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## From Student to Colleague

*Teacher Works Alongside Former Pupil*



From left are Champions kindergarten teacher Jaylah Quimbell-Sims and site director Charmaine Balaoro in the Champions program classroom at Helen Carr Castello Elementary School on Feb. 26. Photos by Idaly Valencia

**By Idaly Valencia**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - When Jaylah Quiambao-Sims was a student at Helen Carr Castello Elementary School, she was in the first class Charmaine Balaoro ever taught for the Champions program as a kindergarten teacher.

About a decade after finishing elementary school, Quiambao-Sims returned to the same classroom she once attended as a student to work alongside Balaoro, now teaching a kindergarten class for the program

herself. The full-circle moment highlights the role teachers can play in shaping students' lives, an impact Balaoro now sees firsthand in her own colleague.

Balaoro has served as site director for the Champions before- and after-school program at Helen Carr Castello Elementary for the past 18 years. She welcomes students each morning and afternoon, providing structured curriculum and learning activities for

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Jaylah Quimbell-Sims holds a photo book with a throwback photo of herself and site director Charmaine Balaoro from her time as a student.

## Reservist with Elk Grove Ties Among U.S. Troops Killed Overseas



Pictured is Chief Warrant Officer Three Robert M. Marzan, who was among six U.S. service members supporting Operation Epic Fury who were killed in the March 1 incident in Port Shuaiba, Kuwait. Photo courtesy of U.S. Army Reserve

**By Idaly Valencia**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Chief Warrant Officer Three Robert M. Marzan, a U.S. Army Reservist and Elk Grove native, was among six U.S. service members who lost their lives in an incident tied to the conflict involving Iran, according to federal and state officials.

In a March 4 news release, the U.S. Department of War identified Marzan, 54, of Sacramento, as having died at the scene of a Iranian strike in Port Shuaiba, Kuwait, on March 1. Officials said he was assigned to the 103rd Sustainment Command in Des Moines, Iowa, and was supporting Operation Epic Fury.

U.S. Army Reserve service records show that Marzan served on active duty from 1990 to 1994 before continuing his service in the Army Reserve beginning in 1994. He received several military honors, including the Bronze Star Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom and Acting Gov. Eleni Kounalakis issued a joint statement March 4 honoring Marzan's service and extending condolences to his family.

"California mourns the loss of Chief Warrant Officer Three Marzan, a courageous Californian whose service to our nation was marked by honor and distinction," Newsom and Kounalakis said in the statement. "The sacrifices made by military families are immeasurable, and California stands in solidarity with them, united in grief and gratitude."

The governor's office said Marzan is survived by his wife and family. The flags at the California State

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## Cherry Blossom Festival Returns



The Creative Space's second annual Cherry Blossom Festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 21 and will include a live demonstration of Aikido martial arts by Aikido Yoshinkan Sacramento. Photo courtesy of The Creative Space

**By MPG Staff**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The arrival of cherry blossom season in Japan each spring marks a time of renewal and reflection, encouraging people to pause and appreciate life. In recognition of the tradition, The Creative

Space will host its second annual Cherry Blossom Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21 at Old Town Plaza.

The Creative Space, a Sacramento-based organization, focuses on uplifting local small businesses by hosting pop-up shops, private events

and creative classes. Throughout the year, the group also organizes craft markets that often highlight the Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community.

The festival will feature a variety

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# From Student to Colleague

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children who need care outside the regular school day while their parents are at work. “We’re a very tight-knit community,” Balaoro said. “Our mission is just to make sure that the kids get that extended learning here, especially with our programs.”

The Champions program serves students from kindergarten through sixth grade, with many remaining enrolled throughout their elementary experience. As a result, Balaoro often works with the same students from the day they begin school until they graduate.

That was the case for Quiambao-Sims, who spent seven years in the Champions program under Balaoro’s direction.

Quiambao-Sims said Balaoro’s ability to build connections with students and parents alike was one of the qualities that inspired her to pursue working as a teacher.

“Miss Charmaine, she definitely tries to build those connections, not just with students but also with the families,” Jaylah said. “My mom, she will still be like, ‘Say hi to Miss Charmaine!’”

Nearly 10 years later, Balaoro was surprised to see a familiar name among the applicants for a kindergarten teaching position that had opened last year at the Champions program.



**Champion program kindergarten teacher Jaylah Quimbell-Sims, right, pictured as a student with site director Charmaine Balaoro in 2016.** Courtesy photo

“She was really shy, quiet,” said Balaoro, noting she didn’t expect Quiambao-Sims to pursue a career in teaching when she had her as a student. However, Balaoro said seeing her now in that role has been heartwarming to observe.

“It’s just nice because, flash forward to now, when I get to see her with the kids... honestly, the littles gravitate to Jaylah,” she added.

Reflecting on working alongside a former student, Balaoro said it reinforces a lesson she tries to instill in all her pupils: Pursue work that makes you happy.

A board in the classroom reads “Come, do, inspire,” reminding students of that



**Champions program kindergarten teacher Jaylah Quimbell-Sims, left, poses with site director Charmaine Balaoro, right, with their classroom mascot, Grumble, in the center.** Photo by Idaly Valencia

message. “I always tell them, ‘Hey, no matter what you do, be happy doing it,’” Balaoro said. “You have one life to live, and if you’re not happy at your job, why are you there?”

Some traditions from when Quiambao-Sims was a student are now becoming core memories for the new generation. One of those is Grumble, a hand-crafted wooden box with eyes, a nose, teeth and a scarf that is filled with socks in October during an annual sock drive for the Elk Grove Food Bank.

Balaoro said the effort began about a decade ago, with this year marking its 10th anniversary. The drive was created in memory of her husband’s late mother and has since become a staple of the program that teaches students the value of giving back.

Quiambao-Sims added that experiences like those in Balaoro’s classroom also helped to shape her desire to work with youth in an educational setting. Now a college student at San Jose State, she is studying social work and hopes to continue working in roles where she can help support children.

For those currently in high school or recent graduates considering a similar career path, Quiambao-Sims shared that the work may not be suitable for everyone, but it is rewarding for those who want to make a difference in students’ lives.

“I honestly had a few good teachers, and Miss Charmaine was one of them. That kind of made me want to get into teaching,” Quiambao-Sims said. “It just takes a lot of patience, and it has to be something you really want to do to make an impact in their lives.” ★

# Cherry Blossom Festival Returns

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of live entertainment, including taiko drumming, a form of traditional Japanese music.

A DJ and additional musical and performance acts are also scheduled, including a demonstration of Aikido martial arts by Aikido Yoshinkan Sacramento.

More than 50 local businesses, including artisans and food trucks, are expected to host vendor booths where attendees can browse products and buy food.

The free community



**More than 50 local businesses will host vendor booths at the second annual Cherry Blossom Festival on March 21 at Old Town Plaza, 9615 Railroad St., where attendees can browse artisan products.** Photos courtesy of The Creative Space

event is open to all ages and will feature a dedicated kids’ crafts area. Pets are also welcome. Old Town Plaza is located at 9615 Railroad St. ★



**The Creative Space will host its second annual Cherry Blossom Festival March 21 featuring a live taiko drumming performance, a form of traditional Japanese music,**



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# Mayor Addresses Homelessness Response

By MPG Staff

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The mayor of Elk Grove has responded to recent coverage by Sacramento-area newspaper The Sacramento Bee regarding the projected cost of the city's planned homeless shelter.

In a March 3 news release, city officials referenced a Sacramento Bee article titled "Should Elk Grove spend \$350K a bed for homeless shelter over permanent housing?"

The release noted that the story analyzed the shelter's estimated cost and suggested the funding could be better spent on permanent housing. City officials said that "conversation deserves a full and accurate picture."

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen issued a statement that was published as an opinion article in The Sacramento Bee on March 3 and was also distributed by the city via news release:

Over the past 25 years, Elk Grove has invested \$84 million to construct 2,400 affordable housing units. In 2025 alone, Elk Grove added 770 new affordable units and another 139 are scheduled for completion in 2026. Permanent affordable housing remains a priority, and funding continues to be set aside in the current budget to support additional development. This is not a competing commitment.

Permanent housing alone does not meet the immediate needs of every individual experiencing homelessness. Many people currently living unsheltered do not yet have the income, documentation (such as a Social Security card) employment stability or health support necessary to obtain or sustain affordable housing. Without stabilization and support services, housing placements often fail. That can create a costly and discouraging cycle for individuals and the community alike.



This rendering shows the permanent homeless shelter planned for the Survey Road and East Stockton Boulevard site. Photo courtesy of City of Elk Grove

A shelter provides a structured environment where individuals can access case management, employment assistance, behavioral health services and pathways to income. These elements are required for people to transition into permanent housing.

In short, it is a bridge, not a replacement.

Elk Grove's future shelter is part of a broader, coordinated strategy to address the unique needs of our city, not a solution to the region's problem. As Sacramento County's second-largest city, Elk Grove's unhoused population represents just 2% of the total homeless population in Sacramento County (compared to 70% found in the City of Sacramento).

The future shelter is envisioned to include 25 semi-private bedding areas for individuals, additional capacity for couples and four separate sleeping areas for families.

Early, conservative, cost projections were prepared for this site that estimate the price for land acquisition, design and construction to be between \$12 million to \$14.5 million. Annual operating costs for the shelter, once it's built, are anticipated

to be similar to the city's existing shelter, at about \$1.5 million per year.

Our system of care includes a shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing solutions to address the unique individual needs and challenges faced by each person who needs our assistance.

Our new Elk Grove shelter is planned for the corner of Survey Road and East Stockton Boulevard. Comparing the costs of our facility and others in the county must take into account the costs for land acquisition and new construction.

Any fair apples-to-apples comparison must account for that difference. Moreover, our facility is being intentionally designed to meet Elk Grove's specific needs, values and development standards. Unlike many other shelters that are temporary in nature, industrial in appearance or unwelcoming in design, Elk Grove's shelter will be a thoughtfully planned environment that supports adults and families in a warm, functional, dignified setting.

Our goal for the project is to balance cost-effectiveness with long-term

durability and architectural quality so that the building does not look or feel like a traditional shelter but instead reflects the expectations and character of our community.

Homelessness is a complex issue that demands a comprehensive response: prevention efforts, shelter, transitional support and long-term housing working together. There is no single solution that fits every circumstance and framing the discussion as an either-or choice oversimplifies a challenge that affects our entire community.

Elk Grove remains committed to fiscal responsibility, transparency and strategies that produce measurable results. Addressing homelessness effectively requires sustained investment across the full continuum of care, and that is exactly what our city is doing.

I encourage you to reach out to me or to Elk Grove's homeless assistance resource team, Elk Grove HART, to see firsthand how Elk Grove is addressing homelessness, creating a critical safety net for our most vulnerable population. ★

## Reservist with Elk Grove Ties Among U.S. Troops Killed Overseas

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Capitol and the Capitol Annex Swing Space will fly at half-staff in his honor.

Members of the Elk Grove High School Class of 1989 shared a tribute on social media, reflecting

on his roots in the local community.

"For those of us who walked the halls of Elk Grove High with Robert, he will always be remembered as a fellow classmate and a part of the fabric of

our community," a post on the official Elk Grove High School Class of 1989 Instagram page read. "Like so many who grow up in Elk Grove, he carried the values of service, commitment and dedication far

beyond our hometown."

Elk Grove High School Class of 1989 alumnus Greg Neill also shared a tribute on Facebook.

"The friendship and memories of being a friend of Robert from our days at

EGHS and the time before he enlisted in the Army, I will always remember and cherish. He was my friend, our buddy and our classmate."

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen also offered

condolences on Facebook, noting Marzan's ties to the Elk Grove community.

The City of Elk Grove announced on social media following the news that the city and Wilton Rancheria Tribal flags would be flown at half-staff until sunset on Thursday, March 12 in honor of Marzan. ★

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# Lions Club Recognized with CSD Proclamation

By MPG Staff

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Elk Grove Lions Club was honored by the Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) Board of Directors at its March 4 meeting in celebration of the nonprofit organization's 75-year anniversary.

The proclamation noted that the Elk Grove Lions Club was established in 1951 and upheld the Lions' motto, "We Serve," by supporting more youth sports and activities, organizations and residents.

Cosumnes CSD posted to social media about the event noting the nonprofit's commitment to the Elk Grove community.

"For 75 years, the Lions have displayed unwavering dedication to our community through service, support for youth programs and various initiatives that promote growth and civic pride," the post read. "From organizing community events to providing meals at local gatherings, their contributions have made a lasting impact on Elk Grove." ★



The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors is pictured with the Elk Grove Lions Club after presenting the nonprofit with a proclamation recognizing its 75 years of service in the community on March 4. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes CSD

## RELIGION NEWS

### Grace Church Hosts Celebrate Recovery

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call (916) 647-4538 or visit SMGCC.net.

### Chabad of Elk Grove Offers Torah Classes

Local community members are invited to attend free weekly Torah Classes offered by Chabad of Elk Grove from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at a private location.

The course, "Flashbacks in Jewish History," will examine how our past informs our future. Rabbi Chaim Groner leads the

discussion. For location, call (917) 724-4443.

### Field of Hope United Church of Christ's Services

Community members are invited to Sunday worship services at 10:30 a.m. at 9624 Melrose Ave., Elk Grove.

Sunday School and nursery services are available. For more information, visit [www.FieldOfHopeUCC.org](http://www.FieldOfHopeUCC.org).

### Events at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

Rev. McNamara welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 a.m. Our church is at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn.

The church has open Communion the first Sunday of the month. For more information, Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or [elkgrovepres@gmail.com](mailto:elkgrovepres@gmail.com). ★

MEMORIAL

**HF FROST - 08/09/1934 - 01/23/2026**


HF Frost passed away on January 23, 2026 in Grants Pass, Oregon where he lived the last 30 years with his wife Lila Frost. HF and Lila graduated from Elk Grove High School together.

Born August 9, 1934 in Missouri, HF was a devoted husband who loved his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a man of strong faith, who loved the Lord, a lifelong San Francisco Giants fan, and an avid collector of classic cars.

He was a Korean war veteran of the Marines who loved his country.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Floyd and Vergie Frost; his first wife Lillian Frost; his brother, Don Frost, and sister Bobbie Lynn Fisher; his three children, Ronnie, Billy, and Laurie.

He was survived by his wife Lila Frost, stepdaughters Kathy Cheek and Becky Kell; daughter-in-law Lisa Frost, son-in-law Shorty VanDyke; grandchildren; Andrew Frost, Stacy Frost, Kaycee Foster, Nikki Deters, Jimmy Frost, Steven Cheek and Dallas Kell, his great-grandchildren; Logan, Michael, Preston, Jaydon, Sebastian, Danielle and nieces and nephews.



MEMORIAL

**LILA MAY FROST - 08/04/1934 - 02/01/2026**

Lila Frost passed away on February 1, 2026 in Grants Pass, Oregon where she lived the last 30 years with her husband HF Frost. Lila and HF graduated from Elk Grove High School together.

Born August 4, 1934 in Montana, Lila was a devoted mother who loved her children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter. She was a woman of strong faith, who loved the Lord. She enjoyed Landscaping design and planning, watching San Francisco Giants baseball games, and talking was her specialty.

She was preceded in death by her husband HF Frost, parents; Earnest and Ann Nelson.

She is survived by her daughter's Becky Kell and Kathy Cheek; sister, Joann Aguirre; grandsons, Dallas Kell, Steven Cheek and wife Kyndra Cheek; great-granddaughter; Danielle Cheek, nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her additional family with HF which includes; daughter-in-law Lisa Frost, son-in-law Shorty VanDyke; grandchildren, Andrew Frost, Stacy Frost, Kaycee Foster, Nikki Deters, Jimmy Frost, great-grandchildren; Logan, Michael, Preston, Jaydon, Sebastian and nieces and nephews.



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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



## A Win Over Chicago

Well Kings fans, with a 15-50 record and a paltry 17 games to go, is there reason to celebrate the Kings?

If your name is Russell Westbrook there is! Helping the Kings to a 126-110 win over the Chicago Bulls Sunday night at Golden One Arena, Westbrook put on a show with his record setting 208th triple double of his NBA career.

It will likely not be the last, perhaps not even the last this season, so yes, there is reason to celebrate.

For the faithful that turned out to see a spirited Kings team take the court, you were treated to a combination of young and old, as youngsters like Maxime Renauld put up 26 big points to go with 11 boards, and Daeqwon Plowden got his first start of the season adding 16 points of his own.

Once again, Sunday night's win proved when inspired this team can not only put up points but play together. Although the Kings allowed far too many layups throughout the game, overall, they played a complete game and never allowed the Bulls to think they had a chance at winning.

It was the kind of win Kings fans have been hungry for, and it bodes well for the future.

Of course, much depends on how this team finishes and how the ping pong balls bounce. Without question, the Sacramento Kings will secure a very high round draft choice. My hope is that Scott Perry has his sights set on A.J. Dybantsa from the Utah Cougars. At age 19 and already at 6'9", A.J. could very well still be growing, and the Kings are in sore need of players that can play the four and five position.

Dybantsa recently made headlines when he scored 20 or more points for the 24th time this season. Without question he can score, and the Kings need to look no further than A. J. if this talented young man is still available when their first-round selection occurs.

You will hear much debate on this issue, as many pundits and fans have been extolling the virtues of Darryn Peterson from the University of Kansas. At 6'6"

Darryn is unquestionably a great college player and ranked No. 1, but he represents another guard on a team that is in desperate need of front court depth.

The other candidate is 6'9" Cameron Boozer of Duke University, and it's hard to find fault in that selection. Cameron is the son of former NBA great Carlos Boozer, and at 6'9" and 250 pounds and only a freshman in college, this young man portends to be a carbon copy of his old man.

So, for this writer's draft picks in order, it would be A.J. Dybantsa, Cameron Boozer and then probably draft and trade Darryn Peterson.

The real question is will the Kings have the opportunity of drafting in the No. 1, 2, or 3 position?

Anyone's guess, but with just 17 games to go the interest is heating up, and how these three plays in the upcoming NCAA tournament will likely tell the story of how they will be drafted.

For me, the good news is that the Kings discovered Precious Achiuwa and Dylan Cardwell, and these two big men need to be coveted, not traded. Both big bodies are what Domantas Sabonis has been waiting for and with the likely addition of a high and capable draft choice just around the corner, fans are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

I would be remiss if not to mention the stellar play of one Malik Monk who led the team over the Bulls with 30 points off the bench. This stevedore of the hardwood deserves a chorus of at-a-boys for the professional way he has handled his business this season. A constant topic of trade all season long, Malik has been the bastion of how a pro goes about his business, and I for one hope to Malik in a Kings uniform next season.

Once again, we need to hear talk of third man of the year and look for Monk to be the first player off the bench each game.

Keep the faith Kings fans, because this team is about to undergo a facelift, and with it a team that gives Kings fans playoff tickets every year.

All the best!

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## Democratic Angst and Gerrymandering Threaten California's Political Reforms



By Dan Walters,  
CALMatters.org

Turmoil within the California Democratic Party over this year's election for governor and fallout from the party's naked grab of congressional seats could have long-term effects, undoing two important political reforms — the top-two primary system and redistricting by an independent commission.

The turmoil is over having nine Democratic candidates for governor, creating the possibility that two Republicans could finish one-two in the June 2 primary, thus resulting in a GOP governor being elected in November.

A recent Public Policy Institute of California poll of voters found that Republicans Steve Hilton (14%) and Chad Bianco (12%) are 1st and 3rd in support, with Katie Porter (13%) the leading Democrat, followed by Eric Swalwell (11%) and Tom Steyer (10%). The other six Democrats are all 5% or less.

Filing for the primary ballot closes this week, and Rusty Hicks, the Democratic state chairman, is publicly pleading for lower tier Democrats to drop out and thus reduce chances of a 1-2 GOP finish.

This week, in a public letter, Hicks said a 1-2 GOP primary outcome may be implausible, but "it is not impossible, and I know we are collectively committed to taking the steps required to avoid that possibility."

So far, none of the bottom six has volunteered to quit. The angst is likely to fuel efforts to do away with the top-two system and return to closed party primaries, thereby eliminating any possibility of a future backdoor Republican win.

Neither party liked the top-two system when it was proposed during a stalemate on the state budget in 2009. Republican Sen. Abel Maldonado, backed by then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, said he'd vote for the budget only if Democrats placed the top-two system on the ballot, arguing that it would reduce polarization.

Democrats caved and Proposition 14, creating the system, was approved by voters in 2010. Given their dislike of the top-two system in the first place and what happened this year, it's highly likely Democratic leaders will seek to eliminate it.

Leaders of both parties also disliked it when Charles Munger Jr., a wealthy Stanford University scientist, proposed the state shift the redrawing of legislative and congressional districts away from the Legislature to an independent commission. Munger, backed by Schwarzenegger, contended it would end self-serving gerrymanders.

A Munger-financed ballot measure in 2008, Proposition 11, created the commission for legislative districts, and in 2010 Proposition 20 extended the commission to congressional districts. The commission drew new maps after the 2010 and 2020 censuses.

Last year, however, to counter a Texas effort to shift five congressional seats from Democrats to Republicans, Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed and voters passed Proposition 50. It

gerrymanders California's 52 congressional districts to gain at least five Democratic seats this year.

Newsom said the gerrymander was needed to blunt President Donald Trump's efforts to skew the 2026 congressional election. Newsom promised that the radically revised districts would last for only three election cycles, and the commission system would return after the 2030 census.

But will it?

Let's assume that the gerrymander gives Democrats five more California seats, creating a 48-4 partisan split. California is destined to lose at least four and perhaps five seats in total after the 2030 census, due to population stagnation. Nationally, blue states such as California and New York will lose congressional seats to faster-growing red states such as Florida and Texas.

Restoring the commission system could reduce Democratic ranks by as many as 10 seats, since the state's more conservative interior counties are outpacing the liberal coastal region in population growth.

For all of these reasons, California Democratic leaders will be under tremendous pressure from the national party — and the Democrats who won seats in 2026 — to minimize losses. They can only do that by eliminating the commission and returning redistricting power to a Democratic-controlled Legislature.

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## Social Security Matters

### Is There Income Tax on Social Security Benefits?



By Russell Gloor,  
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** The Trump Administration is saying that now there will be no taxes on Social Security benefits. Since we're getting ready to start our 2025 income tax return, can you explain how this all works? **Signed: Confused Taxpayer**

**Dear Confused Taxpayer:** You are obviously referring to the so-called "one big, beautiful bill" and how that bill affects income tax on your Social Security benefits. And this is because of the publicity surrounding the so-called "one big, beautiful bill" (OBBB) enacted last year, which claims to "eliminate income tax on Social Security benefits." Well, that bill did, yet technically didn't, fully eliminate income tax on benefits." Allow me to explain.

The OBBB does eliminate income tax on most SS benefits, but it does so in a somewhat unique way — by providing an additional \$6,000 (per person) deduction to your federal taxable income as reported to the IRS. Thus, you will pay less total income tax when you file your taxes with the IRS because of that additional deduction to your taxable income. The extra deduction is available to those over age 65 and is meant to offset the income tax

which will still be levied by the IRS on the SS benefits you received in 2025.

Essentially, the rules governing income tax on Social Security benefits have not changed. The IRS will still levy income tax on your SS benefits if your combined income from all sources (known as your "provisional income") is over \$32,000 as a married couple filing jointly, or more than \$25,000 if you file as an individual. If your provisional income is below the threshold for your IRS filing status, you will pay no income tax on your received 2025 SS benefits. But if your provisional income exceeds the threshold for your IRS filing status, then somewhere between 50% and 85% of your received SS benefits will be taxed (how much SS income to be taxed depends on your combined income in 2025).

By now, you should have received form 1099-SSA which advised of your 2025 Social Security income, including any income tax you had withheld from your SS benefits. This income should be reported when submitting your 2025 income tax return. If your "provisional income" is over \$32,000 as a married couple filing jointly (or over \$25,000 as an individual filer), then your 2025 SS benefits will still be taxed by the IRS. But when completing your 2025 Income Tax Return, you will also be able to claim an additional \$6,000 per person (\$12,000 if you file jointly), which will likely offset any income tax you must pay due to the SS benefits you received in 2025. If you use a tax preparer (or tax preparation software), they will guide

you through this calculation. Note, too, that the \$6,000 per person deduction amount will be less if your combined taxable income is more than \$150,000 as a married couple (or more than \$75,000 as a single filer).

Be aware, though, that the OBBB is temporary tax accommodation which expires after tax year 2028. And that's because the process used to pass the bill in Congress (a "budget reconciliation" process) didn't actually change SS law; rather it provided a way around it to offset income tax paid on SS benefits.

So, to recap, the IRS can still levy income tax on your received Social Security benefits but, because of the OBBB, you will likely also (depending on your provisional income level) receive an extra deduction which offsets any taxes calculated on your Social Security benefits.

Finally, be aware that if your first husband also predeceases you, you will then become eligible for a surviving ex-spouse benefit from him, even if he has remarried.

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## The Disgraceful Ravings of Candace Owens

and interest anew with something even more perverse. And what is more demented than portraying the wife of the victim of a shocking assassination as a black widow?

Whereas most of have seen in Erika Kirk a Christian woman bearing up under an intolerable burden and stunningly forgiving the alleged murderer of her husband, Owens purports to see Clytemnestra, the mythical Greek figure who betrayed her husband Agamemnon upon his return from the Trojan War.

The title of her series is "Bride of Charlie." Get it? Like the "Bride of Frankenstein." As a so-called investigator, Candace Owens is like Perry Mason if the fictional attorney had been a schizophrenic high on crack. Her method is to pile will-o'-the-wisp connections one on top of another, often buttressed by flagrant factual mistakes, and insist that if she's debunked, it just shows how she must be on the right track.

Her mantra is that "we don't know-know, but we know" -- in other words, her malicious, irrational intuitions are superior to actual knowledge backed by facts. She now says that "Erika Kirk should be dragged into a police precinct for questioning," and anyone who disagrees is "a full-blown fraud." According to Owens, "the amount of evidence that is now piling up, I would say, against Erika Kirk, is almost akin to an NBC Dateline episode."

Usually, conspiracy theories spring up around as-

sassinations that are hard to fathom or have some ambiguity about them. It is clear that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing JFK, but it's understandable that there have been questions about the event. It is the depraved achievement of Candace Owens to make a bonkers true crime drama, with all sorts of mysteries and twists, out of an open-and-shut murder case.

Kirk's accused killer, Tyler Robinson, had a motive, left a trail of damning evidence and confessed to multiple people. To dismiss all this and call for Erika Kirk to be frogmarched into a police station is so mad it makes Owens' conviction that both the moon landing and dinosaurs are fake look well-grounded by comparison.

It is a symptom of our time that such malevolent buffoonery is rewarded with a huge audience. It is impossible to discredit Owens because she is not in the credibility business to begin with. In the attention economy, denunciations are just as useful as praise, especially if a media figure is posing as a brave truth-teller -- so brave that, in this case, she's willing to drag through the mud a mother of two who saw her beloved husband murdered less than six months ago.

It's not just that decency is not necessary in the Candace Owens business model, it would be an obstacle.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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# SacSewer Connects Five Disadvantaged Communities to Public Sewer

*219 properties transition from aging septic systems to reliable sewer service, protecting public health and the environment*

## Sacramento Area Sewer District News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - In a major achievement for public health and environmental protection, the Sacramento Area Sewer District (SacSewer) has connected five disadvantaged communities to reliable public sewer service, connecting 219 properties. Failing septic systems have the potential to contaminate drinking water supplies and spread infectious diseases, so the completion of this project delivers long-overdue infrastructure improvements, reduces environmental risks from aging septic systems and strengthens long-term protection of groundwater and water quality.

Launched in 2018, SacSewer's nationally recognized Septic-to-Sewer Program (Program) helped disadvantaged communities transition from aging septic systems to safe, reliable public sewer service. SacSewer connected homes to the public sewer system with newly constructed sewer pipes and manholes, and private septic tanks were safely decommissioned. The high-priority communities of Freeport, Hood, Franklin, Linda Manor and Old Florin Town became project areas for the Program. The sewage from these communities is now safely being conveyed to SacSewer's EchoWater Resource Recovery Facility.

For many residents, the



SacSewer connected homes to the public sewer system with newly constructed sewer pipes and manholes, and private septic tanks were safely decommissioned. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Area Sewer District

transition is life changing. Some households previously limited shower time and daily water use due to deteriorating septic systems. In many cases, parcels were too small to meet current requirements for septic system disposal fields, making system replacement infeasible and financially overwhelming. Failing septic systems can pose environmental impacts, including leaks and groundwater contamination, putting these communities at high risk and in need of an

improved sewage system.

"Our Septic-to-Sewer Program demonstrates how targeted infrastructure investments can protect public health and safeguard water quality while bringing long-overdue, dependable service to historically underserved communities. Transitioning from aging septic systems to public sewer service delivers a reliable means of sewage disposal and ensures long-term protection for residents and the environment," said SacSewer's General Manager

Christoph Dobson.

Participation began with public meetings, community outreach and surveys to gauge interest from residents and businesses in the identified communities. After majority support was confirmed, SacSewer worked one-on-one with property owners in each community to design connections, decommission septic systems and complete on-property construction to the public sewer system.

"I worked with my father, Jose

Moreno, in 1969 to install a septic tank at our home during my early childhood, and more than five decades later, this same home is now enjoying public sewer service," said Mario Moreno, a long-time resident and member of the Hood community. "It's a good feeling to improve what my father and I built years ago and see the progressing infrastructure of Hood."

SacSewer's project team secured \$48 million in grant funding, the majority provided by the State of California, along with federal and Sacramento County grants, ensuring the project could move forward at no cost to residents. Additional non-rate and non-fee funding from SacSewer's Confluence Program closed remaining funding gaps, ensuring residents received public sewer service without being subsidized by ratepayers. Property owners now benefit from dependable sewage disposal, improved protection of regional groundwater and waterways and long-lasting infrastructure improvements. Additionally, communities at large are benefiting from newly paved roads delivered through a partnership with the Sacramento County Department of Transportation.

SacSewer continues to pursue future projects to bring safe, reliable sewage service to other communities in need. To learn more, visit [sacsewer.com/septic](http://sacsewer.com/septic). ★

# CARE in Action: One Man's Journey Off the Streets

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Lorenzo Leon remembers what life was like before CARE Court.

"Being on the street is no way to live. So, you know I did what I have to do, straightened up so now I have a place to live," said Lorenzo.

And later this month, he is scheduled to become Sacramento County's first CARE Court graduate, a milestone not only for him and his family but for the county team that stood beside him every step of the way.

CARE Court, short for Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment, is a civil court process designed to connect individuals living with untreated schizophrenia and other severe mental illnesses, such as bipolar I disorder, to community-based treatment, services and housing support. The program creates a structured plan, ordered by the court, that holds systems accountable for delivering care while providing participants with a pathway toward stability.

Michael Nevans, a mental health program coordinator with Sacramento County, says the program represents a shift in how the community responds to its most vulnerable residents.

"CARE Court as a program specifically has really opened up the possibility for the mental health treatment of people with severe mental illness in our community," Nevans said. "Historically we have believed in openness and willingness to



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engage for outpatient services. Often, the people with the greatest needs are the most vulnerable and the least likely to seek help. CARE Court allows the County to be responsible for providing mental health services to all people, not just people who can self-advocate."

For Lorenzo and his mother, that accountability made all the difference.

There were times when Lorenzo would leave home, struggling with his illness and unsure where to turn. But County staff didn't give up.

"He kept leaving me but every time he'd leave me, she would go look for him," his mother recalled of a county team member. "And she would find him and bring him back to me. She was really insistent, which I was so happy about because she kept after

him to come back."

Each month, Lorenzo checked in with the court and his care team. He began taking his medications consistently and accessing additional services. Progress wasn't immediate, his mother said, but it was steady.

"It took a while to get started, but eventually now it's been a year and pretty successful," she said. "I think it was a good experience that he had to go to someone and talk to them, make sure that he is doing what he is supposed to be doing."

The Honorable Lawrence Brown of the Sacramento County Superior Court, who has presided over CARE Court cases, said he has seen firsthand the impact of that coordinated approach.

"I can recall that the mom in particular was a bit skeptical whether or not this was

going to be able to make any real difference and I think that she was won over by the commitment of the team and by the provider," said Judge Brown.

Deputy County Counsel Andrew Crouse said Lorenzo's journey reflects what the program was designed to do.

"Happily, he has accepted those services and has really, really benefitted across his journey so far in CARE Court," said Crouse. "He is doing much better according to pretty much everyone's report. His own mother, the psychiatrist, social workers, everyone has seen the difference in how he is living a better life and his symptoms are under control, and he doesn't have his illness getting in the way anymore of being able to be successful in his life."

Today, Lorenzo is housed, taking his medication and focused on his future and preparing for his CARE Court graduation. His journey through CARE Court reflects not only his commitment, but the County's coordinated effort to ensure residents with the most serious mental health needs are not left behind.

For his mother, the outcome speaks for itself. After a year of structure, support and persistence, she sees a difference and a son who is back on track. Lorenzo's life story can be viewed on YouTube at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRL6DZGUE98](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRL6DZGUE98)

If you or a loved one would like to file a petition to start your own CARE Court journey, visit the Sacramento County website to learn more about eligibility and the process. ★

# Applications Open for Sacramento District Attorney's Citizens Academy

## Sacramento County District Attorney's Office News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office hosts the Citizen Academy in partnership with the Sacramento Police Department, Sacramento County Sheriff's Office and Sacramento County Probation Department. This is a free program for anyone 18 and older who lives or works in Sacramento County.

The 10-week program is designed to engage citizens from all backgrounds and communities in discussion about public safety and criminal justice issues. Participants learn about our local



The 10-week program is designed to engage citizens from all backgrounds and communities in discussion about public safety and criminal justice issues. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

criminal justice system – including the roles of law enforcement, prosecutors and the courts.

Topics include the anatomy of a criminal case; specialized areas of prosecution; CSI and crime lab

analysis; use of force; innovative programs and partnerships; and community-focused public safety

partnerships and initiatives. There is also an opportunity for a field trip to the District Attorney's Crime Lab and Sacramento Police Department's 911 Communications Center.

Representatives from the District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, Public Defender's Office, law enforcement, the judiciary and community organizations will provide information, answer questions and address community concerns.

Visit the Sacramento County District Attorney's website at [sacda.org](http://sacda.org) or [sacda.org/in-the-community/citizens-academy/](http://sacda.org/in-the-community/citizens-academy/) for more information and to apply. ★

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Ada Wong, 8951 Laguna Star Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AW Realty/Silverstone Properties" 8951 Laguna Star Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 4, 2026  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01134  
Brian Trinh, 6901 Paul Do Mar Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 and Jason Ha, 10077 Pleasant Grove School Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Strado Phones" 6901 Paul Do Mar Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 6, 2026  
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Blush and Bash Group, LLC, 9245 Laguna Springs Drive Suite 100, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sparkle Studio/Blush and Bash Events" 9245 Laguna Springs Drive Suite 100, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 9, 2026  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01190  
ZarRock, Inc., 9146 E Stockton Boulevard #1175, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ZarRock" 9146 E Stockton Boulevard #1175, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 9, 2026  
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Golden Valley Health LLC, 9447 Crystal Shore Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Ai SEO" 9447 Crystal Shore Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 11, 2026  
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SACRAMENTO 3-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00542  
Steve's Pizza Branding Company, LLC, 9988 Verbania Court, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Steve's Pizza Branding Company" 2505 West Taron Drive Suite 140, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 16, 2026  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01513  
Phardy Healthcare Mentoring Bootcamp Program, 5050 Laguna Boulevard 112355, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phardycprtraining Company" 5050 Laguna Boulevard 112355, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 23, 2026  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01632  
Michael Breton, 4921 Millner Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mike Breton Home Tech" 4921 Millner Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 26, 2026  
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MIKE 3-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01733  
Unity Power Group LLC, 4801 Laguna Boulevard Suite 105 Box 386, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Workhorse Fueling" 5017 Krista Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 2, 2026  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01452  
Gabriela Denise Aguirre, 8909 Bramblewood Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Shining Kids" 8909 Bramblewood Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 20, 2026  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00904  
Kathleen Collier, 2117 Heger Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Quartz Logic" 2117 Heger Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 30, 2026  
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QUARTZ 4-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01851  
Genesis Patricia Tang, 8609 Dupree Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Life Simplified Consulting" 8609 Dupree Court, Elk Grove, CA

95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 5, 2026  
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LIFE 4-3-26

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2026-00531  
The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Marshmallow Home Daycare, 8790 Owlet Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624.  
Jessica Marshall, 8790 Owlet Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624. The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on January 16, 2026 in the County of Sacramento.

Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: January 16, 2026.  
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MARSHMALLOW 4-3-26

## ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV023498

Marcus John Robinson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Marcus John Robinson to Marcus Dwight Samuels.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 17, 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: October 6, 2025  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Feb 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2026  
ROBINSON 3-13-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV029233

Hin Kai Mak and Pui Ling Cheung has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Dick Mak to Maxwell Mak.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 18, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 28, 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: December 5, 2025  
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Feb 27, March 6, 13, 20, 2026  
MAK 3-20-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV004038

Gu Yang Xu has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Yu Yang Xu to Cliff Gu Yang Xu.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 15, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 25, 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: February 25, 2026  
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026  
XU 3-27-26

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF OKECHUKWU NWANGBURUKA CASE NO. 26PR000036

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Okechukwu Nwangburuka.

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

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 8, 2026, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting

appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Kent W. Meyer, 4970 Rocklin Road, Suite 300, Rocklin, CA 95677; 916-599-7297  
Publish: March 6, 13, 20, 2026  
NWANGBURUKA 3-20-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONELDA ELIZABETH STUART CASE NO. 26PR000603

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Donelda Elizabeth Stuart.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 9, 2026, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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STUART 3-27-26

## TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 25-03162-SM-CA Title No. 250622481-CA-VOL APN. 132-1210-015-0000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/03/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check(s) drawn on a state or national bank must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings associ-

ation, 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 herein-after described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Celia D Santiago, and Rolando A Santiago, wife and husband as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 02/14/2006 as Instrument No. Book 20060214 Page 2660 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Sacramento County, California. Date of Sale: : 03/24/2026 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the East Main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$695,113.79 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9656 Richlyn Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757-4034 A.P.N.: 132-1210-015-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PERSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any perspective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., as Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by REGINA D CEPEDA AND MANUEL A CEPEDA JR., WIFE AND HUSBAND AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY, as Tru-

stors, recorded on 2/8/2006, in Volume 20060208, page 0212, as Instrument No. //, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale there in contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings 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. Property is being sold "as is &mdash; where is". TAX PARCEL NO. 132-1620-006-0000 LOT 6 AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ENTITLED "SUBDIVISION NO. 02-358.2, SOUTH MEADOWS UNIT 2" FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA ON APRIL 1, 2004 IN BOOK 327 OF MAPS, AT PAGE 9. From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 10220 SHOECH WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95757. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses

15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 02/17/2026 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany And Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 866-539-4173; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-4866378 02/27/2026, 03/06/2026, 03/13/2026  
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 3-13-26

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. CA-RCS-25021397 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/6/2006. 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. 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 800-280-2891 or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case, CA-RCS-25021397. 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. On April 3, 2026, at 9:00:00 AM, THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 720 9TH STREET, in the City of SACRAMENTO, County of SACRAMENTO, State of CALIFORNIA, PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by REGINA D CEPEDA AND MANUEL A CEPEDA JR., WIFE AND HUSBAND AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY, as Tru-

stors, recorded on 2/8/2006, in Volume 20060208, page 0212, as Instrument No. //, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale there in contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings 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. Property is being sold "as is &mdash; where is". TAX PARCEL NO. 132-1620-006-0000 LOT 6 AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ENTITLED "SUBDIVISION NO. 02-358.2, SOUTH MEADOWS UNIT 2" FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA ON APRIL 1, 2004 IN BOOK 327 OF MAPS, AT PAGE 9. From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 10220 SHOECH WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95757. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses

and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$459,209.11. 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 TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are 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 877-237-7878, or visit www.peakforeclosure.com using file number assigned to this case: CA-RCS-25021397 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. NOTICE TO PERSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any perspective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., as Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by REGINA D CEPEDA AND MANUEL A CEPEDA JR., WIFE AND HUSBAND AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY, as Tru-

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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; AT THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE GORDON D. SCHABER SACRAMENTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 720 9TH 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: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 5623 MALLARDVIEW WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95757 The under-

signed 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: \$227,077.65 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 compa-

ny, 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](http://www.clearreconcorp.com), using the file number assigned to this case 141699-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be re-

flected 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](http://www.clearreconcorp.com), using the file number assigned to this case 141699-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 3/13/2026, 3/20/2026, 3/27/2026 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 3-27-26



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**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 **Thursday, April 2, 2026** for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

**2026 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT- SLURRY SEAL AND PAVEMENT RESURFACING (WPR026)**

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: placing slurry seal, micro-surfacing, two-layer treatment system, adjusting utility frames and covers, and re-stripe various streets throughout the City. (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$4,568,001.

**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 or Class C-12 Earthwork and Paving Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

**For Pre-Bid Information and Information Pertaining to the Construction Plans and Specifications, Contact:**

Robert French, Operations Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department  
Telephone: (916) 478-3648 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

**For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:**

Whitney Yann, Management Analyst, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department  
Telephone: (916) 687-3062 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 \$30.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of \$40.00. 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: March 5, 2026  
Christina Castro, PE  
Capital Program Division Manager  
Elk Grove Citizen 3-6, 3-13-2026

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the **Elk Grove High School Little Theater Lighting Upgrade** project at Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 **until 11:00 a.m., PST, on Thursday, April 2, 2026**, at which time bids will be opened.

Each bid must conform to the requirements of the Drawings and Project Manual and other documents comprising the Contract Documents, which are available from Signature Reprographics, 620 Sunbeam Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811, (916) 454-0800. Prime Contractors may obtain copies for a non-refundable cost of **\$25 per set**. Signature Reprographics maintains the project plan holders' list so it is a requirement that prospective bidders purchase their plans from Signature Reprographics to ensure that all potential bidders possess a complete set of documents including any addenda for the project. Plans may be previewed online at [www.egusdplans.com](http://www.egusdplans.com)

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on **Monday, March 16, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.** meet at **Elk Grove High School, 8850 Valley Oak Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95624**. The District's Representative will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are **required** to attend the mandatory pre-bid conference in its entirety and are recommended to provide their own personal protection equipment as appropriate.

This project involves the removal of two existing crank operated lighting truss systems (fly-pipes) and associated cranks, cables, electrical service and controls. Upgrade the existing electrical distribution and lighting controls to support new fly-pipe systems. Installation of two new motorized fly-pipes including associated structural support blocking, power and control connections. Modifications to existing overhead ductwork and fire sprinkler piping to accommodate new structural blocking and fly-pipe systems and other work as indicated on the drawings per specifications and details. The project prime contractor shall hold a **Class-B** general contractor's license and shall be responsible for all demolition, structural upgrades, mechanical ductwork modifications, modifications to fire sprinkler piping, painting and all miscellaneous work. Prime general contractor shall retain the services of a specialty theater stage rigging and equipment subcontractor who shall possess a **Class C-61/D-34a** specialty license in the state of California. This specialty subcontractor shall be responsible for procurement and installation of the specified fly-pipe system and specialty electrical lighting control systems. See drawings for further information.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 *et seq.*, payment of the appropriate general prevailing rate of wages for all crafts employed on the public works site is required of the Contractor and all subcontractors. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements applies to this project.

NOTE: The complete Notice to Contractors is included in the bid documents.

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
Sacramento County, California

BY: Michael Bean  
Senior Construction Manager  
Elk Grove Unified School District

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** THAT the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District, County of Sacramento, State of California, will receive sealed bids up to but no later than **March 27, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. PST.**

The bid must be obtained, submitted, and received online through the EGUSD Online Bonfire Procurement Portal: <https://egusd.bonfirehub.com>.

**Bid# 823-25/26 Renewable Propane**

The Bid must be obtained, submitted, and received online through the EGUSD Online Bonfire Procurement Portal: <https://egusd.bonfirehub.com>.

Bids will not be opened or read publicly and will be opened in accordance with the procedures set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 20112 and 1601.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids received in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities in the bids or bidding, and to be the sole judge of the suitability of products and services being offered.

For assistance, please contact Kirsten Garcia at [kgarcia@egusd.net](mailto:kgarcia@egusd.net) or by phone at (916) 686-7773.

Kirsten Garcia  
Purchasing Supervisor  
Elk Grove Unified School District

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**CITY OF ELK GROVE – CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove City Council will hold a Public Hearing at **City Hall in the Council Chambers, located at 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove**, to review and consider the following matter:

**THE DRAFT 2026-27 ACTION PLAN AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2026-27 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT PROGRAMS**

The purpose of this public hearing is to consider priorities and activities for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Community Service Grant (CSG) programs. The City of Elk Grove City Council will receive information and provide direction on priorities for the 2026-27 Action Plan and consider funding recommendations for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

The draft 2026-27 Action Plan, which will be available as stated below, will detail specific activities and budgets for fiscal year 2026-27 CDBG and HOME funding. During the 2026-27 fiscal year, the City anticipates receiving approximately \$1,026,617 in new CDBG funding and reallocating approximately \$303,000 in unspent funding from previous years. The City also anticipates allocating up to \$687,071 in general funds for the CSG program. The City plans to use these funds for housing programs, public improvements, public services, homeless services, and planning and administration.

The release of this notice is one of the City's activities to fulfill citizen participation requirements. Federal regulations require localities to provide the public with reasonable access to planning documents.

The draft 2026-27 Action Plan will be available for public review beginning April 13, 2026 on the City's website at [www.elkgrove.gov/cdbg](http://www.elkgrove.gov/cdbg) and at the following locations: Elk Grove City Hall, 8401 Laguna Palms Way; the Senior Center of Elk Grove, 8230 Civic Center Drive; Franklin Public Library, 10055 Franklin High Road; and Elk Grove Public Library, 8900 Elk Grove Boulevard. Copies of the draft Annual Plan will be made available upon request and are free of charge. To request a copy please contact the Housing and Public Services Division at (916) 478-2254 or [housing@elkgrove.gov](mailto:housing@elkgrove.gov).

The public review and comment period for the 2026-27 Action Plan, will begin April 13, 2026 and will end May 13, 2026. The City of Elk Grove City Council will consider adoption of the Action Plan and provide an additional opportunity for public comment at their May 13, 2026, meeting.

The City of Elk Grove encourages interested parties to participate in public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. If you wish to provide testimony and are unable to participate in the meeting, written comments that are delivered to the City Clerk's office prior to the time of the hearing will be made a part of the public record. Written comments may be filed with the City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758.

Public comment on all aspects of the City's CDBG and CSG programs is welcome and may also be submitted prior to the meeting by mail to Sarah Bontrager, Housing and Public Services Manager, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 or by phone/email at (916) 627-3209 or [sbontrager@elkgrove.gov](mailto:sbontrager@elkgrove.gov).

The live meeting can be viewed on the City's website at <https://elkgrove.gov/city-council/council-meetings#agendas>

If you need translation services for languages other than English, please call 916.478.2254 for assistance.

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- Tagalog: Kung nangangailangan po ng tulong o interpretasyon sa ibang wika liban sa inglés, tumawag lang po sa 916.478.2254.
- Chinese: 若你需要中文翻譯服務, 請來電 916.478.2254 接受協助

**NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS**

Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (including 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 Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, 1st Floor, Elk Grove, CA, 95758, at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

**ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (916) 478-3635. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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Marie Crockett is an NCA Master Artist with decades of experience working in acrylic, acrylic with epoxy, oil, watercolors, pastels, and Sumi-E ink paintings.

In this collection, Crockett creates art ranging from striking landscapes to floral and animal-themed still life. Through March 2.

Details at [elkgrovefineartscenter.org](http://elkgrovefineartscenter.org).

## View Artwork from Elk Grove

The Elk Grove Arts and Creative Economy Commission has created a virtual Citywide Art Guide to art pieces and art events in Elk Grove.

Visit [webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove](http://webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove).

## Art Workshops for Adults

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Encaustics, Fabric Art, Mixed-Media, Mosaics, Plein Air, or Watercolor (and more!), you will find it here.

To learn more, visit [elkgrovefineartscenter.org/workshop](http://elkgrovefineartscenter.org/workshop).

The arts center, at 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101, is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays through Saturdays, and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. ★

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# Delta Counties Urge Stewardship Council to Reject DWR Delta Tunnel



## Delta Counties Coalition News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Pat Hume, member of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, recently issued the following statement on behalf of the Delta Counties of Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo regarding the Delta Stewardship Council's hearing on appeals of the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) consistency certification for the Delta Conveyance Project (Delta Tunnel):

We strongly urge the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) to closely and impartially examine the evidence presented during the Delta Tunnel consistency appeals hearing and reject any determination that relies on incomplete, unsupported or false conclusions, or interpretations of the Council's regulations that would undermine the Delta Reform Act's coequal goals.

There is substantial evidence that the Delta Tunnel, according to the Department of Water Resources' administrative record, is not supported by the Delta Reform Act or Delta Plan policies, and there are significant failures to address impacts to Delta communities, agriculture, recreation and cultural resources. Critically, the Delta Tunnel disregards local land uses and does not reduce reliance on the Delta through improved regional self-reliance, as required by the Legislature and the Council's Delta Plan.

Appellants demonstrated that key mitigation measures remain undefined and that critical findings are not supported by the best available science – requirements that

are central to both the Delta Plan and the Delta Reform Act. Without clear, enforceable mitigation and reliable data, the Council cannot reasonably conclude that a project of this magnitude would protect the Delta's cultural heritage, agricultural economy, and recreational resources – all central components of the Delta Reform Act.

The Delta Counties urge Council members to carefully consider the testimony, appeals and supporting evidence presented in this proceeding to make a thorough and independent determination.

When exercising its discretion and interpreting its policies, the Council should be mindful of its central role in protecting the Delta and water supply reliability for water users within and outside of the Delta.

The Delta Reform Act requires that water supply reliability be pursued in balance with ecosystem restoration and protecting the Delta's unique cultural, environmental and economic values. A finding of consistency must be supported by substantial evidence that these protections are real, enforceable and grounded in sound science.

Until those standards are clearly met, allowing the Delta Tunnel to move forward risks both the Council's mission and the long-term sustainability of our communities, which state law intended to be protected by the Delta Reform Act.

The Delta Conveyance Project Delta Plan Consistency Certification Appeals are at: [deltacouncil.ca.gov/covered-actions/delta-conveyance-project](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/covered-actions/delta-conveyance-project). ★

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### City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SUPPLEMENT NO. 60 CONCERNING STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS IN DISTRICT 1, ZONE 3-AW (EASTERN AREA)

#### FOR THE 9320 BRADSHAW ROAD URBAN LOT SPLIT PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove shall hold a public hearing on the Engineer's Report and a supplement thereto prepared and filed in connection with proposed street maintenance assessments on property identified in the report as supplemented. The City has mailed a notice to each affected property owner specifying the amount of the proposed assessment on the owner's property. At the public hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all protests.

Dated / Published: March 6, 2026 and March 13, 2026

JASON LINDGREN  
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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#### CONCERNING STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE ZONE 2 ASSESSMENTS ANNEXATION NO. 77 INTO STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE ZONE 2 FOR THE 9320 BRADSHAW ROAD URBAN LOT SPLIT PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove shall hold a public hearing prepared and filed in connection with proposed Storm Water Drainage Fee Zone 2 assessments on properties identified in the resolution of intent adopted on February 25, 2026. The City has mailed a notice to each affected property owner specifying the amount of the proposed assessment on the owner's property. At the public hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all protests.

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

#### ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District, County of Sacramento, State of California, will receive sealed bids up to but no later than April 3, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. P.S.T. for:

#### RFP# 830-25/26 RECESS SUPPORT SERVICES

The Bid must be obtained, submitted, and received electronically online through the EGUSD online Bonfire Procurement Portal at <https://egusd.bonfirehub.com>

RFPs will not be opened or read publicly and will be opened in accordance with the procedures set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 20112 and 1601.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all RFPs received in whole or part, to waive any irregularities in the bids or bidding, and to be the sole judge of the suitability of products and services being offered.

For assistance, please contact Richard Padilla at [rapadill@egusd.net](mailto:rapadill@egusd.net) or by phone at (916) 686-7773.

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## Friday, March 13

Red, White, Blue and You: American Legion Post 55 Veterans' Resource Fair – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Veterans Hall. We're bringing together dozens of business and support groups to answer questions and assist veterans with their issues as well as support for finding employment. This is a free event for all and includes a barbecue lunch. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

## Saturday, March 14

**Elk Grove Lions' 2nd Saturday Breakfast** – 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Gil Albani Recreation Center. The Lions are serving all-you-can-eat pancakes with a side of scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, and fruit. \$10 adults, \$5 kids 12 and under. 8830 Sharkey Ave.

**Drive-Thru Pet Vaccine Clinic** – 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Elk Grove Animal Shelter. Elk Grove Animal Services offers this quarterly clinic only for Elk Grove residents, and proof of residence is required. Appointments are required and are limited. Schedule using the event link on [elkgrove.gov](http://elkgrove.gov). Please provide all requested information to ensure a smooth check-in process on the day of the drive-up clinic. 9150 Union Park Way.

**Eyeglass & Hearing Aids Collection Event** – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at TwoCan Tax & More. Help Lions Eyes California to recycle and redistribute gently used eyeglasses and hearing aids to people in need, locally and around the world. Please donate prescription eyeglasses, reading glasses, sunglasses or hearing aids that are new or gently used. For more information, call 916-225-8321. 8845 Elk Grove Blvd.

**Signs of Spring** – 9 a.m. to noon at the Bufferlands. Join us for a two-mile guided hike as we look for wildflowers, returning migrating birds and other signs of spring. Advance registration is required for this free event as space is limited. Email [conardc@sacsewer.com](mailto:conardc@sacsewer.com) to register – location details will be emailed to registered participants ahead of the event.

## Thursday, March 19

**Economic Equity Resource Fair** – 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at District56. Join us for this free speaker panel and mixer; enjoy a variety of vendors. Presented by the Economic Equity Task Force, City of Elk Grove and First US Community Credit Union. 8230

Civic Center Drive.

## Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22

**FIRST Robotics Competition** – at Pleasant Grove High School. This California District Sacramento qualifying event is a high-energy, high-tech spectator sporting event where teams, professionals and young people work together to solve an engineering design problem in an intense and competitive way. Spectators are welcome for free both days. Catch the excitement of the competition, tour the pits to visit with teams and robots, and cheer on your favorite teams. Schedule and more information at [cafirst.org/frc/sacramento](http://cafirst.org/frc/sacramento). 9531 Bond Road.

## Saturday, March 21

**Creative Space Market: Cherry Blossom Festival** – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Old Town Plaza. Join us to celebrate cherry blossoms and everything that represents this beautiful occasion. Find creations that capture the spirit of the cherry blossom, from its delicate beauty to its vibrant, fleeting essence. 9615 Railroad St.

**Sip on the Wild Side: A Zoofandel Experience** – 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Christopher Cellars. This special afternoon is a collaboration with the Sacramento Zoological Society, with a portion of Zoofandel sales donated to support their conservation and education efforts. Enjoy a day of wine, music and fun, including live music, wildlife-themed trivia, a photo booth, food truck, and of course, wine. 9654 Bradshaw Road.

**Crab Fest Fundraiser** – 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Wackford Community & Aquatic Complex. All proceeds benefit the "Voice of the Youth" (VOY) annual college tour and other VOY programs. Enjoy all-you-can-eat crab, music, raffles and community fun. Tickets available at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com). 9014 Bruceville Road.

## Monday, March 23

**Get Bald at BJ's: a St. Baldrick's Event** – 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse. Join us to have some fun and be a hero for kids with cancer. During the event, BJ's will donate 20% of food and soft beverage sales to St. Baldrick's. Visit in person, order online or place a take-out order using a special flyer. See [exploreelkgrove.com/events](http://exploreelkgrove.com/events) for the flyer link. 9237 Laguna Springs Drive.

## Saturday, April 11

**Plant Sale** – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Elk Grove Garden Club will host a plant sale, and the community is invited. There will be a variety of beautiful and unusual plants, including annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, succulents, air plants and indoor plants. 8609 Brodie Court.

## 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 information, contact Ruth at 916-509-1414. Next meeting will be Saturday, March 21. 8986 Elk Grove Blvd.

**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](http://elkgroverotary.org).

**Sunday Pop-Up Market at HomeGrown Inc.** – every Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the HomeGrown Inc. Farmer's Market "store." Enjoy music, delicious food, fresh baked goods, local shopping, and health and wellness vendors; there's something for everyone. 9120 Elk Grove Blvd.

**Widowed Persons Social Club** – March 13, 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.

March 14, 10:30 a.m.: Coffee gathering at Peet's Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

March 19, 11:30 a.m.: Lunch and 12:30 p.m. general meeting at Golden Corral, 7700 W. Stockton, \$24; includes lunch. Contact Pat at 916-802-4524.

March 20, 10 a.m.: Mixed variety game day at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Gerri at 916-698-1940.

A widowed person may attend up to three events while deciding if they wish to join WPSC. Contact Bonnie at 916-422-1522 if you are interested in membership.

## Library Events

Sacramento County Libraries have the following upcoming events: (EG) Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd.; (F) Franklin, 10055 Franklin High Road; (NW) Nonie Wetzel Library, 170 Primasing Ave., Courtland; (VH) Valley Hi/North Laguna, 7400 Imagination Parkway, Sacramento:

Friday, March 13: Explore and learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. (EG) AARP Tax-Aide, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. AARP will provide free tax preparation services to seniors and low-income households. Appointments required on the library website. (VH) Saturday, March 14: Family story time,

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Culture through cloth – Threads of Belonging workshop series, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Workshop 2: Weaving as Ancestral Memory. Learn how to weave on a frame loom and learn some history on the Ilokana weaving tradition called "Inabel." (VH) Healthy eats with Stacey Ring, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Stacey will lead the group through a cooking demonstration focused on diabetes-friendly recipes. She'll share insight into creating grocery lists, making smart shopping choices and sourcing the best ingredients. Samples will be provided. (F)

Wednesday, March 18: Explore and learn, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH) Teen space, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (EG) Teen space, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. hexaflexagons. (NW) STEAM for kids, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. building bridges (F)

Thursday, March 19: Family story time, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (EG) 1-on-1 Financial coaching, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The City of Sacramento's Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) offers free professional financial coaching and student loan counseling for residents of Sacramento who are 18 and older. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit the library website. (VH) Adult space, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (VH)

Friday, March 20: Explore and learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. (EG) AARP Tax-Aide, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. AARP will provide free tax preparation services to seniors and low-income households. Appointments required on the library website. (VH) Tween book group, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join us for a discussion of our book of the month, "Anzu and the realm of Darkness" by Mai K. Nguyen. Copies will be available at the library's front desk. (EG)

Saturday, March 21: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (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. Family Breakfast: 9 a.m. first Saturdays, Mimi's Café.

**Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233** – first Mondays, 5:45 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

**Marine Corps League Detachment #1238** – first Thursday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

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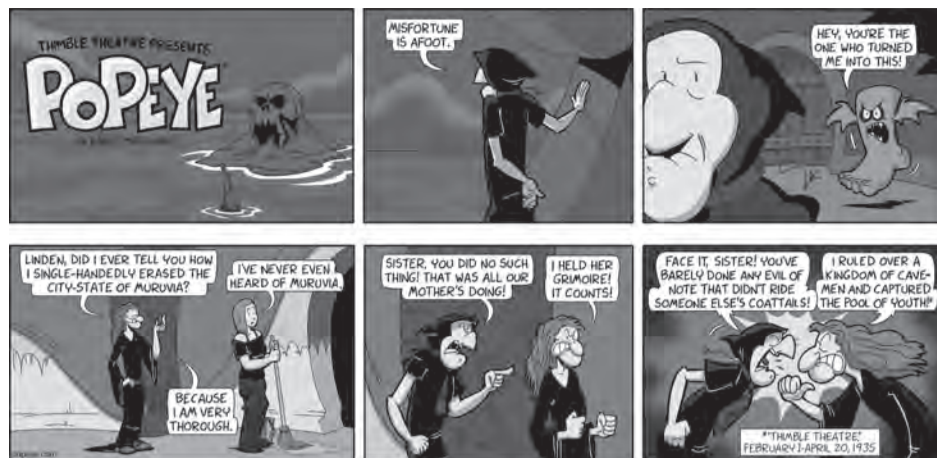
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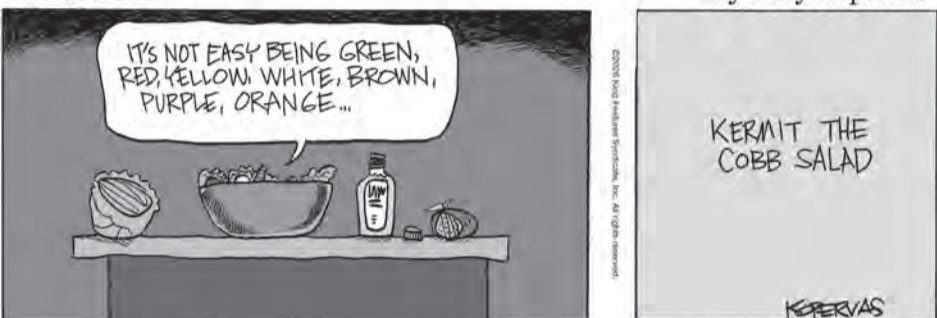
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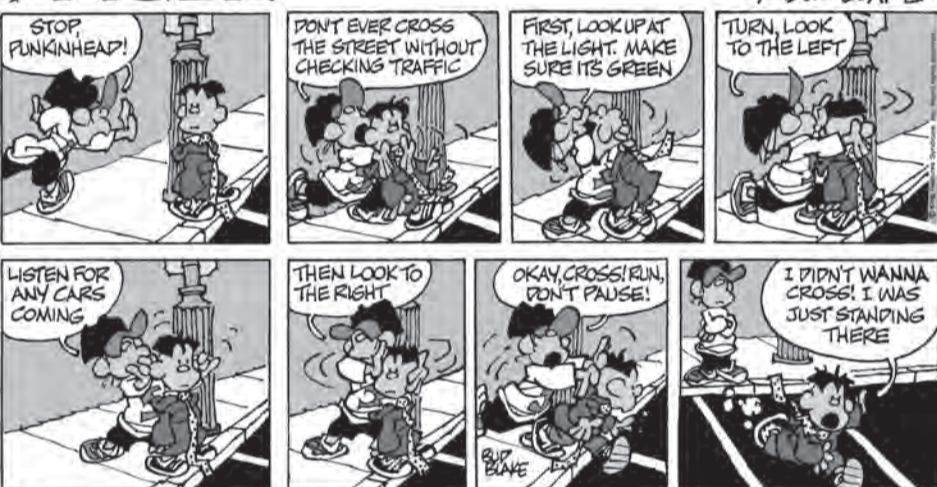
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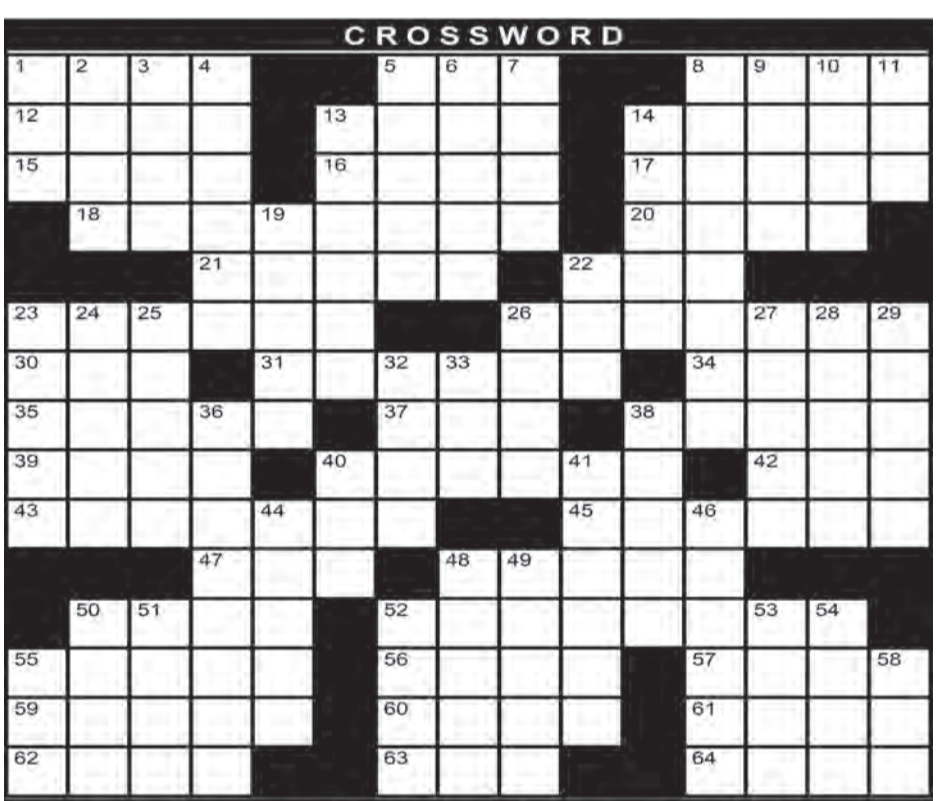
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# POLICE LOGS

**Feb. 23**

7:13 a.m., Geneva Pointe Drive/East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Geovanny Guerrero, 20, on warrant charges.

8:16 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Grove Police arrested Leonard Dixon, 43, on resisting arrest, giving false identification to a police officer, destroying or concealing evidence, possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

4 p.m., 8500 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Eddie Tovar, 44, on warrant charges.

8:15 p.m., 8300 block of Power Inn Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Mia Sanchez, 20, on warrant charges.

**Feb. 24**

10 a.m., 9500 block of Laguna Springs Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Julia Ma, 27, on vandalism charges.

10:38 a.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Mario Myers, 21, on robbery charges.

3:55 p.m., 10000 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Paul Gonzalez, 41, on trespassing charges. 6:34 p.m., 8700 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Mark Nugent, 29, on elder abuse and parole violation

charges.

7:05 p.m., Bilby Road/Tilia Avenue, Elk Grove Police arrested Brandon Hughes, 24, on reckless driving charges.

11:02 p.m., Grant Line Road/East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Brian Graham, 46; and Santino Vera, 37, on possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant charges.

**Feb. 25**

9:58 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Antonio Delgado, 29, on shoplifting and false impersonation charges.

3:15 p.m., 8900 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Ian Collins, 19, on trespassing and resisting arrest charges.

3:27 p.m., 7400 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 13, on shoplifting and criminal conspiracy charges.

4:49 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Alexisse Marshall, 41, on violation of restraining order charges.

6:31 p.m., 9100 block of Franklin Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Samuel Splinter, 26, on shoplifting and trespassing charges.

8:59 p.m., 9100 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Tupoutua Tuifua, 30, on possession of burglary

tools, and false impersonation and theft with priors charges.

10:20 p.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Shukrullah Shirzad, 24, on brandishing an imitation firearm charges.

11:45 p.m., 9100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Casanova Williamson, 38, on public intoxication charges.

**Feb. 26**

2:44 a.m., 8300 block of Fox Hound Circle, Elk Grove Police arrested Shaylah Garcia Tapia, 37, on reckless evasion, resisting arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

1:03 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Rosa Sanchez-Velazquez, 43, on domestic violence charges.

1:24 p.m., 9600 block of West Taron Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Samuel Splinter, 26, on robbery charges.

9:09 p.m., 8700 block of Boysenberry Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Watano Williams, 52, on possession of controlled substance charges.

9:51 p.m., Bond Road/Terra Linda Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Satnam Singh, 43, on DUI charges.

**Feb. 27**

2:15 a.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Big Horn

Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Earl Tomes, 48, on possession of controlled substance charges.

6:39 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Harley Gower, 45, on domestic violence charges.

8:12 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Pardeep Singh, 36, on vandalism charges.

10:41 p.m., 9700 block of Bond Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Ryan Hershey, 35, on shoplifting, receiving stolen property and warrant charges.

**Feb. 28**

12:48 a.m., 9100 block of Hensley Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Jose Chavez, 43, on grand theft, possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

7:20 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Dakarai Baldwin, 36, on shoplifting, shoplifting with priors and parole violation charges.

7:53 p.m., 8800 block of J Sheehan Street, Elk Grove Police arrested Charles Flader, 37, on public intoxication and resisting arrest charges.

**March 1**

7:54 a.m., Big Horn Boulevard/Whitelock Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Sedaria Torrence,

20, on DUI/drug charges.

8:23 a.m., Franklin Boulevard/Big Horn Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Angel Jaramillo-Lara, 60, on DUI charges.

10:21 a.m., 9100 block of East Laguna Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Jemila Said, 36, on burglary charges.

3:30 p.m., 4900 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Kevin Rozier, 46, on public intoxication and resisting arrest charges.

4:46 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Ryan Martin, 45, on theft with priors charges.

**March 2**

7:32 a.m., Bruceville Road/Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Travis Hudson, 42, on warrant charges.

2:33 p.m., 8900 block of Big Horn Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Cameron Scott, 33, on brandishing a weapon and resisting arrest charges.

4:28 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Nicole Burch, 32, on shoplifting, shoplifting with priors and warrant charges.

4:52 p.m., 9400 block of West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Edward Owens, 40, on warrant charges.

5:09 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Noah Jackson,

21, on domestic violence charges.

7:37 p.m., 8400 block of Vila Gale Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Darrell Rogers, 37, on violation of court order charges.

8:26 p.m., Epoch Drive/Willard Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Kaliya Griffin, 28, on driving with blood-alcohol level above .08% charges.

9:49 p.m., 9400 block of Canmoor Circle, Elk Grove Police arrested Vipine Narr, 34, on violation of court order charges.

10:32 p.m., 7400 Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Brenda Juarez Ramirez, 30, on warrant charges.

**March 3**

1:22 a.m., Bond Road/East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Derek Allen, 60, on DUI/drug charges.

5:37 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Dale Johnson, 43, on trespassing and warrant charges.

7:24 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Sean Sutton, 22, on domestic violence and child endangerment charges.

8:15 a.m., Kammerer Road/Promenade Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested German Vazquezlara, 36, on driving without owner's consent and receiving stolen property charges. ★

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# Troubies Softball Falls Late at Laguna Creek

St. Francis High School Athletics News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Senior center fielder Alexis McFarland and sophomore pitcher Kaili Heeb each smacked RBI doubles, but St. Francis surrendered five runs in the fifth and sixth innings to see its 2-2 battle wither to a 7-2 loss at Laguna Creek in non-league girls' fastpitch action Saturday, March 7.

The Troubadours slip to 2-5 for the season. The Cardinals win their fourth straight game to improve to 5-2 overall.

McFarland knocked her double to straight-away center in the second inning, bringing in Marissa Jensen, who reached on an error to lead off the frame. Unfortunately for St. Francis, the ball went through the fence for a ground-rule double, halting Ava Bernel at third. McFarland and Bernel ended up stranded in scoring position, as left-center fielder freshman righty Kynleigh Sickels retired the next two Troubies in order.

Heeb's double came in the fifth, also to center and also plating a runner, third baseman Isabella Barge,



The St. Francis High School Troubies softball team surrendered five runs across the fifth and sixth innings as a 2-2 game slipped away in a 7-2 nonleague loss at Laguna Creek on Saturday, March 7. Photo courtesy of St. Francis High School

who reached on a Cardinal miscue. Sickels again escaped with no further damage when freshman left fielder Addison Berndt chased down a Lillyana Perkins fly ball deep into four territory. Still, Heeb's RBI equalized the contest at 2-2.

Laguna Creek, which scored in the first and fourth to twice take a one-run lead, pushed across three unearned runs on two hits and three sacrifice fly errors in the fifth. Then in the bottom of the sixth, Heeb coaxed two easy grounders before the Cardinals added two insurance runs. Right fielder and

No. 3 hitter Kate Saxton delivered an RBI double for that seventh run.

Barge came up with a double of her own when her hard bouncer reached the fence with two out in the seventh. Ariella Alcantar, who reached on a force out, moved around to third to set up two runners in scoring position. Sickels finished her day in the pitching circle by getting Heeb to fly out to center.

St. Francis was set to return to action Tuesday, March 10 for another non-Sierra Foothill League game at Schuster Field, this time at home against Pioneer. ★

# Nonprofit to Host Third Annual Pickleball Tourney



Logan's Little Warriors Founder Kerrie Hill, center front, stands with winners of the women's doubles matches at the nonprofit's inaugural pickleball tournament. Citizen file photo

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Local nonprofit Logan's Little Warriors will host its third annual Pickleball Tournament Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22 at Cosumnes River College, 8401 Center Parkway in Sacramento. The two-day event will bring together players of varying skill levels while raising funds to support community enrichment opportunities for youth.

Logan's Little Warriors offers education programs, life skills education, day camps and special events for children of all ages. The nonprofit was founded by Kerrie Hill in memory of her son, Logan Hugentobler, who passed away in 2022 due to an accidental drug overdose. The organization aims to honor his legacy by helping young people build strength, confidence and real-world skills.

The first day of the tournament, Saturday, March 21, will begin with a free pickleball clinic for adults and youth from noon to 2 p.m. The clinic is designed to help players of all skill levels sharpen their abilities through instruction from experienced coaches who will teach techniques, run drills and share strategies to improve their game. Youth registration is required at bit.ly/4rSJhiO (case sensitive).

Tournament play will follow Saturday with women's divisions for skill levels 3.0 (advanced beginner), 3.25 (low intermediate) and 3.5 (intermediate). Men's doubles will also take place that day for skill levels 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 (advanced).

Competition will continue Sunday, March 22 with mixed doubles for skill levels 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0, along with 2.5 (beginner) women's doubles. At 1:30 p.m., the event will feature

a Money Ball round, a fixed-partner round robin competition where the top finisher will receive a \$500 cash prize. Participants will also have a chance to win a paddle giveaway from Jolle Pickleball.

Players interested in competing can register at bit.ly/409WrMi (case sensitive). Registration is \$50 per person.

Proceeds from the event will help fund the nonprofit's first outdoor overnight camping trip for the children it serves, offering them an opportunity to unplug and connect with others.

Several local businesses have signed on as sponsors, including Banner Personal Injury, Hooks Realty Group, The Harris Team, The Stages of Love, The Picklr and Jim Cox. Additional sponsors are welcome. For more, contact Hill at info@loganslittlewarriors.com or call 916-202-5563. ★

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# Hornet Football to Join Mid-American Conference

## Sacramento State Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Mid-American Conference recently announced the addition of Sacramento State as a football-only member beginning July 1.

“Today’s exciting announcement is about strengthening our competitive profile and creating value for the membership,” said MAC commissioner Jon Steinbrecher. “We were presented with an opportunity to add an institution with demonstrated success in football, a record of investment and commitment to the continued growth of the institution and community. Sacramento State is ready and poised for this next step. I welcome the Hornets to the Mid-American Conference and expect they will become a competitive and contributing member to the long history and legacy of one of the oldest Division I conferences.”

The Sacramento State football program has won seven conference titles, including three consecutive Big Sky championships from 2019-2022, and was just one of just 12 FCS programs to win at least seven games in five of the last six seasons. During that time, the Hornets made four NCAA FCS Playoff appearances and held a top 25 ranking for 50 weeks.

“This partnership will immediately strengthen the Mid-American



Sacramento State is joining the Mid-American Conference as a football-only member beginning July 1. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State

Conference’s competitiveness, and it will provide flexibility for the future,” said Geoffrey S. Mearns, council of presidents chair and president of Ball State University. “In this period of dynamic transformation, we believe we must be proactive and innovative. This relationship demonstrates the enduring viability of our conference, and it provides our member institutions with additional confidence.”

“I am pleased to welcome Sacramento State to the Mid-American Conference,” said Scott Wetherbee, chair of the MAC council of directors of athletics and vice president/director

of athletics at Eastern Michigan University. “I want to commend Commissioner Steinbrecher for his forward-thinking leadership and creative approach in identifying opportunities that enhance value for our membership. The addition of Sacramento State as a football-only member strengthens our conference and positions us well for continued collective success.”

Sacramento State is the only public university in the capital of California that has the world’s fourth-largest economy. Founded in 1947, Sac State has grown into one of the region’s leading centers

of research, innovation and community engagement with an enrollment of nearly 31,000. It is an accessible and inclusive place of learning, located on a picturesque campus along the American River.

“This is a historic moment for Sacramento State — a bold leap into the future,” said Dr. Luke Wood, president of Sacramento State. “Our move to the FBS represents more than a change in classification; it is a declaration of who we are and where we’re going. We are elevating our university, our student-athletes, and the entire Greater Sacramento

region onto the national stage — committed to competing, leading and winning at the highest level.”

“This is bigger than football. It’s about opportunity, visibility and momentum. It’s about attracting the next generation of students, fueling enrollment and innovation, and building partnerships that will transform Sacramento State for decades to come. Together, we are proving that belief, vision, and hard work can redefine what’s possible.”

“We extend our sincere gratitude to the MAC Commissioner and the MAC university presidents for their leadership, trust, and confidence in our program. The future is bright, the mission is clear and the climb continues.”

“This is a special day for Sacramento State. I am ecstatic for our football student-athletes, coaches, and staff who work so hard to represent our university,” said Sacramento State Director of Athletics Mark Orr. “Our student athletes will now have the opportunity to showcase their talent on the highest level of college football in front of national audiences. I am grateful to Commissioner Steinbrecher, the University Presidents, and all the dedicated staff that played a pivotal role in making this possible. The support for our football program continues to expand, and we are so proud to bring FBS football to Sacramento.” ★

# Republic FC Signs MLS All-Star Mark-Anthony Kaye

## Sacramento Republic FC News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento Republic FC announced that the club has signed Canadian international and MLS All-Star midfielder Mark-Anthony Kaye. He will be added to the team’s roster pending league and federation approval. Per club policy, the terms of the contract were not disclosed.

“When a player with Mark-Anthony’s experience and quality decides that this is where he wants to be, it validates everything we’re building,” said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins. “He’s a proven winner, a leader in the locker room and a competitor who sets the tone every time he steps on the pitch. He elevates those around him and is going to make our entire squad strong as we begin our pursuit of Championship silverware.”

Collins continued, “Our ownership has made it clear that the expectation here is to compete for trophies every season. Their willingness to invest in top talent reflects that ambition, and this signing is another example of that commitment in action.”

“It’s clear that this club has its sights set on reaching a new level and I’m excited to be a part of that,” said Kaye. “I want to use my experience and my talent to help the team win, but at the end of the year we want to be able to count the number



Sacramento Republic FC announced that the club has signed Canadian international and MLS All-Star midfielder Mark-Anthony Kaye. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

of trophies we’ve put in the cabinet. The USL is a competitive league, and I’m here to win.”

Kaye joins the Indomitable Club after a lone season with San Jose Earthquakes. He was acquired by the Bay Area club ahead of the 2025 campaign in a trade with New England Revolution including two other players for \$500,000 in general allocation money. Last year, he featured in 30 of 37 matches for San Jose – and started

one-third of the matches where he was part of the team sheet.

The 31-year-old standout has established himself as one of the most-consistent two-way midfielders in American soccer. After spending the early years of his career in USL, winning the league championship with Louisville City in 2016, Kaye was named to Los Angeles FC’s inaugural 2018 roster. As a member of the Black & Gold, Kaye emerged as a starter

and in 2019 was a central figure in a historic campaign that saw LAFC capture the Supporters’ Shield with a then-league record 72 points. In 31 league appearances, he scored four goals and added eight assists to earn a selection to the MLS All-Star Team. Kaye continued to be a regular contributor in 2020 as LAFC advanced to the Concacaf Champions League Final. Across four seasons in Los Angeles, he made 89 appearances with nine goals and 17 assists across all competitions, including three consecutive playoff appearances.

He continued his career with stints at Colorado Rapids, Toronto FC and New England Revolution, where he continued to serve as a leader and consistent contributor. Across his entire MLS career, Kaye has made 201 appearances in league and postseason play with 16 goals and 26 assists, as well as a stellar 85% passing accuracy.

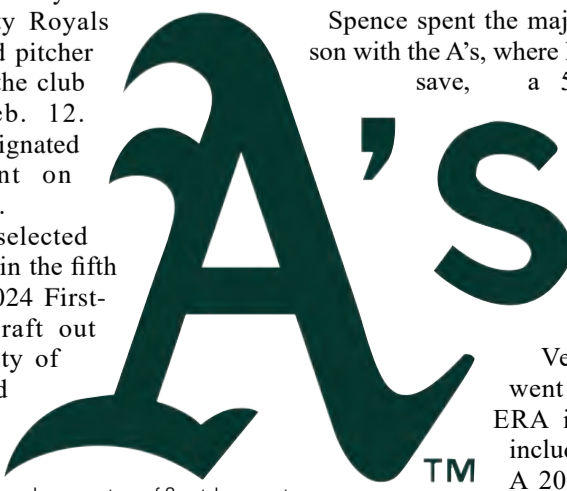
On the international stage, Kaye earned his position in a rising Canadian side. Since his debut in 2017, Canada has climbed the FIFA rankings from 93 up to 26th in the world. During that time, Mark logged 40 senior caps – including 5 goal contributions during qualification to help Canada reach its second ever World Cup berth. In addition to World Cup play, he has represented Canada in the Concacaf Gold Cup, Concacaf Nations League and various international friendlies. ★

# Athletics Acquire A.J. Causey from Royals for Mitch Spence

## Athletics News Release

**LAS VEGAS, NV (MPG)** - The Athletics have acquired minor league right-handed pitcher A.J. Causey from the Kansas City Royals for right-handed pitcher Mitch Spence, the club announced Feb. 12. Spence was designated for assignment on Tuesday Feb. 10.

Causey was selected by Kansas City in the fifth round of the 2024 First-Year Player Draft out of the University of Tennessee and made his professional debut in 2025. He combined for an 11-5 record, nine saves and a 1.72 ERA in 48 relief appearances with High-A Quad Cities and Double-A Northwest Arkansas. The 23-year-old



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right-hander held the opposition to a .176 batting average and did not allow a home run in 40.1 innings. Causey struck out 44 and walked 11 and will join the A’s camp as a non-roster invitee.

Spence spent the majority of last season with the A’s, where he was 3-6 with a save, a 5.10 ERA and a .816 opponents OPS in 32 games, including eight starts. He also had a two-month stay at Las Vegas, where he went 0-1 with a 6.21 ERA in eight games, including seven starts. A 2023 Rule-5 Draft selection, Spence made his Major League debut with the A’s in 2024 and went 11-16 with a 4.77 ERA in 67 games, 32 starts, in two seasons. ★

# Samiya Jenkins Selected to Big 8 All-Conference Team



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## American River College News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - American River College forward Samiya Jenkins has been named to the 2025-26 Big 8 All-Conference Team, recognizing her stand-out performance and leadership. A key contributor for the Beavers, Jenkins, an Inderkum High School alumna, was highlighted for her defensive presence and consistent offensive impact. ★