreed the cameras played a part in crime solving but contended eyewitness reports and other traditional investigative methods also played roles.

"We are always glad when crimes are solved and people make it home safe, no one disputes that," Halsell said. "But we have to ask, how much of this success is really due to ALPRs?"

According to the 2025 report, statistics show since the department began using ALPRs in March 2021 they have provided alerts on 1,548 vehicles, with 56 percent of these – 866 – resulting in arrests. Camera data has generated 5,293 total calls for service, leading to 700 arrests, 70 suspicious vehicles, 640 reckless vehicle incidents, 536 vehicle theft reports, 1,548 collisions/hit and run incidents and assisted in the search for 93 missing people.

In their presentation at the Sept.9 meeting, Davis and Cortez provided the

council and the public with more information on safeguards and practices that the department has implemented to prevent misuse of the data collected by the ALPRs, especially since new state laws went into effect in 2023 dealing with their regulation.

Cortez said accessing this data is only done through specific requests with no automatic inquiries performed. When a data search is made, a case number and reason code must be assigned.

"You have to be conducting an investigation," Cortez said.

Cortez added not all officers are allowed to access ALPR data. Only those specifically trained and defined as needing to access the data are allowed.

"As chief of police, I have no access to this system," Davis said. "I have no need."

Elk Grove has also entered into memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with California law enforcement agencies that agree to follow the updated state regulations and terminated MOUs with

counties such as Orange and Riverside that have indicated they might not. The department has opted out of Flock data features such as allowing national searches of data.

The department has tightened its protocols in how alerts are turned into searches if requested by requiring several levels of verification and has begun the process of developing and implementing system auditing requirements.

Law enforcement officials provided specific examples of crimes solved using ALPR technology as well, using anecdotal examples of the devices' effectiveness.

Sacramento County Sheriff Jim Cooper acknowledged ALPR opponents' concerns that data could be used by other agencies such as U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or by out-of-state law enforcement agencies searching for individuals who might be in violation of local laws but have come to California and are not violating state law.

"We don't do that; we don't cooperate," Cooper

said. "We're not big government. That's not our job."

ALPR opponents claim the devices are not only used to track undocumented immigrants but also people crossing state lines to protect their reproductive rights. Opponents also claim while law enforcement can provide statistics on ALPRs use, studies show there is no correlation between these and actual reductions in criminal activity and that their use isn't worth the potential loss of civil liberties posed by the monitoring.

The few studies that have looked at the use of ALPRs make that claim. A 2025 study by Rowan University criminology and criminal justice professor John Shjarback and Atlantic City Police Chief James Sarkos of that city's ALPR system indicated the devices did lead to an increase in alerts for stolen vehicles or plates that led to arrests and vehicle recovery that was "two to three times more likely" during patrol activity.

"Thus far, however, there is little evidence that

ALPRs reduce crime and even less is known about their impact on solve/clearance rates," the authors wrote.

In making their case to have ALPRs removed from city streets, or at least more tightly regulated, opponents also fell back on anecdotal evidence of instances where the devices have been misused.

In Grass Valley, California, law enforcement recently canceled the use of Flock ALPRs over community concerns, but one month after city crews removed the devices, the cameras were reinstalled by the manufacturer because a clause in the contract only allowed Flock to remove the units. Grass Valley subsequently removed two reinstalled units and is monitoring the others for their removal.

Earlier this month, officials in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, covered their Flock cameras and are in the process of canceling their contract after a Flock representative contacted a city official earlier this summer and offered to sell them five years of traffic data the company collected on the city without its knowledge and in violation of the contract.

Elk Grove council

members acknowledged ALPR opponents concerns and indicated their own feelings about being monitored without their knowledge. For Councilmember Rod Brewer, surveillance is personal.

"As a Black man, it's a reality I face every day," Brewer said. "It's never positive; it's always negative and we have to work twice as hard to show that we are part of this society."

Brewer agreed with other council members that the devices have proven useful in solving crime and the department has taken steps to prevent their misuse, internally and externally.

"ALPRs are a powerful tool for law enforcement," Councilmember Kevin Spease said. "But we have appropriate safeguards here in place in Elk Grove and we will continue to remain vigilant on the compliance."

"Here in Elk Grove, we believe in public safety," Councilmember Sergio Robles said, adding he believes the Police Department is acting with integrity, respect for community and following the law.

"I haven't seen anything that says otherwise," he added. ★

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Arson Suspect Dies by Suicide in Police Shooting

By Keith Burbank

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Officers responded at 6:04 p.m. Sept. 12, following a report of an arson at



a home in the 8600 block of Bradshaw Road, police said. Officers there discovered an RV trailer that

had allegedly been set on fire by the man, who was known to residents, according to police.

Cosumnes Fire Department firefighters responded, police said, and extinguished the fire. The suspect fled, according to police. Officers located the man near Waterman Road between Sheldon Road and Calvine Road, police said. He failed to stop,

according to police, and a police helicopter found him in a field.

The suspect allegedly pointed what looked like a rifle at the law enforcement helicopter overhead, prompting an officer to fire at the man, according to police. The suspect, police said, was not struck by the officer's gunfire and was later found dead from an apparent self-inflicted

wound.

The rifle was later determined to be a pellet gun, according to police. No other individuals or officers were injured, police said.

The Sacramento County Coroner's Office has yet to release the name of the man. An investigation is being conducted by the Elk Grove Police Department's Investigation Bureau,

which is standard practice for any officer-involved shooting that occurs in the city of Elk Grove.

An independent review of the incident will be conducted by the Elk Grove Police Department's Professional Standards Bureau. The officer who fired at the suspect has been placed on administrative leave, per Police Department policy. ★

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thousands of titles to choose from, which Barnes & Noble curated based on the interests of the community.

Flanigan declined to say how much the store cost to build.

The store's design is different than older stores, with "rooms" designated by 96-inch-tall bookshelves in most places.

"These are tall bookcases," she said.

The segue between rooms, Flanigan said, has titles similar to adjacent rooms.

And the design aspects of the store can be changed easily to accommodate trends, she added.

Barnes & Noble in Elk Grove, in addition to books, has toys like Legos, gifts, journals, DVDs as well as music on vinyl records and CDs.

The store, too, will

be stocking NeeDohs, Flanigan said. NeeDohs are squishy stress-relievers that are popular with children.

More than one person came to the grand opening for trading cards, such as Pokemon cards.

Courtney Pierce was one. Pierce arrived at Barnes & Noble at 5 p.m. Sept. 14 to wait for the store to open. She was the first in line among more than 200 people.

"Also, there hasn't been a bookstore here since 2011," Pierce said. "I grew up going to Borders, so I'm super excited to go check out everything they (Barnes & Noble) have."

Books, science games and stuff for her children have her excited, too, she said.

Author and greater-Sacramento-area resident Tarah DeWitt cut the ribbon on the store and inside



The front of the Bames & Noble store at 8120 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, on opening day Sept. 15.

signed copies of her latest book, "Lost and Found."

"Finding your local bookstore and having a nice safe place to go is

imperative for any community," DeWitt said.

"I really love her as an author," said Brenda Contreras after getting one

of DeWitt's books signed.

Sacramento resident Cathrina Paclibar also came out for the book-signing by DeWitt.

"I've heard great things about her book, so I wanted to snag my own copy and get it signed by her, too," Paclibar said. ★

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Rabbi Chaim Groner leads the discussion. For location, call (917) 724-4443.

Events at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

Rev. Carla Dietz welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 am. Our church is located at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn Blvd. The church has open Communion the first Sunday of the month.

Additionally, on that Sunday we bring non-perishable food for Elk Grove Food Services.

For more information, Rev. Dietz can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or Email: EGPCPastor@gmail.com.

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For more information, call (916 714 3444) or visit GraceChurchEG.org.

Field of Hope United Church of Christ

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For more information, visit [www. FieldOfHopeUCC.org](http://www.FieldOfHopeUCC.org).

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church’s Mass Schedule

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church invites everyone to celebrations of Holy Mass at 8700 Bradshaw Road.

Masses are at 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon on Sundays. Also Masses at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

For more information, call (916) 647-4538 or visitSMGCC.net. ★

New Editor Crosses U.S. to Elk Grove



New City Editor Keith Burbank and friend Chris Primus in Jensen Beach, Florida. Photo by Chris Primus

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plateau near Tehachapi, California.

Here’s a log of my trip:

I said goodbye to my friend Chris Primus at about 1 p.m. Aug. 22 and finished packing. The trunk, backseat and front passenger seat were loaded with my belongings, including pictures of my mother, father and brother. I lived in Oakland, California, for 12 years before moving back to Florida to help my mother. My father and brother – my only sibling – died years ago. That night I stopped in Ocala, Florida.

I was up Aug. 23 at about 6 a.m., ate breakfast, put gas in the car and started driving at about 7 a.m. My second nightly stop was about 650 miles away in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

I left Breaux Bridge at about 7 a.m. Aug. 24 and drove about 600 miles that day to the small, west-Texas community of Ozona, home of the Hitchin’ Post Steakhouse. I found the Hitchin’ Post by asking the hotel desk clerk where I could get

dinner. She recommended two places, but only the Hitchin’ Post was open that Sunday.

The Hitchin’ Post has been in business more than 30 years, built in 1950 as a sheep barn, according to the menu, which includes a history of the restaurant and Crockett County, where Ozona is located.

I ordered a famous Hitchin’ Post entrée: fried steak fingers, which came with two sides. I chose green beans and grilled potatoes. The potatoes were delicious, and I left satisfied even though the steak fingers were less to my liking. I slept well that night.

I was driving before dawn Aug. 25 with plans to drive 700 miles before stopping for the night. I determined before I left Florida that I would drive 500 or 600 miles a day. At an average of 60 miles per hour I could make the roughly 2,900-mile trip in five or six days.

I drove almost 750 miles that day, stopping finally in Casa Grande, Arizona, about 50 miles east of Phoenix.

I was up Aug. 26 at about 3:30 a.m. and driving by 4:30 a.m., hopeful I could make it to Elk Grove by the time I stopped for the night.

I avoided Interstate 10 to the Los Angeles area. Instead, I took state and federal highways to Needles, California, where I picked up Interstate 40. A stop in Ludlow, California, provided nourishment and a shock. The gas at the station connected to the Dairy Queen was over \$7 per gallon. Fortunately, I had enough gas in the Toyota.

Westbound Interstate 40 ends in Barstow, California, and from there I drove state Highway 58 to Bakersfield and state Highway 99 to Kingsburg, California, where I stopped for the night. I stopped at Motel 6 – the only hotel I saw near the exit to Kingsburg – and awoke early Aug. 27, to drive the last 182 miles to Sacramento.

I am delighted to be here. Not only to be with my sweetheart but to lead the coverage of Elk Grove, Galt, Rancho Murieta and parts of Sacramento. ★

MEETING MINDERS

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

The Elk Grove City Council has its regular meetings at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. To view the meeting, visit ElkGroveCity.org.

The Elk Grove Planning Commission has its 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](http://www.EGUSD.net).

Past board meetings can be watched on the district’s YouTube channel, “ElkGroveUnified.” ★

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The Simmons Factor

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Ben Simmons has stolen the preseason show thus far and understandably so. 2018 rookie of the year in the NBA and a three-time all-star, brings with it a lot of optimism and certainly fan excitement.

After sitting out the entirety of the 2025-26 season recovering from back problems, Simmons says he is 100 percent healthy and ready to prove his naysayers wrong.

Many have questioned his toughness, but two back surgeries are nothing to scoff at, and as many people can attest to, back injuries can be hard to overcome.

At 6-foot-10, Simmons represents a skyscraper of a point guard and is even taller than hall-of-famer Magic Johnson.

The apparent plan is for Simmons to back up Darius Acurr Jr., and if so, it could pay dividends.

Without question a point guard of his size represents problems for opposing teams, so what remains to be seen is how he fits in with Scott Perry's new look Kings, and does he have the motor to be a game changer.

The good news as it relates to Ben Simmons is that on a team that is hungry for players with defensive qualities, Simmons has a proven history of being a top flight defender, and although not known for being a big scorer, Simmons can certainly make his mark of the defensive end.

If, as has been expressed, the Kings intend to bring Simmons off the bench and have him back up Darius Acuff, giving him 20-25 minutes per game may be a recipe that will work for a player that has proven to be injury prone.

Meanwhile, aside from Acuff, there are two other draft picks that need attention, and that most notably means on court minutes.

Emanuel Sharpe is another player that comes to the Kings with a history of being a tough defender, and Kings fans got to see his defensive skills on display during the NBA summer league.

Sharpe has a natural knack for the ball and was a division one standout in college on the defensive end of the floor. It makes fans wonder how Simmons and Sharpe would look on the court together, as Sharpe is a natural

shooting guard and Simmons plays the point. Just possible that times are changing for the better.

Trade talks continue to swirl as it relates to Domantas Sabonis, and that should not come as welcome news.

I see Sabonis as the anchor of this team, and if anyone comes with a pedigree it is most certainly Domantas.

The Kings need this big man to have a comeback season after being limited to a career low 19 games last year due to injuries. This stalwart has proven himself not just to the Kings organization, but to the league as well, and Sabonis has earned the respect of players throughout.

Alex Karaban, drafted 29th overall, comes to the Kings with four seasons of college ball, and an NCAA title under his belt. Used to winning, Karaban should be a consistent player off the bench, and if coach Christie develops a consistent flow with minutes, Karaban can become a valuable commodity for Sacramento this season.

Much depends on how Christie develops what has now become a young team, and effective use of players like Achiuwa, Cardwell, Karaban and Sharpe will make a big difference in the win/loss record of the Kings this season.

The Kings young players aren't the only ones that need to earn their stripes. It's high time the coaching staff steps up and shows what they can do.

It is hard to measure Doug Christie after a season where his team was largely on the disabled list, but make no mistake about it, this year marks the litmus test in his young coaching career.

If the 20-25 wins that the pundits have expressed are what the Kings have to look forward to is in any way correct, look for a complete shake-up of the coaching staff.

There is way too much talent for this team to be on the south side of 30 wins, and even one more tweak could represent an acceleration of Scott Perry's rebuilding program.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because I believe you're going to see a much healthier team than just a season ago!

All the best! ★

California's Future Water Supplies Depend on the Outcomes of Four Intertwined Battles



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Since the earliest years of its history, California has been a political battlefield over divvying up the state's water. The intensity of the multisided conflict, like water itself, ebbs and flows.

By happenstance this is one of the more intense and climactic periods in the eternal competition over water. It's driven by uncertainty over the effects of climate change on precipitation and by looming decisions on how to cope with those effects.

What happens on four intertwined fronts in the near future will determine how water will be managed and allocated in the coming decades. In no particular order:

Colorado River

Decades of conflict over allocating Colorado River water, involving not only California but other Western states, are coming to a head. Runoff from snow in the Rocky Mountains has been declining, and the two major reservoirs on the Colorado, Lakes Mead and Powell, have been shrinking and rapidly approaching operational failure. Federal authorities have been pressing the states involved to agree on how the shortages should be managed, but it's been a stalemate.

California is less dependent than Nevada and Arizona, which rely on

the Colorado to serve their fast-growing urban centers. When the Bureau of Reclamation imposed some temporary operational rules recently, Nevada sued and Arizona is threatening to follow.

Sites Reservoir Project

An off-stream reservoir on the west side of the Sacramento Valley to capture and store water during years of high precipitation has been proposed for decades. But with projections of decreased snowpacks due to climate change, the project, called Sites, has gained momentum in recent years.

Gov. Gavin Newsom wants to nail down the project before leaving office in four months. Last week, the administration's Water Resources Control Board issued a draft water rights decision for Sites. The project needs permission to draw water from the Sacramento River before it can secure financing for the 1.5-million-acre-foot reservoir.

Delta Tunnel Project

Newsom also wants to pin down another major project — a tunnel that would carry Sacramento River water around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to improve deliveries to Southern California via the California Aqueduct. A conveyance of some kind has been proposed for more than 60 years but has never been able to clear political, legal and financial hurdles.

Advocates say the project would take pressure off the Delta, but it faces stiff opposition from environmental groups who contend it would worsen the Delta's environmental problems. Putting together a package of regulatory permission and financing from water

agencies that would benefit has been a daunting, and so far elusive, goal.

San Joaquin River Diversions

While proposing the 45-mile-long tunnel to divert some Sacramento River water from flowing through the Delta, state water officials are simultaneously pressuring San Joaquin Valley farmers to reduce San Joaquin River diversions to increase flows into the Delta.

Supposedly reductions would be voluntary, but the state is also working on mandatory cutbacks if not enough water is voluntarily offered. Last week, Westlands, the largest water district in the valley, pulled out of the voluntary negotiations, saying the state was moving toward coercion. If the state issues mandatory cutbacks, it would probably become a legal battle over whether the state can interfere with long-standing water rights.

The conflict is exacerbated by reductions in water farmers can draw from underground aquifers with wells. There are projections that reductions in water supply, could take as many as 900,000 acres of farmland out of production.

That possibility drove major agricultural interests to successfully press the Legislature last week to make it easier to remove farmland from open space preserves, to replace crops with solar power arrays.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

Social Security Matters

Must I Enroll in Medicare at Age 65?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I will be turning 65 next month, I am currently retired and I am not on Social Security. My question is; Is there anything I have to do, if I don't want Medicare? I am on my wife's employer plan, and she works for the Postal Service as a Rural Carrier. She doesn't plan on retiring for another 8 yrs. Also, I would like to wait till my full retirement age (FRA) before I draw Social Security at 67. Do I have to draw Medicare at that point? Signed: **Retired but Curious**

Dear Retired but Curious: As long as you are covered by a "creditable" healthcare plan (such as that from your wife's US Postal Service employer), you can defer enrolling in Medicare

until your Postal Service Health Benefit (PSHB) coverage from your wife's employer ends. When that happens, you (and your wife) will enter a Medicare "Special Enrollment Period" (SEP) during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty. Thus, in your specific circumstances, you don't need to do anything about enrolling in Medicare when you turn 65.

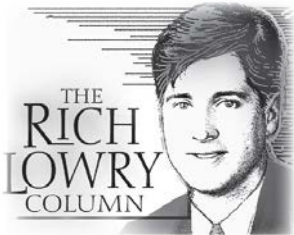
That is still true, regardless of when you claim your Social Security benefits. If you claim Social Security at age 67 and before your wife retires from the USPS, you will be required to take Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization services), but Medicare Part A is premium-free for those also eligible for Social Security.

However, enrollment in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient healthcare services) is always optional because there is a premium associated with it, and you can continue to defer enrollment in Medicare Part B as long as you

have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your wife's employer (even while you are collecting Social Security).

When you apply for Social Security, you can inform SS that you are declining Medicare Part B because you are still covered by your wife's USPS employer healthcare plan. Then, when your wife retires and you lose your USPS healthcare coverage, you can enroll in Medicare Part B at that time without a late enrollment penalty.

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A decade later, Colin Kaepernick is as tiresome as ever. To mark the 10-year anniversary of his kneeling during the National Anthem, the former San Francisco 49ers quarterback is out with a new memoir, "The Perilous Fight." (Get it?)

In an interview with NBC News in advance of the book's release, which he clearly imagines as part of a vindication tour, he proved himself as committed to woke racial politics as ever.

He told NBC that his protests were about fighting "police killing black folks" and "systemic oppression." He added that he was thinking -- not very modestly -- about the Montgomery bus boycotts, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King while he took a knee.

It's certainly true that Kaepernick sacrificed his career to his protests, although he was a marginal player by the end. In his prime, Kaepernick was a top-notch athlete and electric performer. No one can take his exemplary 2012 and 2013 seasons away from him. In one playoff game in 2012, he passed for 263 yards and ran for 181, a single-game record for rushing by an NFL quarterback.

He couldn't maintain this level of performance, though. In 2015, he lost his starting job to journeyman Blaine Gabbert. He won it back for a time in 2016, although he got benched during one game

Ten years later, Kaepernick Remains Unpersuasive

after throwing for all of 4 yards. The 49ers went 1-10 when he started, and by one metric, he ranked 23rd out of 30 qualifying quarterbacks. So he was hardly the GOAT, instead once-very-good, now-mediocre. Then there was the issue that his style of play didn't necessarily fit in most offensive schemes.

Layer on top of this the circus he'd bring to town with his kneeling and it's understandable that teams didn't find him an alluring proposition in 2017 when he was a free agent. There were myriad options available as backup quarterbacks who weren't notorious for disrespecting the national anthem immediately prior to games.

TITLE: None of this would have mattered if Kaepernick had maintained his 2012 level of play; in that hypothetical, teams would have signed him even if he started to do the black power salute during huddles.

Kaepernick has now worked himself into a position where he's compared NFL players to enslaved people (in an absurd Netflix documentary), and he's bitter that he isn't numbered among them as a 38-year-old who hasn't played in 10 years.

Then there's the substance of his advocacy. The high-water mark for Kaepernick's anti-police worldview came in the aftermath of the killing of George Floyd, when the NFL basically apologized for not listening to his supposed wisdom and the police were put on their back foot in many cities

around the country.

The result was an increase in violent crime that, of course, disproportionately victimized black people. The country has now recovered from this idiocy -- based on the lie that the police indiscriminately kill black people -- and the country is much safer for the people who Kaepernick purports to care most about. If we ever go anywhere near his preferred policy of abolishing the police and prisons, we'd instantly create the worst crime wave in the country's history.

Kaepernick is sometimes compared to Muhammad Ali. The legendary boxer sacrificed part of his career by claiming conscientious objector status during the Vietnam War. Ali was hated for a time, but his true greatness as a boxer, his incandescent charisma and his outsized place in the culture allowed him to transcend that political controversy and become a beloved American figure.

That is not going to happen to Colin Kaepernick, whose claim to fame is kneeling on the sidelines during some NFL games. He's very dismissive of the enduring change wrought in the NFL by his protests and the tumult after 2020. The league has painted the words "End Racism" in end zones. Kaepernick rightly considers these pointless messages performative, but so was his scorn for the anthem of his own country a decade ago.

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 grove.com/events](http://exploreelk-

 grove.com/events) before
 the event sells out. 9595
Franklin Blvd.

Saturday, Sept. 19 and Sunday, Sept. 20
Sac Open Studios in Elk Grove – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sac Open Studios is a free, annual, self-guided art tour across the Sacramento region that showcases paintings, sculptures, and mixed media by emerging and established talents and gives buyers and fans a chance to see creative processes and buy art directly from makers. In Elk Grove during the second weekend of the tour, four artists – a ceramicist, a sculptor, and two painters – will showcase their work in a shady, private backyard. Each artist at the venue will sponsor a free drawing and refreshments will be provided. 9026 La Valencia Court.

Butterfly Fest – 10 a.m.
to 2 p.m. each day at The
Secret Garden. Step into a
world of fluttering wings
and vibrant color. Each
September, our nursery
becomes home to hun-
dreds of Gulf Fritillary
butterflies as they gather
on the passion vines grow-
ing throughout the garden.
Join us for a unique oppor-
tunity to experience these

beautiful pollinators up close. 8450 W. Stockton Blvd.

Saturday, Sept. 19
Sammy's Fun Pop-Up
 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Amundson Park. Sammy the Duck is hosting free fun pop-ups at a park near you. Join us for fun activities, exciting games and music for the whole family, featuring our Mobile Recreation Unit: Rec Force One. *8730 Heritage Hill Drive.*

POW/MIA Day – 11
a.m. to noon at District 56. Observances are held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitals, schools and veterans' facilities. Join American Legion Post 233 and Post 55 as they remember the sacrifices of prisoners of war (POW) and servicemembers who are missing in action (MIA). 8820 Civic Center Drive.

**Sunday, Sept. 20
through Saturday,
Sept. 26**

Elk Grove History Week – Started as a stage stop along the historic Lincoln Highway in 1850, Elk Grove has become a vibrant city that's home to more than 180,000 people. Join local organizations in honoring and celebrating Elk Grove's storied past and proud heritage during the last full week of September. See elkgrove.gov/event for more information on daily events.

Sunday, Sept. 20
Elk Grove Bike Rodeo
 – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the District 56 Aquatics parking lot. This event is free and designed for children ages 5 through 12 who are learning to ride a bike and

want to build confidence and improve their cycling skills. Pre-register at elkgrove.gov/event. 9701 Big Horn Blvd.

Wines of Clarksburg and Art Auction – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Heringer Estates Family Vineyards & Winery. The Friends of the Clarksburg Library invite you to attend this fundraiser just 20 minutes south of downtown Sacramento. Join us for an elegant afternoon of gourmet food samplings, local wines from over a dozen wineries, live music, silent auction and a fine art auction featuring Sacramento and Delta artists. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Clarksburg Library, which is the only community-owned public library in California. Tickets and more information at Eventbrite.com. 37375 Netherlands Road, Clarksburg.

Monday, Sept. 21
Elk Grove Community
Concert Band Free
Concert – 7 p.m. at Joseph
 Kerr Middle School.
 Christopher J. Tootle is
 musical director of the
 band, which includes
 professional, semi-profes-
 sional and amateur adult
 musicians, and talented
 Elk Grove Unified School
 District school musicians.
 Free event; donations
 encouraged. The band's
 season continues with
 concerts on Oct. 19; Dec.
 14; Feb. 3, 2027; April 5,
 2027; and May 24, 2027.
 Learn more at elkgrovecommunityband.org. 8865
Elk Grove Blvd.

Tuesday, Sept. 22
Preventing Falls:
Practical Strategies for
Safer Aging – 2 p.m. to 3
p.m. at the Senior Center

of Elk Grove. Falls are one of the leading causes of injury among older adults, but the risk of falls can be reduced with the right knowledge and support. Join us for an informative presentation focused on practical strategies to improve balance, strength, mobility, and home safety. RSVP by calling Victoria Harling, 916-302-9875. 8230 Civic Center Drive, Suite 140.

Multi-Chamber Mixer
– 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 32 Brews at Sky River Casino. Join us for an exciting evening of networking, collaboration and community connections. This special event brings together Chamber members, business owners, professionals and community leaders from across the region for an opportunity to expand their networks, build meaningful relationships and discover new business opportunities. Whether you're a longtime Chamber member or attending your first networking event, you'll find a welcoming environment designed to help you make valuable connections. Bring your business cards, invite a colleague and join us for an evening dedicated to building relationships and supporting business growth throughout our region. *1 Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove.*

**Saturday, Sept. 26
and Sunday, Sept. 27**
Fall Makers Fair – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Lavender Estates. Dive into the spirit of creativity and community at our Fall Makers' Fair. Celebrate the season with local artisans, crafters and creators showcasing their unique handmade goods. From stunning crafts to delicious treats, there's something for everyone. Bring your friends and family to enjoy live demonstrations, interactive workshops and the beauty of our lavender fields. 9050 Tavernor Road, Wilton.

Weekend in Greece: Greek Culture and Food Festival – 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church. Our festival features live, authentic Greek dancing, Greek music and, of course, Greek food! We prepare many of our traditional Greek foods for your eating pleasure. If you run out of room before dessert, don't worry; our food and desserts are available for takeout. In addition, we have cultural displays and guided tours of our Byzantine-style church. You are invited inside where you will see authentic iconography and learn more about Greek history and the Greek Orthodox religion. *9165 Peets St.*

Saturday, Sept. 26
4th Annual Elk Grove
Fall Jazz Festival –
 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. at
 the Laguna Town Hall
 Amphitheater. This will be
 an exciting outdoor musical
 experience that features
 international and local artists.
 The headliner will be the
 incredible Grammy-nominated
 Nathan Mitchell. Food trucks,
 vendors and a wine and beer
 garden will be on site for
 your convenience. Tickets
 and more information
 at Eventbrite.com. 3020
Renwick Ave.

Around the World with the Library – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at District56. Join us to celebrate diverse cultures from across the globe through crafts, performances, fun activities and more. Come interact with a variety of cultures

and express your own cultural identity. This is a free, family-friendly event for all ages. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

Rotary Beef & Reef Bash – 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the SES Hall. Join us for this BBQ Tri-Tip Steak & Pasta Oyster/Shrimp feed. Proceeds benefit Elk Grove youth programs and community and international projects. Tickets and more information at elkgroverotary.org/events/beef-reef.
10428 E. Stockton Blvd

Pumpkin Patch at Fog Willow Farms Opens for the Season – Fog Willow is a friendly, safe, exciting “Edu-Tainment” farm where you can celebrate all that is agriculture, all that is family and all that is fun. Open daily through Sunday, Nov. 1. See its website at fogwillowfarms.com for information and updates. 11011 Cecatra Drive, Wilton.

Sunday, Sept. 27
Bayanihan Festival
 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at District 56. Get ready to immerse yourself in the culture, food, and incredible talent of the Filipino American Community. Enjoy authentic Filipino food vendors, cultural performances, local artisans and businesses. There will be activities for all ages. More information at exploreelkgrove.com/events. *8230 Civic Center Drive.*

Ongoing Events
Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group – 10 a.m. every Tuesday at the Park at Laguna Springs. This is open to all Alzheimer's caregivers to learn more about the disease, helpful tips and shared experiences. For more information, contact Tracey at 916-826-9325. 9670 Laguna Springs Drive in the President's Room upstairs.

Caregiver Coffee – 10:30
a.m. the third Saturday
each month at Elk Grove
United Methodist Church.
This is open to all as a
way to share experiences
in caregiving as well as
resources. For more infor-
mation, contact Ruth at
916-509-1414. Next meet-
ing will be Saturday, Sept.
19. *8986 Elk Grove Blvd.*

Dillard Farmers Market – 8 a.m. to noon at the Wilton Community Center. Join us at our vibrant, small community farmers market, where the essence of local agriculture comes alive. Every Saturday through Oct. 3, our market serves as a gathering place for farmers, artisans and families, fostering a sense of community and supporting sustainable practices. 9717 Colony Road, Wilton.

**Elk Grove Certified
Farmers Market** – every
Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon at
8245 Laguna Blvd.

Rotary Club of Elk Grove – every Wednesday for lunch at noon, The Park at Laguna Springs, 9670 Laguna Springs Drive. More information at elkgroverotary.org.

Widowed Persons Social Club – Sept. 18, 10 a.m.: Pinochle at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Jim at 916-768-1923.

Sept. 23, 1 p.m.: Book club at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Merrylyn at 916-549-4264.

Sept. 23, 5 p.m.: Rudy's Hideaway, 12303 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, Contact Addie at 916-682-3609.

Sept. 24, Noon: No-host lunch and Bunco at Patty's Pizza, 8591 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

Wilton Bingo – First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, Oct. 3 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and Bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two nonprofits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.

Library Events
Sacramento County Libraries have the following upcoming events: (F) Franklin, 10055 Franklin High Road; (NW) Nonie Wetzel Library, 170 Primasing Ave., Courtland; (VH) Valley Hi/North Laguna, 7400 Imagination Parkway, Sacramento:

Friday, Sept. 18: Explore and learn play group, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Family movie time, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. We'll be watching "Coco" and enjoying fun activities. (F)

Tuesday, Sept. 22: Full circle healing sessions. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (F) Homework zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can work with teen volunteer homework coaches to get help on their homework assignments. No registration is required, drop-ins welcome. (F)

Wednesday, Sept. 23: Explore and learn play group, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH) Homework zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can work with teen volunteer homework coaches to get help on their homework assignments. No registration is required, drop-ins welcome. (F) Teen Advisory Board, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (F)

Thursday, Sept. 24: Adult space, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (VH) Homework zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can work with teen volunteer homework coaches to get help on their homework assignments. No registration is required, drop-ins welcome. (F)

Veterans Meetings
American Legion
Post 55, Veterans and
Auxiliary Units – fourth
 Wednesdays: dinner 6
 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.
 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic
 Center Drive. Breakfast:
 second Saturday, 8-10
 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

**American Legion Post
233 and Auxiliary Unit
233 – fourth Thursdays:**
dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7
p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240
Survey Road.

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturdays at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard. For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233 – first Monday each month at 5:45 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursdays of the month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. For more information, call 916-684-3849. ★

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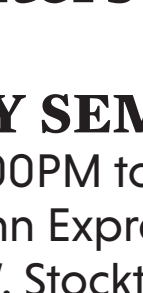
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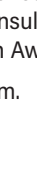
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TS 9-25-26

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ALVA 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06618
Edgehill Woodworks LLC, 4409 Elliot Ranch Road, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Santa Jay in Elk Grove" 4409 Elliot Ranch Road, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 25, 2026
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SANTA 10-2-26

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Ashley Nicole Bergen, 10286 Waterman Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elk Grove Rock & Landscape" 10286 Waterman Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 2, 2026
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ELK 10-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06918
Jungmin Shin, 5201 Laguna Oaks Drive Unit 180, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JayxM" 5201 Laguna Oaks Drive Unit 180, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 4, 2026
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JAYXM 10-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06913
Brian Leonard, 6904 Paul Do Mar Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757

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LIFEBUILT 10-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06200
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SUPER 10-9-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2024-06047
The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Loft Bleu, 9075 Elk Grove Boulevard Suite 210, Elk Grove, CA 95624.
Estefania Lupercio and Marissa Fay, 9075 Elk Grove Boulevard Suite 210, Elk Grove, CA 95624.
The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on August 7, 2024 in the County of Sacramento.
Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: July 30, 2026.
Publish: September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026
LOFT 9-25-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. FBNF2025-06057
The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Eyana Hair Studio, 9117 E. Stockton Boulevard Suite 100 Suite 25, Elk Grove, CA 95624.
Fatoumata Karawana, 505 E. Arnaudo Boulevard #236, Mountain House, CA 95391.
The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on August 13, 2025 in the County of Sacramento.
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EYANA 10-9-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV020092

Yvette N Sandoval has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Isaiah Joshua Benitez-Chacon to Isaiah Joshua Sandoval-Chacon.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 6, 2027, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 16C, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 24, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026
SANDOVAL 9-25-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV019640

Lennie Richardson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Lennie Richardson to Leonard Earl Feltus.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 4, 2027, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 16C, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any,

why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 19, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026
RICHARDSON 9-25-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV014552

Jennifer Navarro has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jesus Stephen Navarro III to JJ Stephen Navarro.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 17, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 2026
NAVARRO 10-2-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV021636

Cecelia McGowin Grinstead aka McGowin Grinstead Wahby has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Cecelia McGowin Grinstead aka McGowin Grinstead Wahby to McGowin Grinstead Wahby.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 3, 2027, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8C, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 4, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 2026
WAHBY 10-9-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV021835

Charlie Thao has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Charlie Thao to Axel Uchiyama

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 5, 2027, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8C, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 9, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 2026
THAO 10-9-26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC SEC. 6105)
ESCROWNO. 16336T
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: VIRSA RESTAURANT INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 9171 ELK GROVE FLORIN ROAD, SUITE 6, ELK GROVE, CA 95624
Whose chief executive office address is: SAME AS ABOVE
Doing Business as: VIRSA AKA VIRSA EVENT CENTER (Type – EVENT CENTER)
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE
The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: NAVREET KAUR AND GURMIT K. BRAR AND/OR ASSIGNEE, 1616 MORELLO DRIVE, CERES, CA 95307
The assets to be sold are

described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL and are located at: 9171 ELK GROVE FLORIN ROAD, SUITE 6, ELK GROVE, CA 95624
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the anticipated sale date is OCTOBER 6, 2026
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be OCTOBER 5, 2026, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
Dated: AUGUST 25, 2026
NAVREET KAUR AND GURMIT K. BRAR, Buyer(s)
5415801-PP
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 9/18/26

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 143173-CA APN: 119-0450-059-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 7/22/2022. 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 On 9/29/2026 at 9:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 8/16/2022 as Instrument No. 202208160050 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: MYRON RILEY RICHARDSON, SR., TRUSTEE OF THE MYRON RILEY RICHARDSON, SR. 2020 REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 3, 2020 WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; Outside the south-facing exit of Sacramento City Hall, in the courtyard at 916 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: LOT 146, AS SHOWN ON THE "PLAT OF FOULKS RANCH UNIT NO. 2B", RECORDED IN BOOK 175 OF MAPS, MAP NO. 1, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS: LOT 146, AS SHOWN ON THE "PLAT OF FOULKS RANCH UNIT NO. 2-B", RECORDED IN BOOK 175 OF MAPS, MAP NO. 1, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL OIL, GAS, PETROLEUM, MINERALS AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES BENEATH A DEPTH OF 500 FEET WITHOUT THE RIGHT OF SURFACE ENTRY, AS DISCLOSED BY VARIOUS DOCUMENTS OF RECORD. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described bove is purported to be: 6429

KILBEGGAN WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95758 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 held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$573,705.76 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 beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 143173-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective 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 (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 143173-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (855) 313-3319 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108
Published 9/4/2026, 9/11/2026, 9/18/2026
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 9-18-26

T.S. No.: 2605080387-5
Loan No.: 93413-99 Order No. 95533822 APN: 121-0900-002-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/29/2024. 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 cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust 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. No cashier's checks older than 60 days from the day of sale will be accepted. Trustor: Marinette B. Babida and Ernesto B. Babida, Jr. Duly Appointed Trustee: Mortgage Lender Services Recorded 6/4/2024 as Instrument No. 202406040213 in book n/a, page n/a of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 10/13/2026 at 9:30 AM Place of Sale: Outside the south-facing exit of Sacramento City Hall, in the courtyard at 916 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$62,533.21 (estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8695 Heritage Hill Drive Elk Grove, CA 95624-3943 Legal Description: PLEASE SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION LOT 102, AS SHOWN ON THE "FINAL MAP OF SHADOWBROOK UNIT NO. 2", RECORDED MAY 16, 2001, IN BOOK 284 OF MAPS, PAGE 6, RECORDS OF SAID

City of Elk Grove
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic bids will be received at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids prior to 10:00 a.m. local time (09:59:59 – according to the PlanetBids official Bid clock) on **Tuesday, October 13, 2026**, for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

ELK GROVE CREEK MAINTENANCE ROAD – EMERALD VISTA DRIVE TO ELK GROVE FLORIN ROAD PROJECT (WDR056)

Bids submitted after the time specified will not be accepted.

Description of Work:
The proposed work shall be performed in accordance with the plans, specifications and other contract documents and shall consist of the following: construction of a maintenance access road along Elk Grove Creek. The new road shall be constructed of concrete, 10 feet wide and six inches thick (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$1,051,500.

Bidder shall have current standing as a City approved pre-qualified Bidder prior to submitting a bid for this Project. Bidders that submit a Bid without being pre-qualified shall have their Bid deemed non-responsive.

In order to bid on or to be listed on the bid proposal for this Public Works Project all Contractors and subcontractors shall be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and be qualified to perform Public Work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code. Unregistered Contractors may still submit bids provided the bid is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by either Section 10164 and 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code and all Contractors including subcontractors are registered with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform Public Work pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1725.5 at the time the bid is submitted. DIR registration is not required on Projects that do not exceed \$25,000, which are for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work or for public works projects for maintenance when \$15,000 or less.

Construction License:
Bidder must possess a current valid Class "A" General Engineering, Class "C-8" Concrete and/or Class "C-12" Earthwork and Paving Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

Local Hire and Community Workforce Training Agreement Requirements:
This Project is subject to the requirements of the City's Local Hire and Community Workforce Training Program and the City's Community Workforce Training Agreement (CWTA). A copy of the CWTA and a summary of its requirements (CWTA Summary) is attached to this solicitation. By submitting a bid, the Contractor acknowledges that they have read and understand all the requirements, terms, and conditions of the CWTA, and have included all costs associated with compliance with the CWTA in its bid.

In accordance with the CWTA, the Contractor and all listed subcontractors must execute Addendum A to the CWTA ("Agreement to be Bound") and provide a copy of the executed document to the City before the contract can be awarded. Each subcontractor for Work covered by the CWTA listed on the bid, hired in anticipation of the bid, after the time of bid or after contract award must also execute Addendum A to the CWTA. No subcontractor shall perform Work prior to executing Addendum A and providing a copy of the executed document to the City.

Contractor must include the provisions of this section, as well as a copy of the CWTA, in every subcontract for Work covered by the CWTA.

Pre-Bid:
This Project does not have a Pre-Bid Meeting Scheduled.

For Pre-Bid Information and Information Pertaining to the Construction Plans and Specifications, Contact:
Travis Kuhn, Project Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 627-3262 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

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

Plans, specifications and other bid documents may be examined and/or obtained at the City of Elk Grove City Hall, Public Works Department, located on the second floor of 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. A copy of the bid documents may be obtained at the City Hall upon request and payment of \$25.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of \$35.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable. Bidders may also view and download the plans, specifications, and other bid documents at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. Any Addendum shall only be issued electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids.

By: _____ Date: _____
Christina Castro, PE
Capital Program Division Manager

Elk Grove Citizen 9-11, 9-18-2026

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TRUSTEE SALE

COUNTY. EXCEPT THERE-
FROM THE MINERALS, OIL,
GAS, AND OTHER HYDRO-
CARBON SUBSTANCES LY-
ING BELOW THE SURFACE

OF SAID LAND. The under-
signed Trustee disclaims any
liability for any incorrectness of
the street address or other com-
mon 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 auto-
matically entitle you to free and
clear ownership of the property.
You should also be aware that
the lien being auctioned off may
be a junior lien. If you are the
highest bidder at the auction,
you are or may be responsible
for paying off all liens senior to
the lien being auctioned off, be-
fore you can receive clear title to
the property. You are encour-
aged to investigate the exis-
tence, priority, and size of out-
standing liens that may exist on
this property by contacting the
county recorder's office or a ti-
tle 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 PROP-
ERTY 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 avail-
able 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 appli-
cable, the rescheduled time and
date for the sale of this property,

you may call (916) 939-0772 or
visit this Internet website www.
nationwideposting.com, using
the file number assigned to this
case 2605080387-5. Informa-
tion about postponements that
are very short in duration or that
occur close in time to the sched-
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be reflected in the telephone
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Web site. The best way to verify
postponement information is to
attend the scheduled sale. NO-
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tion pursuant to Section 2924m
of the California Civil Code. If
you are an "eligible tenant buy-
er," you can purchase the prop-
erty if you match the last and
highest bid placed at the trustee
auction. If you are an "eligible
bidder," you may be able to pur-
chase 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,
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was held, the amount of the last
and highest bid, and the address
of the trustee. Second, you must
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place a bid so that the trustee re-
ceives 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. When submitting funds for

a bid subject to Section 2924m,
please make the funds payable
to "Total Lender Solutions, Inc.
Holding Account". If you think
you may qualify as an "eligible
tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder,"
you should consider contacting
an attorney or appropriate real
estate professional immediately
for advice regarding this poten-
tial right to purchase. Please
be advised that the trustee may
require entity or trust bidders at
this trustee's sale to provide in-
formation, documentation and/
or certification of the vesting
instructions and the data re-
quired to be reported pursuant
to FinCEN regulations effective
for transfers of residential real
property to covered transferees
on or after March 1, 2026. The
required information must be
provided to the trustee before
a trustee's deed upon sale will
be issued for covered transfers.
Additional information regard-
ing these regulations and the
required transferee information
and certifications can be found
at https://www.federalregister.
gov/documents/2024/08/29/
2024-19198/anti-money-laun-
dering-regulations-for-resi-
dential-real-estate-transfers
and https://www.fincen.gov/
rre-faqs#D_5 Date: 8/28/2026
Mortgage Lender Services 7844
Madison Avenue #145 Fair
Oaks, CA 95628 Phone: 916-
962-3453 Sale Line: (916) 939-
0772 BY: Lauren Meyer, Vice
President NPP0493856
To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE)
09/18/2026, 09/25/2026, 10/02/2026
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-2-26

City of Elk Grove – Planning Commission

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on, **Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall in the **Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way**, Elk Grove, California to consider the following matter:

LAGUNA INCUBATOR SPACE PROJECT (PLNG24-012) – MAJOR DESIGN REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF SEVERAL EXISTING EASEMENTS:

The Laguna Incubator Space Project (the "Project") consists of a Major Design Review for three office/incubator buildings along with associated site improvements including parking, lighting, and landscaping. While there are no specific tenants identified at this time, the Applicant has designed the buildings to allow for a variety of future uses consistent with the Project site's applicable zoning including without limitation, business and professional offices, specialized education and training/ studios, business support services, building trade contractor offices, personal services, and research and development. The Project also includes a Determination of Consistency with the General Plan for the Abandonment of several existing easements, including water line easements, emergency vehicle easements, and public utility easements, that are not necessary for present or foreseeable future use. The Project shall comply with the City's Climate Compass for new non-residential development.

PROPERTY OWNER:	PROPERTY APPLICANT:	PROJECT APPLICANT:
Lehman Laguna LLC Parviz Parvizyar (Representative) 8500 Melrose Ave Ste 208 West Hollywood, CA 90069	Elk Grove Sports Center LP Andy Kwong (Representative) 460 Martin Lane Beverly Hills, CA 90210	Lehman Laguna LLC Parviz Parvizyar (Representative) 460 Martin Lane Beverly Hills, CA 90210

LOCATION/APN:	North side of Laguna Boulevard, immediately east of High Tech Court; 3443 Laguna Boulevard, 9152 Venture Place, 9145 Venture Place, 9130 Venture Place, 9122 Venture Place, 9111 Venture Place, 9129 Venture Place; APNS: 119-1910-020, 119-1910-001, 119-1910-002, 119-1910-007, 119-1910-016, 119-1910-017, 119-1910-018, and 119-0120-075 (portion)
ZONING:	Industrial-Office Park (MP) and General Commercial (GC)
GENERAL PLAN:	Light Industrial (LI) and Community Commercial (CC)
ENVIRONMENTAL:	No further environmental review is necessary pursuant to Sections 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning) and 15162 (Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (State CEQA Guidelines).
PROJECT PLANNER:	Sarah Kirchgessner, Senior Planner 916.478.2245 or skirchgessner@elkgrove.gov

Dated/Published: September 18, 2026

NOTICE REGARDING APPEALS

Pursuant to §23.14.060 of the Zoning Code, appeals of a final action by the Planning Commission must be filed with the City Clerk no later than ten (10) calendar days after the day on which the final action was taken, along with the appropriate fee.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Code Section 65009 and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, this public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call (916) 627-3270 or amireleztrejo@elkgrove.gov or TTY 888-435-6092. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

Elk Grove Citizen 9-18-2026

CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 08-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE FINDING THE PROPOSED MORATORIUM IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED IN STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15378(B)(5) AND IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(B)(3) (COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION); AND IMPOSING A TWO (2) YEAR MORATORIUM ON ANY NEW ENTITLEMENT APPROVALS FOR PERSONAL STORAGE FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF ELK GROVE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to impose a two (2) year Moratorium on new entitlement approvals for personal storage facilities within City limits. Introduced August 26, 2026; Adopted September 9, 2026; Effective October 9, 2026. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, SUEN, BREWER, ROBLES, SPEASE; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, September 18, 2026.
A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email cityclerk@elkgrove.gov

Elk Grove Citizen 9-18-2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26ORD-36

CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE LEVYING A SPECIAL TAX WITHIN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2026-21 (TUSCAN RIDGE SOUTH) CITY OF ELK GROVE, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 53316 and 53340, and in accordance with the Rate and Method of Apportionment (the "RMA"), as set forth in Exhibit D of Resolution No. 26SCIP-125 (the "Resolution of Intention") adopted July 16, 2026, as incorporated into Resolution No. 26SCIP-166 (the "Resolution of Formation") adopted August 20, 2026, with respect to the California Statewide Communities Development Authority Statewide Community Infrastructure Program Community Facilities District No. 2026-21 (Tuscan Ridge South) City of Elk Grove, County of Sacramento, State of California (the "Community Facilities District") , without the need for further action by this Commission, a special tax is hereby levied on all taxable parcels within the Community Facilities District for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and for each and every subsequent fiscal year in the amount determined in accordance with the RMA necessary to satisfy the Special Tax Requirement (as defined in the RMA), until collection of the Special Tax by the Commission ceases and a Notice of Cessation of Special Tax is recorded in accordance with Section 53330.5 of the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, being Chapter 2.5, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 (beginning with Section 53311) of the Government Code of the State of California, provided that this amount may in any fiscal year be levied at a lesser amount by resolution of the Commission.

SECTION 2. The Authority's special tax consultant, currently David Taussig & Associates, Inc., doing business as DTA, 18201 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 220, Irvine, CA 92612, telephone (800) 969-4382, is authorized and directed, with the aid of the appropriate officers and agents of the Authority, to determine each year, without further action of the Commission, the appropriate amount of the Special Tax (pursuant to, and as that term is defined in, the Resolution of Formation) to be levied for the Community Facilities District, to prepare the annual Special Tax roll in accordance with the RMA.

SECTION 3. Upon approval by the Commission, whether as submitted or as modified by the Commission, the special tax consultant is authorized and directed, without further action of the Commission, to provide all necessary and appropriate information to the Sacramento County Auditor in proper form, and in proper time, necessary to effect the correct and timely billing and collection of the Special Tax on the secured property tax roll of the County; **provided**, that as stated in the Resolution of Formation and in Section 53340 of the California Government Code, the Commission has reserved the right to utilize any method of collecting the Special Tax which it shall, from time to time, determine to be in the best interests of the Authority, including but not limited to, direct billing by the Authority to the property owners, supplemental billing and, under the circumstances provided by law, judicial foreclosure, all or any of which the Commission may implement in its discretion by resolution.

SECTION 4. The appropriate officers and agents of the Authority are authorized to make adjustments to the Special Tax roll prior to the final posting of the Special Tax to the Sacramento County tax roll each fiscal year, as may be necessary to achieve a correct match of the Special

Tax levy with the assessor's parcel numbers finally utilized by the Sacramento County Auditor in sending out property tax bills.

SECTION 5. The Authority agrees that, in the event the Special Tax is collected on the secured tax roll of Sacramento County, the County may charge its reasonable and agreed charges for collecting the Special Tax as allowed by law, prior to remitting the Special Tax collections to the Authority.

SECTION 6. Taxpayers claiming that the amount of the Special Tax on their property is not correct are referred to Section F of the RMA for the proper claims procedure.

SECTION 7. If for any cause any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid, or if the Special Tax is found inapplicable to any particular parcel by a court of competent jurisdiction, the balance of this Ordinance, and the application of the Special Tax to all other parcels, shall not be affected.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after its final passage; and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage the same shall be published, with the names of the members voting for and against the same, at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the area of the Community Facilities District.

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I, the undersigned, the duly appointed and qualified representative of the Commission of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was first read at a regular meeting of the Commission on August 20, 2026, and was duly passed and adopted by the Commission of the Authority at a duly called meeting of the Commission of the Authority held in accordance with law on September 3, 2026.

AYES: Leonard Moty, Vito Chiesa, Helen Robbins-Meyer, Lisa Bartlett, Kevin O'Rourke, Brian Moura and Norman Coppinger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Niroop Srivatsa

By: /s/ Steve Maciel
Authorized Signatory
California Statewide Communities
Development Authority

Elk Grove Citizen 9-18-2026

Thank

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TODAY

POLICE LOGS

Sept. 8

1:08 a.m., Laguna Boulevard/Laguna Springs Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Mariena Hutson, 20, on hit and run/non-injury charges.

7:11 a.m., Kammerer Road/Promenade Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Juan Beniquez, 37, on evading police by driving opposite traffic and reckless evasion charges.

9:42 a.m., Promenade Parkway/Lent Ranch Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Dylan Jefferson, 34; and Georgia Kokkinopoulos, 41, on possession of cocaine or heroin, possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

12:32 p.m., Lewis Stein Road/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Tristan Rodriguez, 29, on resisting arrest and giving false identification to a police officer charges.

6:53 p.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/Silverberry Avenue, Elk Grove Police arrested Mandeep Singh, 35, on receiving a stolen vehicle charges.

6:58 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Donald Welbaum, 47, on DUI and DUI with BAC above 0.08% charges.

7:50 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Di Lusso Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Shadi Alnalbesi, 45, on DUI and evading a police officer charges.

Sept. 9

2:20 a.m., 5500 block of Tarkenton Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Mario Aguiar, 54, on battery charges.

3:03 p.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Nosakhare Ogbeide, 52, on battery charges.

3:41 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Enayatullah Jahadwal, 58, on domestic violence, criminal threats and assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury charges.

7:24 p.m., 8500 block of Waterman Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Rosa Sanchez-Velazquez, 44, on robbery, resisting arrest and warrant charges.

Sept. 10

12:05 a.m., 8100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Phuoc Luong, 52, on DUI charges.

5:48 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Nerissa Abrams, 30, on domestic violence and false imprisonment

charges.

3:40 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Kennitzer Cervantes, 67, on violation of restraining order charges.

6:35 p.m., Grant Line Road/Graybill Lane, Elk Grove Police arrested Steve Sambrano, 34, on DUI, DUI with BAC above 8.0% and commercial vehicle DUI charges.

7:55 p.m., 7400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Ruth Ruiz, 38, on shoplifting charges.

8:26 p.m., 9700 block of Eagle Glen Way, Elk Grove Police arrested a female juvenile, 16, on receiving stolen vehicle charges.

Sept. 11

2:26 a.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Reginald Johnson, 45, on warrant charges.

7:17 a.m., 8200 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Joshua Miller, 43, on possession of cocaine or heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

12:03 p.m., 9100 block of Franklin Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Dangelo Johnson, 30, on shoplifting charges.

1:10 p.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove

Police arrested Antonio Macias, 34, on shoplifting charges.

2:13 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Millan Javier De Jesus, 40, on shoplifting charges.

7:45 p.m., Kammerer Road/Promenade Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Monte Snider, 38, on public intoxication and resisting arrest charges.

11:34 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Edwin Jefferson, 50, on domestic violence charges.

Sept. 12

12:55 a.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/Brown Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Dominic Liddell, 33, on evading a peace officer charges.

2:06 a.m., Waterman Road/Kadlin Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Lena Silva, 29, on warrant charges.

7:31 a.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway,Elk Grove Police arrested Roy Kim, 34, on warrant charges.

7:56 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Kamal Singh, 48, on violation of restraining order charges.

11:05 a.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Antonio Macias, 34, on shoplifting charges.

Sept. 13

6:54 a.m., 10000 block of Bradley Ranch Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Ricardo Flores Del Toro, 30, on warrant charges.

10:11 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Brent Minnifield, 37, on assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury, false imprisonment and domestic violence charges.

2:39 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Nathan Velasquez, 30, on violation of restraining order and violation of probation charges.

4:15 p.m., 10000 block of Wexted Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Concetta Dotson, 35; Jourdan Isom, 24; and Marci Thompson, 48, on assault with a deadly weapon, aggravated battery and assault and battery charges.

7:58 p.m., Sheldon Road/Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Akashdeep Singh, 27, on DUI and reckless evasion charges.

9:30 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Samuel Song, 33, on domestic violence and aggravated battery charges.

9:53 p.m., Highway 99/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Kevin Lee, 42, on DUI charges.

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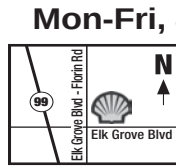
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CLUES

ACROSS

1. Mediterranean island country

6. Not Miss or Ms

9. Contributions to the poor

13. *Physicist of apple-related revelation fame

14. Bottle top

15. Be of use

16. Wilt "The ____" Chamberlain

17. Sailor's assent

18. Nincompoop

19. "Electric current path

21. *Like magnifying glass lens

23. Unhappy

24. Southern stew staple

25. ____ Beta Kappa

28. Harper and Bruce, e.g.

30. Type of jacket

35. Nevada city

37. "The Road Runner" corporation

39. Solemnly promised

40. One twelfth of a foot

41. What blacksmith did to a horse

43. Ice dancer's jump

44. Phishing and such

46. Nobel Peace Prize home

47. Either right or left

48. Good guy

50. Same as island

52. Tierra ____ Fuego

53. Third-person possessive pronoun

55. Yoko's last name

57. "Electric current unit

60. "It pulls things down

64. Doom's companion

65. Thomas Paine's "The ____ of Reason"

67. 10 percent to charity, e.g.

68. Prevention measure

69. Sir George Ivan Morrison's stage name

70. Wife's dad, e.g.

71. In a frenzy

72. Three ahead of PST

73. Picts and Gauls

DOWN

1. Catchall abbr.

2. ____ spumante

3. Bear's den, e.g.

4. Same as talcums

5. Opposite of potential

6. Med. sch. requirement

7. *Path of light

8. Heard by Horton

9. Tel ____ city

10. Bowling ball path

11. Seductive one

12. Like a fox

15. Historical records

20. Some are bright

22. Ball-shaped object

24. *Reverse one, in the kitchen

25. *Rainbow-producing device

26. From this time on

27. Relating to Quechuan people

29. "Sound reverberation

31. Hole-punching tools

32. Coral polyp, e.g.

33. Eat away

34. *What similar magnetic poles do

36. *Electrical resistance

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69. Sir George Ivan Morrison's stage name

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1. Catchall abbr.

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3. Bear's den, e.g.

4. Same as talcums

5. Opposite of potential

6. Med. sch. requirement

7. *Path of light

8. Heard by Horton

9. Tel ____ city

10. Bowling ball path

11. Seductive one

12. Like a fox

15. Historical records

20. Some are bright

22. Ball-shaped object

24. *Reverse one, in the kitchen

25. *Rainbow-producing device

26. From this time on

27. Relating to Quechuan people

29. "Sound reverberation

31. Hole-punching tools

32. Coral polyp, e.g.

33. Eat away

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End of an Era

American River College News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - It is the end of an era for American River College baseball and athletics as former player, coach and equipment manager Kurt Mattson has officially retired.

Kurt played for the Beavers in 1978 after having graduated from Del Campo High School in 1977. After ARC, he spent one year at Sac City College then went on to play and graduate from the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) where he still is in the top 10 in several pitching categories for the Rebels. Kurt then pitched for several years in the San Francisco Giants organization where he had a career Earned Run Average (ERA) under 2.00.

He pitched professionally for a short time in Australia



Kurt plans on still being a part of the athletic department when he can while also taking some trips to do things that he was never able to do, such as going to some SEC football games. Photo courtesy of American River College

as well, which gave him a live long love of the land down under. Kurt returned to ARC in the late 1980's as the pitching coach, working with legendary Head Coach Kevin Higgins, where Kurt helped guide many future professional and collegiate pitchers, including Mike Lincoln, who spent several years in the major leagues.

Kurt returned to UNLV as the Rebels pitching coach in 1997 and led the UNLV staff for several seasons.

After his stint at UNLV Kurt stayed in Las Vegas where he worked as an electrician for several years before once again returning to ARC as the men's equipment manager in 2005. He spent 21 years in



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that role before retiring on Wednesday, Sept. 2. Kurt plans on still being a part of the athletic department when he can while also taking some trips to do things that he was never able to do, such as going to some SEC



Kurt played for the Beavers in 1978 after having graduated from Del Campo High School in 1977. Photo courtesy of American River College

football games. American River College baseball and the athletic department will miss his presence on a daily basis, but we know he will

still be part of the family and attending events. Thank you for all that you have for American River! ★

The River Cats Hit Big in Vegas

Led by a Three-Homer Game From Will Brennan

Sacramento River Cats News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - After a tough homestand vs. the Salt Lake Bees, Sacramento hit big to begin their final roadtrip of the season at Las Vegas.

Scott Bandura doubled to lead off the game, his fourth leadoff double since stepping into the leadoff position on Aug. 23. Four of his five total leadoff hits have been doubles, with a single on Aug. 25.

Parks Harber drew a walk, then Bo Davidson knocked a 107mph line drive directly at the face of Vegas starter Jamie Arnold, who immediately walked to the dug-out and exited the game.

The Aviators released an update Wednesday afternoon that stated: “Jamie Arnold suffered intra-orbital and maxillary sinus fractures. Dr. Brendan G. Johnson, a dual board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon, determined that no surgery is required. There is no timetable for return.”

Hayden Juenger entered in place of Arnold and Will Brennan grounded into a double play that scored Scott Bandura, and Diego Velasquez grounded out.

Joe Whitman was the starter for Sacramento, sending down the Aviators in order to begin the game.

The Cats started off the second with three-straight singles, the third from Aeverson Arteaga scoring Eddys Leonard. That hit from Arteaga extended his hitting streak to nine-straight games, his longest hitting streak since Aug. 24-Sept. 11, 2022, with Single-A San Jose when he hit in 15-straight.

Fernando Gonzalez then grounded into a double play that scored Charlie Szykowny. Bandura swiped second and advanced to third on a throwing error, but Harber lined out to end the inning.

Whitman allowed a single and a walk in the second but escaped without a run.

In the third, Bo Davidson led off with a single and Will Brennan his first home run of



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the night, putting Sac up 5-0 early.

Vegas went three up and three down, all line outs to Brennan in right field.

Gonzalez walked to lead off the fourth, but Scott Bandura grounded into the third double play of the night, and Harber flied out, marking the first of just two innings in which the Cats would not score.

After ground outs to Johnthan Rodríguez and Joey Meneses, the Aviators made a push with a Brayan Buevas single and Jack Winkler reaching on a fielding error from Arteaga, but Bryan Lavastida ended the inning on a fly out.

Davidson doubled in the fifth, Velasquez drew a walk, and Leonard singled to score Davidson. 6-0 Sacramento.

Whitman allowed a leadoff single the Luke Mann, but sent down all three of the following batters.

Gonzalez tripled in the sixth, his first career three-bagger, and subsequently scored on a sac fly from Bandura.

Whitman allowed a single to Buevas in the sixth but retired all three other batters.

Will Brennan led off the seventh with his second home run of the night, a solo shot to right field.

Whitman allowed another single in the seventh to Lavastida, but Luke Mann grounded into a double play and David Diaz flied out, keeping a goose egg on the board for Vegas.

The eighth was yet again led off with a home run, this time from Scott Bandura, his 10th of the season with Sacramento. It was a 416-foot shot to right field, Bandura's longest recorded home run of his career.

Harber flied out, and Davidson knocked a triple, his first since Aug. 19, 2025, with Double-A Richmond. It marked the first multi-triple game for Sacramento since July 9, 2025.

Will Brennan then blasted his third home run of the night, a two-run shot to right center field. He became the 17th Triple-A player and fourth PCL player to have three home runs in a game this season.

He also became the 12th River Cat in recorded franchise history (since 2005) to have a three-homer game, and first since Austin Dean did so May 15, 2022. It was the first three-homer game and second multi-homer game of Brennan's career (2 HR, June 20, 2024, with the Cleveland Guardians).

Brennan totaled five RBI on the night, the

third five-plus-RBI game of his career, with the other two occurring in 2022 with Triple-A Columbus.

Velasquez doubled following the homer, extending his hitting streak to 11-straight games, his longest since hitting in 13-straight from April 18-May 2, 2025, with Richmond.

Ryan Walker entered in the eighth in place of Whitman. The Aviators would score their only run that inning, a 359-foot, solo shot to right field from Johnathan Rodríguez.

The ninth was the only other inning the River Cats did not record a run; however, Arteaga did knock another single to lead off the inning.

The Aviators earned one more hit in the bottom of the ninth but went quietly into the night for a final score of 11-1.

Sacramento recorded 18 hits on the night, including a whopping nine extra-base-hits. Both matched their season highs, both done previously on May 20 vs. Sugar Land.

They also had the leadoff batter reached base in all nine innings, with three singles, two doubles, a triple, two home runs and a walk. It was the first time Sacramento has done so in recorded franchise history. It was also the first time a PCL team has had all nine leadoff batters reached base since Oklahoma City did so June 2, 2019, at Memphis.

Whitman earned the win, his fourth with Sacramento and ninth on the season. He threw 7.0 scoreless innings, allowing five hits, one walk and fanning three batters. It marked the second time this season a River Cats pitcher has thrown back-to-back 7.0-plus inning starts. It was also the first time a River Cat has thrown a combined 15.0-plus innings in back-to-back starts since Andrew Suárez did so on Aug. 7 and 12, 2018 (15.1 combined innings).

Davidson went 4-for-5 on the night with a single, double and triple; just a home run shy of the cycle and was on deck before Harber grounded out in the ninth. It marked Davidson's third four-hit game with Sac, all three coming at Las Vegas. ★

Watanabe Captures 2026 State Fair Women's Golf Championship

Sacramento Golf Council News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The 2026 State Fair Women's Golf Championship was played Sept. 5-6 at Bartley Cavanaugh Golf Course.

Sakura Watanabe won the Women's Championship title scoring 71/70/141. In 2022 she won the Low Net Division as a 13-year-old. She is a senior at Granite Bay High School and has committed to play for the University of San Francisco in 2027.

The Low Net Winner in the handicap division was Tyra Jarvis with a 20 handicap scoring 64/67/131.

In the Senior Division, Karen Garcia won with a score of 66/70/136.

Garcia celebrated a hole in one on hole five during the first round. She also won the County Senior Womens Division at Mather Golf Course in July.

The Championship Flight was open to all women amateur golfers with a World Handicap System (WHS) Index of 6.6 or less. The Senior Division was open to players ages 50 and older with a current handicap index of 18.4 or less. The competition was 36-hole stroke play.

Tournament chair for the Sacramento Golf Council was Charlie Cheung. ★



Sakura Watanabe wins 2026 Womens State Fair Golf Championship. Photos courtesy of Sacramento Golf Council



Karen Garcia wins Senior Division of 2026 State Fair Golf Championship.



Tyra Jarvis wins 2026 State Fair Womens Low Net Division.

Football Takes the Field on the 25th Anniversary

Story and photos by
Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - It was not just a normal Friday for high school football. Playing a game on the 25th anniversary of the World Trade Center being hit, then collapsing. Remembering all of the lives that were lost, and the ones that sacrificed themselves for the safety of others.

It has been over a decade since high school football was played on 9/11, going back to 2015. There could have been an opportunity in 2020' however, due to Covid-19 the football season was pushed to play in early 2021 instead.

Friday started with Monterey Trail having a bye this week, coming off a 45-33 victory in their last game against Thomas Downey High School.

The Mustangs will have their first home game in

their next outing against McClymonds, looking to improve to 2-1 on the season.

Pleasant Grove took on Tokay, looking to get back into the win column after losing to Ponderosa. However, the first half did not go the Eagles' way, ending the first half behind 22-6.

But in the second half, specifically the fourth quarter, the Eagles cut into the lead. They scored in multiple drives while not giving up any more points, but it was not enough. Pleasant Grove lost 19-22, dropping the Eagles to 1-2 before they travel to play Edison in their next outing.

Laguna Creek took on Placer at home, hoping to win in back-to-back games. But the Cardinals found themselves down early, ending the first quarter 14-7.

Every time Laguna Creek would score to cut



Quarterback No. 12 Finn Donnalley hands the ball off to running back No. 30 Alex Yang.

the lead, Placer would answer right back. Placer was able to keep the distance on the scoreboard, ending the game 34-28 and dropping Laguna Creek to 1-2 on the season.

After taking a loss to Edison, Franklin took on Inglewood at home. However, it did not go entirely their way for the Wildcats.

They faced a solid team in Inglewood that is 2-1 on the season and currently ranked No. 34 in California. Franklin fought

throughout the game but was unable to close the gap and lost 21-50.

The Wildcats, like Pleasant Grove and Laguna Creek, are 1-2 on the season looking for a win in their next outing against Twelve Bridges.

Cosumnes Oaks, Elk Grove and Sheldon were all looking for their first wins of the season in their last games.

Cosumnes Oaks took on River City, which was a low-scoring game ending the first quarter tied at 0-0.

River City was the first to score to take the lead 7-0 in the second quarter.

The Wolfpack was able to score two touchdowns in the third to take the lead. However, River City scored in the fourth quarter to retake the lead and win the game 21-15. This dropped Cosumnes Oaks to 0-3, still looking for the first win of the season.

Sheldon had gone into the game against Lodi looking for that first win, but it was not their night.

The Huskies had played



Pleasant Grove stands for the National Anthem.

hard throughout the game but ended up losing 24-6 and forcing them to 0-3 on the season. They will look to get a win in their next game against Natomas.

The Elk Grove Thundering Herd had traveled to take on Dublin, where both teams were fighting for their first win.

Both teams gave everything in this game, but Elk Grove found itself down and could not make a comeback. The Herd lost the game 28-37 and is still in search of its first win.

It was not the best week for the Delta League in football, but there is still a long rest of the season. ★

Sheldon Dominates Flag Football Tournament

Story and photo
by **Nathan Felix Valencia**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Sheldon High School traveled to play in the third Annual Shaq Thompson Girls Flag Football Tournament hosted by Grant Union High School on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Shaq Thompson, a current NFL player on the Buffalo Bills, attended and played football for Grant Union High School. And not just football, he was a three-sport star athlete competing in baseball and track as well.

Thompson was an All-American in football, being a five-star recruit. He placed seventh in the state for track and field in the 100-meter dash, and he was even drafted in the MLB to the Boston Red Sox.

He chose to play football at the

University of Washington, where he continued his stellar career. That ended up with him being drafted in the first round of the 2015 NFL draft to the Carolina Panthers.

Grant, Roseville, Vista de Lago, Red Bluff, Sheldon, Foothill and Nevada Union all competed in the Sept. 12 tournament.

Sheldon had come into the tournament with an outstanding record of 7-1 on the season. Coming off a dominant 40-0 win in league play against Franklin, the Huskies were looking to continue that momentum throughout the tournament, which they did.

The Huskies played Red Bluff in their first game. Starting off strong, they were able to put up 44 points, all while not allowing Red Bluff to score.

In their next game, they took on Vista de

Lago, which was 4-2 on the season going into the game. This game was nothing like the first. It was an extremely low-scoring game.

Both defenses shut out the other team's offense, forcing the game to go into overtime with the score at 0-0. But Sheldon was able to prevail, scoring a touchdown that was able to win the game 6-0.

The Huskies went on to face Grant in the championship game. Both teams went into the game with one loss on the season.

What looked to be both a competitive and high-scoring game turned out to be very one-sided. Sheldon kept the momentum it built and did not look back.

The Huskies' offense and defense showing up, and rallying allowed them to win in a dominant fashion, 32-6.

The Huskies went undefeated in this tournament, which pushed their record



No. 3 Saniah Wiley runs from a defender.

to 10-1 on the season. They will continue their terrific season in league competition as well as in other tournaments. ★

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AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Jason Crowson

Jason has been in the tech industry since the mid 90's. In 2020 Jason started his own small business Crowson Digital Technology, with emphasis on smart home technology, and home installation. Jason is originally from Oregon and moved to the Sacramento area in 2011 for work and then moved to Elk Grove in 2013 with his wife, Pattie. Jason has been active in the Elk Grove community when he joined the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce in 2020 and became an ambassador in 2026. Jason joined the Elk Grove Rotary in 2020. He is a Board member, a member of the district event production team, and is currently the co-chair of the 2026 Beef and Reef Annual Fundraiser. Jason was also previously a board member of the Elk Grove Teen Center USA. Jason grew up in a small town in Oregon with a large family of farmers and business owners. It is a natural part of Jason's life to be involved in his community and enjoys helping others, whether friends or strangers. Jason has been married for over 11 years and they enjoy spending time with their beloved dogs. If you have ever had the pleasure of meeting Jason you will quickly find out that his true love is his beloved University of Oregon Ducks. Saturday's during college football season you will find him glued to the game. Go Ducks!

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