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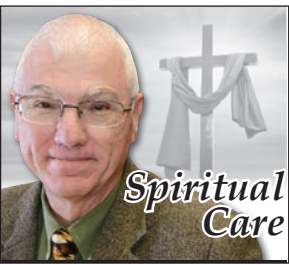
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## Land Park Course is 100 *Morton Golf Continues Being the 'Heart' of Local Golf*



The city golf team includes, from left, Rick Launey, Rick Jennings, Darryl Steinberg and Patrick Kennedy. Photo by Morton Golf

**By Kristina Rogers**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On June 8, William Land Golf Course celebrated Sacramento's oldest existing nine holes of golf. Operator Morton Golf hosted local players, dignitaries, and long-time friends to enjoy a day on the green.

Founder and CEO Ken Morton Sr. has managed Sacramento golf for sixty-six years. He began in 1958 at Haggin Oaks. Today, the

family business handles all four of Sacramento's public golf courses. His son Ken Morton Jr. told me he remembers running around Haggin Oaks at seven years old, giving change at the driving range and working in the pro shop. It's all Morton Jr. has known, and he loves it. You could say, comparatively, William Land Golf Course is a recent acquisition. His dad took over management in July 2018. A good deal for the city budget since the company

is "self-contained" and doesn't rely on Sacramento tax dollars.

The first step for new management was to find a great general manager, and Curt David was the answer. Morton Jr. said, "We all tease that our work is our home, but it truly is for Curt. He lives down the street from the course, and his job is his passion. We adore having him as our GM. He infused this magical energy into the facility that hadn't existed before."

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## Fireworks and July 4: Keep it Safe; Keep it Legal

**Sacramento County  
News Release**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - With Independence Day coming up, it's always a good idea to know the risks of fireworks, only use legal fireworks and stay safe when using them.

If you see or suspect illegal firework usage, report it! When it comes to fireworks, we want to keep it safe and keep it legal!

### The Use or Sale of Illegal Fireworks will Result in Fines

In 2022, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors adopted a social host ordinance that levies fines, starting at \$1,000, against property owners that either use or allow the use of illegal fireworks on their property, in addition to fines for use in places such as the American River Parkway.

"Host," as it relates to this ordinance, means a person who knowingly permits or allows fireworks to be lit, exploded or sold on private property owned or controlled by the person.

If the illegal fireworks are being set off from your property, you are responsible for the fines.

Penalties for violations are as follows:

\$1,000 for the first violation, \$2,500 for the second violation within one year of the first violation, \$5,000 for each additional violation within one year of the first violation, and \$10,000 for each violation that occurs at schools, parks and within the American River Parkway.

### When to Call 9-1-1

Calls for service throughout the county increase dramatically on July 4, and emergency response resources are stretched extremely thin.

During the holiday weekend, use 9-1-1 for emergencies only, such as an active fire or injury or immediate threat to persons or property. Each jurisdiction has provided an alternative method to report illegal fireworks sales and usage.

### Know the Risks

The unsafe use of fireworks can cause severe burns, amputations, blinding and even death. Damaging fires might

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## Walking with American Heroes

**Story and photos by  
Kristina Rogers**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Celebrating our U.S. Veterans is certainly something Americans do often. And although newer generations hear about "sacrifice," there isn't always a deep understanding of what that really means. All they hear are dates along with static photos in a school history book.

A recent flag planting ceremony at the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery made military history more "interactive." The event was supported by Walk with Me, a non-profit founded by William Franco III. War veterans and the Boy Scout troops worked together to place flags at the gravesite of the dead who served from the Civil War to Desert Storm.

Franco said, "The Walk with Me program brings an active-duty soldier or veteran together with a Boy or Girl Scout. They walk alongside each other and carry on a conversation."

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Willam Franco III stands next to the Veterans Affiliated Council memorial.



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# Libraries Provide Free Meals to Youth This Summer

By Annie Kerr and Mitch Barber

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - As another blisteringly hot summer unfolds, library officials make it a priority to provide support to youth while they are out of school and parents are working.

Fourteen public libraries throughout the area are offering free meals to local youth as needed throughout the summer.

Lunch at the Library provides free meals for young people when school is out for summer.

From June 18 through Aug. 9, meals will be distributed at 14 library locations Tuesdays through Fridays from noon to 1 p.m.

Lunch is available for free for youth 18 and under who are physically present. Meals must be consumed on-site. No registration is required. Drop-ins are welcome. Eligibility documentation is not required. Look for signage at the library or meeting room entrance.

“The Sacramento Public Library has been doing this since 2013,” said Christie Hamm, youth services director.

“Libraries have stepped in to help kids whose families might be stressed. Our meals come with whole grains and fruits and vegetables. So, they get a good

healthy meal, and we also help them get connected with our different summer reading programs,” she continued. “It’s a great time, and a friendly and welcoming place for them to come to.”

According to Hamm, all are welcome to enjoy the free lunches and there is no income requirement. The youth are encouraged to come to the library and engage in reading programs, computer and STEAM programs, book groups, and they might even win prizes.

The programming varies by library branch.

“Lunch is just the beginning of connecting people to other services the library provides,” Hamm said.

The lunches are funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and programs are funded by the California State Library.

*Lunch will not be served on July 4. All libraries will be closed for the holiday.*

### Meal Locations

Meal sites are available at 14 library locations: Arcade, Carmichael, Colonial Heights, Del Paso Heights, Elk Grove, Fair Oaks, Martin Luther King, Jr., North Highlands – Antelope, North Sacramento - Hagginwood, Rancho Cordova, Rio



Teen volunteers help with the Lunch at the Library program. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Public Library

Linda, Southgate, Sylvan Oaks, and Valley Hi - North Laguna.

### USDA Meal Finder

Find a summer site in your community

with the Summer Meal Site Finder mapping tool.

You can also text “Summer Meals” to 914-342-7744 or call 1-866-348-6479 to find a site near you.

# Walking with American Heroes

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Franco said it’s about recognizing all the stages of military service; young recruits, active military, veterans, retired and those who have passed away.

As the commander of the Veterans Affiliated Council Board of Directors, he’s clear about being a civilian who has never served but wants to give back. “Both my grandfathers and great-grandfathers served. I’m a Navy brat and was born in Balboa Navel Hospital. My mother was an American migrant farm worker working different crops from Texas to California. When she joined the U.S. military, she had nothing but the shirt on her back. The military gave her structure, a community and a family. She’s very successful and has done a wonderful job.” Today his mother is an engineer with a home in a nice, Sacramento County suburb.

His point was, “If you truly put your best foot forward and do for your country, there’s a lot your country will do for you.”

Veteran Jim Faulkinbury planted flags with his daughter Kara and grandson Isaac. He served in the Air Force in the Middle East. He also works with the Sons of the American Revolution and the American Legion. Isaac, a Boy Scout, told me what he thinks about his grandad: “He’s pretty impressive. I think it’s cool that he tracked satellites like Apollo 14. And he was on the site where Sputnik was tracked.” The family celebrates Memorial Day each year and ends it with a family dinner.

Nearby, Marisa Salisbury, who is a leader for Boy Scout Troop 53, and her son Charles were working hard too. Salisbury said Charles has been in Scouts since he was in fourth grade, when he was two feet shorter. Now he towers over his mother. She said, “I think it’s wonderful to remember these people and what they did to protect us. I want Charles to have that kind of valor and be brave.”

Franco explained, for those interested in a military career, Scouts is an excellent path. Typically, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are in the top 1% who get accepted to military academies like West Point. And those who make Eagle Scout are looked at even more closely. Why? Franco said, “Because it shows a strong commitment to their



5,000 flags were put on the graves of servicemen and women at Sacramento Historic City Cemetery.



Veteran Jim Faulkinbury stands between his daughter Kara and Grandson Isaac.

community. They know how to work together and follow a chain of command.” These are skills that are very attractive to military recruiters.

And as Franco’s family has learned, the benefits of a military career can lead to further success in civilian life, as well. He believes the military is a great option for underprivileged kids since it offers structure and opportunity.

Walk with Me and the Veterans Affiliated Council also put veteran needs in front of politicians and legislators with events like the recent Los Angeles Congressional Veteran Forum. Franco said, “We work to hold our legislators accountable, so they follow through with what they promised us. Putting veterans in the forefront of this is the key.” Anyone who’s aware of the current state of veterans’ support and benefits understands how vital this is.

Memorial Day weekend is only the recent effort. Walk with Me supports military appreciation throughout the year such as Veteran’s Day, 9/11, the 4th of July and Armed Forces Day. And they support efforts all over the state of California.

As the young Scouts and their families continued to plant flags and prepare for the weekend festivities, I



Marisa Salisbury, troop leader for Boy Scouts 53, stands with her son, Charles.

noticed the planting is a ceremony itself. Reading the gravesites of soldiers and considering what they did for their country is a valuable reflective moment.

William Franco explained, “This makes it more tangible, instead of just the preverbal bumper sticker ‘We honor our veterans.’ We ask, okay, well how? By doing what? Paying your taxes? This is the true piece where you get to feel it, eat it, breathe it. Being able to see the youth work with veterans and honor our fallen heroes really warms my heart.”

To learn more about Walk with Me and other Veteran organizations go to: [www.calvac.org](http://www.calvac.org). To learn about the Sons of the American Revolution go to: [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org).



A vet and Scout walk together to place flags and talk.



Flags sit ready to plant at veterans’ graves.



Boy Scouts work together.



Leroy John Adams and a Boy Scout work together to honor the veterans’ grave sites.



# Keeping Focus on Municipal Services

The City of Sacramento is fundamentally a municipal services organization, both in principle and practice.

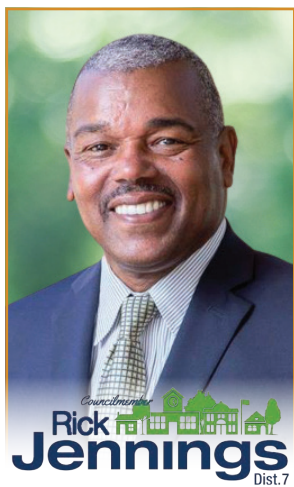
We deliver essential services to our residents, including police and fire protection, trash collection, and park maintenance. During this year’s budget discussions on how to address the multimillion-dollar structural deficit, I focused on preserving these critical municipal services.

I am pleased to report that we were largely successful in maintaining this focus.

Looking ahead to future budgets, we have more work to do to balance our structural deficit. My priority will remain on core municipal services: the services that only the City of Sacramento can provide to our residents. These include public safety, park maintenance, and trash collection. No other entity will provide these services if we do not. Therefore, our budgetary spending must prioritize these core services.

There are, however, areas of non-core services where we can and should collaborate with other organizations and government entities to meet the needs of our shared constituents. These services can be effectively provided through joint partnerships, with each organization contributing appropriately to achieve common goals.

A notable example of such a partnership, emerging from this year’s budget discussions, is the



RYDEFree RT program. The City initially funded RT passes for school-aged children at a cost of \$1 million per year. The program

yielded positive outcomes, such as improved student attendance and the ability for students to use the passes for jobs, extracurricular activities, and internships outside school hours. Overall, it had a very positive impact.

Given the City’s structural deficit, we must evaluate every program thoroughly. While the RYDEFree RT program is important, it is not a core municipal service. If the City did not provide it, others would. Through discussions with Regional Transit (RT) and our school district partners, we reached an agreement where RT and the school districts joined us in funding this program. This collaboration allowed the City to reduce its annual cost by \$750,000.

By focusing on core municipal services and collaborating with other governmental and non-profit organizations, we can enhance our service delivery.

We can concentrate our efforts on public safety and park maintenance while partnering with others to address issues like homelessness and youth services.

*Rick Jennings is the Sacramento councilmember for District 7.* ★

# Celebrate July 4 at Area Events

By Ornella Rossi

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Get ready to celebrate Independence Day with a lineup of exciting events across the region. Whether you're craving carnival rides, live music, delicious food from local vendors or simply a stunning fireworks display, these events promise something special for everyone.

Join the two-day festival in Rancho Cordova on July 3 and 4. The festivities kick off with the All-American Mile Road race at 9:30 a.m. on July 4 along Coloma Road, followed by a vibrant parade at 10 a.m. featuring floats and the energetic All American Youth Marching Band. Throughout both days, from 4 to 11 p.m., enjoy carnival rides and indulge in treats from more than 30 food and beverage vendors at Hagan Park, 2197 Chase Drive.

Make sure to stick around for live music starting at 8 p.m. showcasing different bands on each day leading up to the big fireworks display at 9:45 p.m.

In Citrus Heights, the Stars and Stripes celebration in Citrus Heights begins at 6 p.m. on July 1 at Van Maren Park, 6601 Thalia Way. Enjoy live music by local bands from 7 to 9:30 p.m., explore numerous food trucks and bring the children to the fun Kids’ Zone. Cap off the night with the fireworks show starting at 9:45 p.m.

Carmichael, on June 29, will host the Red, White & Blue celebration at La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy live music by Hipper than Hip while indulging in various options of food trucks hosted by Food in the Hoods. Don’t miss out on the firework display at 9:30 p.m.

Celebrate with Elk Grove Salute to the Red, White, and



An attendee at the 2023 Salute to the Red, White and Blue in Elk Grove. MPG file photo

Blue on July 4 from 5 to 10 p.m. at 9950 Elk Grove Florin Road. Enjoy the festivities with a bike parade at 6 p.m., opening ceremonies at 7 p.m., and rock out to Agents of Rock in concert at 7:30 p.m. The night ends with a firework show at 9:40 p.m. Free shuttle rides by the Sacramento Regional Transit will be available starting at 4:30 p.m., running every 15 minutes, with return services from 10 to 11 p.m. Admission is free, with parking available for \$10. ★

# Fireworks and July 4: Keep it Safe; Keep it Legal

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occur when children use fireworks unsupervised by adults. Parents are responsible for any property damage or injuries caused by all fireworks.

## Keep it Legal

All legal fireworks in California are called Safe and Sane Fireworks and must bear the State Fire Marshal’s seal. Safe and Sane Fireworks can only be sold from noon June 28 through 9 p.m. July 4. Safe and Sane Fireworks can only be used between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. from June 28 to July 4. Any firework that goes up in the air or explodes is illegal and dangerous.

## Keep it Safe

Always have a non-combustible bucket of water to dispose of fireworks and leave in the water overnight before disposing. Always have an available hose connected to water in case of fire. Do not use fireworks near dry grass or other flammable materials. Do not use fireworks while under a canopy, covered balcony, covered patio or under a tree or bushes.

## How to Report Illegal Fireworks Sale and Usage

Unincorporated County of Sacramento: 916-874-5115 or [reportfireworks@saccounty.gov](mailto:reportfireworks@saccounty.gov)  
City of Sacramento: 916-808-FIRE or the Sacramento Fire Department App  
Aren’t sure who or how to report? Call 3-1-1 to be connected to the right place. ★

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# Annual Emerge Summit Set for Sept. 5 at The Sofia

**T-Rock Communications News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Tickets are available now for the young professionals’ event of the year that brings together hundreds across the region. Spearheaded by Metro EDGE, a program of the Sacramento Metro Chamber Foundation, the annual Emerge Summit is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 5 at The Sofia in Midtown Sacramento. Celebrating growth and development, the Emerge Summit is the largest young professionals conference on the West Coast. The high-energy daylong event is the result of a collaborative effort of regional organizations committed to supporting young professionals and their growth in the community. Each year, hundreds of Sacramento’s emerging young professionals participate in

the personal and professional development conference, which includes inspirational speakers, educational breakout sessions and coveted opportunities to network with peers. The annual Emerge Summit is designed to inspire young professionals to dream big, do the work and achieve their greatest potential. Participants will engage with a diverse network, develop critical business skills, focus on giving back to the community and learn the importance of an empowering leadership mindset. The Emerge Summit will provide young professionals with a sense of belonging and encourage them to work together to explore individual and community needs. “It’s inspiring to see the multiple generations that have attended Emerge Summit over the years, been members of Metro EDGE and have

now contributed to shaping this community,” said Joaquin Razo, chair of Metro EDGE. “The Metro Chamber Foundation is very proud to offer this inspiring annual program to young professionals who gather, connect and collaborate as they pave the way for a successful career path and are crucial to our region’s inclusive economic success.” The Emerge Summit is unique in that it activates the local business community for the conference. While the morning session is hosted at The Sofia, Home of B Street Theatre, attendees then change locations for different breakout opportunities and for lunch, activating various locally owned Midtown businesses within walking distance. Breakout sessions are led by business and community leaders to develop both personal and professional skillsets. Topics

range from how to conquer your fears to learning about search engine optimization. Throughout the one-day conference that runs 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., attendees will be exposed to a variety of interactive experiences that represent the creative economy. Then, the event will conclude with a happy hour at a popular and walkable venue, Harlow’s Restaurant and Nightclub, celebrating young professionals and the endless opportunity of impact they have within their futures. “Sacramento Metro Chamber Foundation’s Metro EDGE Young Professionals Program provides an opportunity for our next generation of leaders to foster their professional growth, expand their networks and help shape the future of our region,” said Jennifer Ablog, Sacramento Metro Chamber Foundation chair and



The annual Emerge Summit is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 5 at The Sofia in Midtown Sacramento. Photo courtesy of T-Rock Communications

community & government relations manager for Kaiser Permanente. The 2024 Emerge Summit is proudly presented by engaged sponsors and partners, including UC Davis Graduate School of Management, UC Davis Health, Sutter Health, SMUD, Safe Credit Union, Kaiser Permanente and Raley’s. In addition, there are still sponsorship, venue and entertainment plus speaking opportunities available by contacting Savannah Fox at sfox@metrochamber.org. Each Emerge Summit attendee will receive an experience swag bag with goodies from local businesses to use for networking opportunities. Individual or group tickets are available, ranging in cost from \$60 (Metro EDGE members) to \$130 for single tickets, or \$115 each when purchasing five or more tickets. Emerge Summit tickets are available now via Eventbrite. More details about the 2024 Emerge Summit are available at emergeypsummit.com. ★



As fun as boating can be, it is also very important to practice it safely. Photo courtesy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

## Prepare for Boating Hazards

**U.S. National Weather Service News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Before you go out on the water, check the forecast at your local National Weather Service coastal office. You should also check for the latest National Weather Service buoy observations from the National Data Buoy Center. You should also make sure your boat has essential -- and in some cases, required -- safety equipment and communications tools. **Life Jackets** Before you and your family get out on the water this year, grab a life jacket and “Wear It!” Nearly 85 percent of those who drown while boating were not wearing a life jacket. Wearing a life jacket is one of the most effective and simple life-saving strategies for safe recreational boating. Boaters are required to have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket on board for every passenger on their vessel. Today’s life jackets are available in a wide variety

of shapes, colors and sizes. They are comfortable, lightweight and perfect for any boating activity. The most important thing is this: remember to grab a life jacket and “Wear It!” To learn more, visit the National Safe Boating Council online at [www.safeboatingcouncil.org](http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org). **Fire Extinguishers** U. S. Coast Guard-approved, marine-type fire extinguishers are required on boats where a fire hazard could be expected from the engines or fuel system. When required, boats less than 26 feet must carry at least one B-I, Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher. Boats 26-40 feet must carry two B-I or one B-II Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher(s). Boats 40-65 feet must carry three B-I or one B-II and one B-I Coast Guard approved extinguishers. Fire extinguishers are classified by a letter and a number symbol. The letter indicates the type of fire the unit is designed to extinguish, and the number indicates the size of the extinguisher.

A type B extinguisher, for example, is intended to extinguish burning liquids such as gasoline, oil or grease, all of which are common on a boat. You shouldn’t have to travel more than half the length of your boat to get to the fire extinguisher. Check your fire extinguishers at least once a year to ensure they are properly charged, stored and are undamaged. Start your boating season with this vital safety check. **Communications** Cell Phones, Weather Radios and Other Options If you have a smart phone, get weather news at [mobile.weather.gov](http://mobile.weather.gov). The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio All Hazards will sound an alert when the National Weather Service issues a weather advisory. Weather radio is a vital tool for a mariner. There are many other communications options available to mariners on the U.S. National Weather Service marine site: <https://www.weather.gov/marine/> ★

**Sacramento County News Release**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on June 5 to approve the \$8.8 billion Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25. The \$8.8 billion spending plan consists of \$3.5 billion in Enterprise and Special Revenue Fund appropriations (utility rates, fees and other dedicated revenue), \$3.8 billion in General Fund appropriations (funded with \$990 million in discretionary resources, \$1.5 billion in reimbursements from restricted funds, and the remaining \$1.3 billion in Federal, State and fee revenue dedicated to specific purposes), and \$1.5 billion in Restricted Funds. The Recommended Budget recognized new or enhanced areas of growth, including: Health Services increased by \$28.4 million for increased acute psychiatric inpatient costs, Behavioral Health Bridge Housing funding, increased capacity and services at Permanent Supportive Housing units, and behavioral health services at the Youth Detention Facility. Child, Family and Adult Services increased by \$5.7 million (\$4.5 million Net County Cost) for Child Protective Services

welcome and assessment center services and family resource center court-mandated parenting workshops. Human Assistance increased by \$4.2 million (\$100,000 Net County Cost) for childcare payments for CalWORKs participants and funding for a position in the County Veterans Services Office. The sheriff increased by \$3.9 million (\$1.2 million Net County Cost) for a mobile command vehicle, required software expenditures and required body-worn camera licenses and equipment. Correctional Health Services increased by \$3.4 million (\$300,000 Net County Cost) for a Medication Assisted Treatment Program, additional pharmacy positions (both of which support the County’s obligations under the Mays Consent Decree Remedial Plan) and a new electronic health record system. Community development increased by \$1.2 million (\$1 million Net County Cost) to support the Infill Acceleration Program, the Climate Action Plan and two Planning Technician positions. Homeless Services and Housing increased by \$1 million (before reimbursements) to fund beds at a planned Safe Stay Community and three new positions and services

supporting administration for the department. This year’s reductions totaled \$6 million, which will result in the deletion of 31 vacant full-time equivalent (FTE) positions as well as other budget reductions across several departments. No filled positions were recommended for deletion. The Recommended Budget’s most significant reductions include: Health Services reduced by \$2.2 million including consulting contracts, operational supplies and the deletion of 14 vacant FTE positions. Child, Family and Adult Services reduced by \$1.8 million, including the deletion of 16 vacant FTE positions. In addition to staff recommendations, the Board added two full-time equivalent positions: a criminal attorney in the District Attorney’s office and a criminal attorney in the Public Defender’s Office. The funding for those two positions will come out of the appropriation for contingency, reducing that appropriation from \$15.1 million to \$14.5 million. The Board also supported a three-year funding commitment to the Black Child Legacy Campaign in future budget recommendations through Fiscal Year 2026-27. ★

# Highest New Home Sales in May Since 2005, Association Reports

**North State Building Industry Association News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sales of Sacramento-area new homes maintained their rapid pace during May as North State Building Industry Association (BIA) members reported selling 666 new homes in the seven-county region. That is the highest number of new homes sold during May since 2005 during the peak of the housing boom. The total is also 200 sales higher than the average number sold during the month. North State Building

BIA President and CEO Tim Murphy said the continued strong sales volume reflects the advantages that new homes provide to buyers. “Besides the fact that new homes come with extended warranties, the latest in technology and the opportunity for buyers to customize their homes, in today’s market, homebuilders are able to offer incentives that buyers can’t get when purchasing existing homes,” Murphy said. “Simply put, builders can offer creative solutions to today’s higher interest rates and help make buying a new home possible. “And with June being



New home sales in May 2024 are up 115 homes over May 2023 in the Sacramento area. Graphic courtesy of North State BIA

National Homeownership Month, I’d encourage anyone thinking of buying a home to explore the nearly

200 new-home communities in our region to find the home and lifestyle they’re looking for,” Murphy said.

As has been typical, the highest number of new homes were sold in Placer County’s Roseville (137)

and the next four highest sales volumes were reported in Sacramento County: Rancho Cordova (98), Elk Grove (87), Sacramento (74) and Folsom (63). The Top 10 was rounded out by Lincoln (29), Plumas Lake (26), Woodland (26), Natomas (23) and El Dorado Hills (21). Building Industry Association statistics include sales by members in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. The North State BIA represents more than 500 members. For more, visit [www.northstatebia.org](http://www.northstatebia.org). ★



ABOUT TOWN

**Land Park Volunteer Corps Gardening Days**  
Wear your garden- ing gear and join LPVC at Base Camp behind Fairytale Town’s parking lot. All ages welcome. Volunteers receive free coffee and donuts in the morning. A hot lunch is served after work. Arrive Saturday morning for the following dates and times in 2024:  
July 13, 8 a.m.  
Aug. 3, 8 a.m.  
Sept. 7, 8 a.m.  
Oct. 5, 9 a.m.  
Nov. 2, 9 a.m.  
Depending on weather, dates and times may change.

**Music on the Green is June 28**  
The band Four Barrel is set to play Music on the Green from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, June 28 at William Land Golf Course. For details go to: www. williamlandgc.com

**Trucks & Such in Garcia Bend Park**  
This family fun event is hosted by District 7 Councilmember Rick Jennings from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 21 and Aug. 16

in Garcia Bend Park.

**District 7 Sponsors Music in the Park**  
Music, food trucks and fun! Sponsored by District 7 Councilmember Rick Jennings.  
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June 30, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Music in the Park @ William Curtis Park  
July 12, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Jazz in July, Joe Mazzaferro Band @ Marriott Park  
July 19, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Jazz in July, Vivian Lee @Garcia Bend Park  
July 26, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Jazz in July, Virginia Ayers-Dawson & Ayerplay @Belle Cooledge Park  
July 28, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Music in the Park @ Curtis Park  
August 25, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Music in the Park @ Curtis Park

**Fairytale Town Family Campout**  
Camp under the stars and explore Fairytale Town at night. Campouts are for

the weekends of June through August. Friday arrival at 5:30 p.m. and depart Saturday at 7 a.m. Scheduled dates: July 20 and August 9  
Go to: www.fairytal- etrown.org for details.

**Elks' Lodge Calendar of Events**  
**Farmer’s Market**, 9 am-1 pm every Saturday.  
**Elk’s Lodge Sunday Breakfast**, 8:30 am-11 am every Sunday. Bring your friends and fam- ily; \$15 tax included. Best deal in town. Made to order Omelets or eggs any way you want.. Bacon, sausage, pota- toes, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, waffles, coffee large parties should call for reservations. Guests are VERY welcome!  
**Water Aerobics**, Monday 10 am, Wednesday 2 pm, Friday 10 am  
**Yoga**, Monday 12 pm, Wednesday 3:30 pm. Lodge members free.  
**Martial Arts**, Monday 5 pm  
**Pickleball**, Mon & Wed 9 am-12 pm, Thu 4:30-7:30 pm, Sun 4-7 pm  
To sign up or confirm

schedule, join playtimes- cheduler.com  
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See elks6.net for weekly menu.  
**Karaoke**  
Thursday 7 pm  
Saturday 7:30 pm  
**Friday Happy Hour**, Friday 4-7 pm  
**Line Dancing**, 2nd and 4th Fridays

**Sacramento Area Museums Showcase Region’s Farm-to-Fork Roots All Year Long**  
The Greater Sacramento region is rich with popular muse- ums and destinations that offer diverse and enriching experiences for individuals, families, residents, and visitors alike. Given the critically important role agricul- ture continues to play in the region, many local museums offer special exhibits, experiences and activations that highlight ever-enduring Farm- to-Fork connections. A sampling of some of the Farm-to-Fork offerings at local museums includes

the following:  
**California Agriculture Museum** – Woodland is home to an entire museum focused on agriculture, filled with a unique collection of harvesters, wheel and crawler-type tractors, com- bines, trucks, art, artifacts, rotating interactive exhibits and much more.  
In all, the museum tells the history of Farm-to- Fork, dating back to the Gold Rush era and how the industry evolved from horse drawn to steam driven to fuel powered machines to harvest and transport California’s bounty.  
**California State Railroad Museum & Foundation** – A Fruit Growers Express refrig- erated rail car is on permanent display inside the Museum’s Roundhouse. Museum visitors can explore this historic rail car and exhibit, “Farm to Fork: A Public History,” and learn about how refrig- erated rail cars enabled California farmers, grow- ers, and producers send farm-to-fork freshness all over the country.  
Visitors can step inside the historic Fruit Growers Express rail car to see how the ice-cooled rail cars transported produce and built an agricultural system that exports more wealth than the California Gold Rush. Plus, the pop- ular weekend excursion train, Sacramento Southern Railroad – currently on pause due to an important rail repair project – runs on the historic Walnut Grove Branch Line.  
This rail line transported pears, asparagus, celery, seeds, and other products from the Delta communi- ties to markets nationwide.  
**Sacramento Children’s Museum** – Young visi- tors hungry to learn about fresh food have a variety of options at the Children’s Museum, including at the miniature Leo’s Market and Leo’s Food Court (a minia- ture market of food carts), about bees and honey with the in-house beehive, and an interactive train table highlighting Sacramento’s agricultural landscape in miniature, complete with mini livestock.  
For more information about upcoming activi- ties offered by Sacramento area museums, visit the user-friendly website at SacMuseums.org. ★

News to Know: The Most Popular Veterans Benefits Don’t Expire

By Dr. Paul Lawrence

While some people may think that the veterans benefits they have earned from military service could evaporate or disappear, this is inaccurate. The most popular veteran benefits have no expiration date. You can apply at any point and are not time-bound. The three most popular veterans’ benefits are disability compensation, home loan guaranty and educa- tion/G.I. Bill. For these benefits, there are important dates to remember. If you miss those dates, you may be incon- veniented but these benefits are still available, providing you qualify. Disability compensation is a tax-free monthly payment based on an injury or disability that occurred during service. A veteran completes an application, referred to as a claim. Accompanying this claim is informa- tion about their service and medical conditions. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) evaluates the claim and grants or denies benefits. A disability compensation claim can be filed as early as 180 days prior to completion of active duty and throughout the remainder of a veteran’s life. In short, there is no expiration date for disability compensation. Many veterans file multiple claims throughout their lives as new con- ditions are identified or previously identified conditions worsen. This is called a claim for an increase. There is no limit on how often this can be done. There are two important dates to keep in mind relative to disability compensation. The first concerns the Intent to File. In advance of actually applying for disability compensa- tion, you can complete an Intent to File form. This tells the VA that you

will file in the next year and preserves the effec- tive day (i.e., the date on which benefits will begin). For example, a vet- eran completes an Intent to File form establishing Feb. 1, 2024, as his/her effective date. After collecting all the needed informa- tion and forms, benefits are granted on Dec. 1, 2024. The first payment would include a retroac- tive payment reflecting the intent to file date of Feb. 1. You can get assistance with your VA claim for no cost from an accred- ited representative such as your county veterans service officer or an accredited veteran’s service organization, such as the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans or the VFW. Home Loan Guaranty allows veterans to pur- chase a home with no money down. This is a tremen- dous advantage over our civilian counter- parts, who must save for a down payment prior to purchasing a home. Subject to restrictions, this can even be used to purchase a mobile home or farm residence. There is no time restriction on this benefit. It can be used repeatedly by veterans as they move and purchase new homes. Education/G.I. Bill benefits are sig- nificant for veterans. Serve for three years and you can earn four years of



Paul Lawrence served at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs from 2018 to 2021. Photo courtesy of Paul Lawrence

**Education/G.I. Bill benefits are significant for veterans. Serve for three years and you can earn four years of free college.**

free college. It can also be used for high-tech appren- ticeships, advanced Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math training, and credentials and certificates. In 2017, a new law, often known as the Forever G.I. Bill, was introduced. If your service ended on or after Jan. 1, 2013, this benefit will never expire. If your ser- vice ended prior to Jan. 1, 2013, you still could qual- ify for the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill or the Montgomery G.I. Bill for active duty or reservists. Each of these has an expiration date, so check those dates carefully at VA.gov. Veterans’ ben- efits are an important part of the rewards for military service and you can apply at VA.gov. The best time to learn about your bene- fits is well before applying for them. But remember, it’s never too late to start and some of the most popular veterans benefits never expire. Paul R. Lawrence, Ph.D., served as Under Secretary for Benefits at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs from May 2018 to January 2021. He is the author of “Veterans Benefits for You: Get what You Deserve,” published in 2023. ★

SMUD’s Shine Program Accepting Applications

SMUD News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -** The SMUD Shine Awards’ application period, opened for nonprofit orga- nizations June 1 and runs through July 31. The Shine Awards program is designed to improve and revitalize communities in the Sacramento region. Proposals should focus on projects that support zero carbon workforce development, environ- mental justice and equity, inclusive economic development and STEM education. Shine projects align with SMUD’s Clean Energy Vision, which is to eliminate all carbon emissions from the power supply by 2030. Shine awards 1 range from \$5,000 to \$100,000 and are very competitive. Any incorporated non- profit organization within SMUD’s service area is eligible to apply. Shine awards are available at three funding levels: Spark (up to \$10,000), Amplifier (up to \$50,000) and Transformer (up to \$100,000). Applications will be accepted through July 31. While SMUD will con- sider a broad variety of potential projects, it is primarily interested in pro- posals that promote the 2030 Clean Energy Vision. That includes utilizing clean energy solutions, advancing zero carbon workforce development and training, promoting energy efficiency, energy conservation and greenhouse gas reduc- tion particularly in diverse and under-resourced communities (environ- mental justice and equity), supporting inclusive eco- nomic development and involving clean energy education related to energy efficiency, renewable energy or related Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields. SMUD will host mul- tiple technical assistance webinar sessions about Shine and the application process. A registration link and application can be found on smud.org/Shine. This past year, SMUD awarded more than \$583,000 in Shine fund- ing to 29 local nonprofits. SMUD received a wide range of applications, and the selected projects were able to successfully demonstrate collaboration and the potential for broad community impact. Each year, SMUD con- tributes approximately \$3 million in finan- cial support and in-kind services to commu- nity-based organizations. SMUD will continue to support healthy, vibrant, and economically sus- tainable neighborhoods for all customers, with a special focus toward improving equity in the region through SMUD’s Sustainable Communities program. For more information about the SMUD Shine program, including a list of previous winners, visit smud.org/Shine. ★

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# Malik Monk Signing Huge Move for Team



By V.G.Harris

And the winner of this year’s most popular basketball player in Sacramento — Malik Monk!

Well, he’s my most popular player, and from the people I’m talking to it appears to be a consensus.

Yes, a \$78-million contract represents a lot of money, but by many accounts, Malik left up to 10 million in additional free agent money on the table, to sign and stay with our very own Sacramento Kings.

I have not the adjectives to describe how critical this signing is to the Kings team, but let’s take a moment to congratulate Monte McNair. This

was no easy proposition for a young NBA GM, but just like the Donantas Sabonis acquisition, this is a huge signing for the Kings, and will finally allow this talented guard to start every night in the NBA.

As I have expressed, having Malik in the starting lineup, as opposed to coming off the bench, will add a minimum of five points a game to the scoring tally, and adding five points a game represents a monumental leap forward.

Fifty wins is what this signing means, and I can’t wait to witness the standing ovation Malik Monk will receive when on opening night I will hear the words, “and now starting at guard from the

Kentucky Wildcats, welcome Sacramento’s own Malik Monk!!”

If you don’t already have a ticket for opening night, start looking now, because regardless of who the Kings add in the draft on Wednesday night, the first game of the 2025 season is going to be something special.

I think back to the many years, now over 35 years for me, that I sat on the sidelines shaking my head as the Kings made mistakes that cemented their fate as a team looking in, and rarely on the court at playoff time.

True, the Bibby, Webber years brought a lot of hoopla and excitement to

# Kings Korner

the Sacramento region, but I can assure every Kings fan, that the team assembled now, by adding just one more piece, can supersede the achievements of those teams.

The Kings are so close it’s tantalizing, and now that Monte McNair has proven his value in the signing of Malik, I’m on the edge of my seat to see what the #13 pick in the draft will bring to this already talented and competitive NBA team.

It’s definitely a time to celebrate Kings fans! Anytime one of your own kicks the rest of the league to the curb, and signs with the hometown team, it pulls just a little at your heart strings, and it certainly brings a tremendous level of admiration for this journeyman that has finally

found a home!

Today’s NBA draft has changed considerably from decades ago when nearly every player chosen, certainly in the first round, came from one of America’s college ranks.

Thanks in large part to the Euro league, NBA scouts are perusing the globe, in areas not even considered just a few short years ago.

It makes the draft all that more compelling, and I almost feel like I should be buying a ticket to watch this level of entertainment.

So, I’m not attempting to artificially build a false confidence, but rather remind fans of the many prior 13th picks, and beyond, that have gone on to highly successful NBA careers.

Robin Lopez would be

a welcome addition to the Kings front line, and it’s interesting to note that he was drafted #15 in the 2008 draft.

The reigning NBA Celtics boast a player by the name of Jrue Holliday who had a tremendous Finals and was drafted 17th in the 2009 draft.

Can anyone forget that perennial all-star and future hall-of-famer Kawhi Leonard was drafted #15 in the first round!?

Rudy Gobert is another player that would look good in a Kings uniform, and he was drafted in the 27th spot back in 2013.

Perhaps there really is reason for anticipated celebration to make a pick at #13.

Let’s all collectively cross our fingers and watch with anticipation as the Sacramento Kings add a new member to their already stellar family of players!

All the best! ★

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# Land Park Course Turns 100

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David has done much to make the golf course sparkle. He oversaw the Sutterville Road sign at the entryway, improved the menu at Mulligan's Café, and upgraded concrete cart paths around tees and greens. David also developed a summer concert series called "Music on the Green." He partnered with the Land Park Community Association, too. The collaboration provides free family events for Christmas and Easter. The course is currently advertising the 2nd annual Parktoberfest, an LPCA fundraiser which will happen on September 28.

These are just a few modifications. David is working on a permanent shade structure above the patio, which will give folks a respite on hot days. He also plans to upgrade the concert stage and picnic areas at Swanson's Grove. These improvements are good for customers, but also inviting to the rest of the community. And that's been the vision of Morton Golf: to make golf available to everyone.

In the 1980s, Morton Sr. founded Sacramento Area Youth Golf, or SAY. The national First Tee junior program modeled itself after SAY golf and currently serves youth between ages three and 18. Around 2,500 kids go through the summer golf program each season.

And for those with little financial means, that's covered, too. Jane Siebers, executive director of the Morton Golf Foundation, said, "It was Ken's vision to start the Foundation with a mission to turn no person away from golf. We



Ken Morton Sr. stands with a young player. Photos by Kristina Rogers

believe the course is the best place to rehabilitate."

The Morton Golf Foundation raises around a million dollars annually to support outreach and programs for special needs and underserved youth and adults. The annual June music festival and charity event Golf & Guitars, held at Haggin Oaks, contributes to the funding. The Foundation works with many organizations, including the American Heart Association, Special Olympics, and Veterans Golf Program.

The Foundation also supports golf development on school campuses. Ken Morton Sr. proudly expressed that they helped build the Hiram Johnson High School Life & Golf Skills Facility which recently opened. He said, "Many underprivileged

kids can't get to a golf course, so we wanted to bring the course to them."

Back at the William Land Golf Course, the annual Capitol Cup game is happening. It's a friendly rivalry between city and county officials.

They rib each other about their game and do some fundraising behind the scenes. The city won the cup this year, making this their fourth win in five years.

After a lunch of burgers and salad everyone listened to presentations by the Morton Family and Curt David. They shared their goals for the golf course over the next hundred years. Architect Brett Hochstein of Hochstein Design unveiled a restoration plan to upgrade the course water system, greens, and amenities.



Ken Morton Jr. and Jane Siebers smile for the camera.



The coveted Capitol Cup is displayed at William Land Golf Course.



Ken Morton Sr. stands at William Land Golf Course.


Guests are impressed and huddle around the display to see what the course will evolve into.

Morton Sr.'s eyes brightened as he said, "Land Park is a community-based golf course. It's literally a walk in the park. There are few facilities like this

anywhere in the world where the community can sit around and have a beer or coffee with friends. It's a very special place."

To learn more about the Morton Golf Foundation, visit [www.mortongolf-foundation.org](http://www.mortongolf-foundation.org). People can visit the William Land

Golf Course website for upcoming events and information at <https://www.williamlandgc.com/>. To review details for Golf & Guitars, click here: <https://www.golfandguitars.com/>. To find out about the Parktoberfest event, go to <https://landpark.org/>. ★




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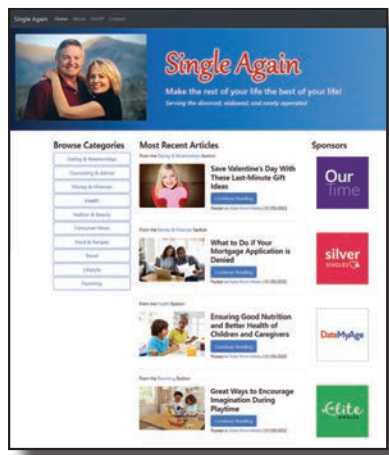
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# Sharing Your Faith by Listening to Others

In the years I served as a hospital chaplain, I was often asked, “Why don’t you use your position to tell people about Jesus?”

The question is much like the one I’m still asked as a syndicated columnist: “Why don’t you use your writing to tell people about Jesus?”

The first question assumes that chaplains represent Christianity and should use their position to surreptitiously evangelize patients.

The second question assumes that a Christian who writes a spiritual column for secular newspapers should use his writings to espouse Christian teachings.

But neither assumption is true.

That’s because hospital chaplains, like spiritual columnists, don’t “represent” a single belief.



*Spiritual Care*  
**BY NORRIS BURKUS**

Chaplains don’t wear the hat of a pastor, rabbi or even a guru. That’s because once you’re inside a hospital, it doesn’t matter what you are.

What matters to the chaplain is who you are.

In the hospital, like in this column, I try to help people get in touch with the spiritual component in their lives. I affirm the personal beliefs of the patient because when people are sick or dying, they tend to look toward their own healing rituals for comfort.

And while I believe

that Jesus is my friend — and even theirs — I don’t believe patients should hear that proclamation from a stranger.

While serving as a hospital chaplain, who happens to be a Christian, I did some unorthodox things at the request of patients that might make some Christians uncomfortable.

For instance, I’ve taped crystals to their wrists, turned their bed eastward, read the Bible, read the Koran, spread a healing blanket on their bed and placed garlic under their bed. I’ve collected bones to be burned and placentas to be buried.

I did these things because those patients deserved my respect, not because I personally share their beliefs.

When I’ve shown proper respect for people’s beliefs, I was sometimes honored

with questions about my beliefs.

On one such occasion, I met a cancer patient who told me that he wasn’t even sure he believed in God.

“That’s fine,” I joked. “I’m in customer service, not sales.”

He liked that retort, and we established a common ground for our visits over the next several weeks.

One day, in the grips of his illness, he fired multiple spiritual questions, which I answered in rapid succession.

Yes, there is a God; yes, God is loving; yes, God wants an up-close relationship with you.

He then asked how he could talk to God.

“Talking to God is just like talking to me,” I said. “Just say what you feel.”

He wondered aloud if God would consider him a hypocrite for waiting until

his dying days to pray.

It was then he asked me to do something I’ve never done before or since. “Say the words for me.”

Like I said, I’ve done some fairly unorthodox things, but nobody had ever asked me to lip-sync their prayers — very unorthodox.

“OK,” I agreed, “but if I pray something you don’t agree with, squeeze my hand to indicate you want a do-over.”

As he reached for my hand, I told God that my friend wanted to know him. I told God that the man sought forgiveness and wholeness and was asking for God to be present in his life.

It was a prayer I will never forget. It was a prayer that never would have happened if it hadn’t started with respect.

Is there someone you

want to share your faith with? If so, ask yourself how that sharing might look if it starts with respect. Dare to hear their story before blurting into yours.

The result will, I hope, surprise you.

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# K-ZAP Radio Launches ‘Feed the Kitty’ Donation Drive

## K-ZAP News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento's beloved K-ZAP, the all-volunteer LPFM rock/blues radio station broadcasting 24/7 at 93.3 FM in the metro Sacramento area, on the K-ZAP apps and streaming at [k-zap.org](http://k-zap.org), launched its “10 To Feed the Kitty” donation drive on June 9. The station is calling on its listeners to donate just \$10 each to help keep the lights on and the tunes rolling.

Founded by former staff members of the legendary Sacramento radio station KZAP, Dennis Newhall and Tom Cale, K-ZAP has been a staple in the Sacramento community since its return to



**Peter Rizzo is the promotions director and underwriter at K-ZAP.** Photo courtesy of K-ZAP

the airwaves on July 4, 2015. Now, as the station approaches its ninth anniversary, it is looking to the community for support to continue its mission

of providing quality rock/blues music to Sacramento and the world.

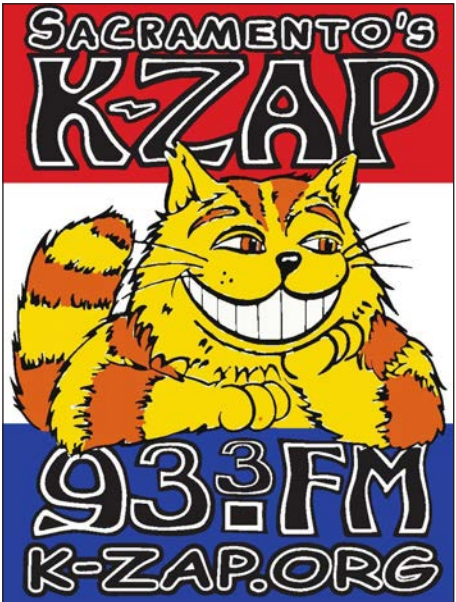
“We’ve been rocking Sacramento for nine years now, and we want to keep the party going,” said Newhall, station general manager and owner. “With the ‘10 To Feed the Kitty’ campaign, we’re asking our listeners to help us reach our goal of raising \$100,000 by July 4. It’s a small amount that can make a big difference.”

The “10 To Feed the Kitty” donation drive will run from now until July 4. Listeners can donate online at [k-zap.org/donate](http://k-zap.org/donate) using their credit, debit card or Venmo. In addition to the online campaign, K-ZAP

will be promoting the drive at various events in the community, including the Carmichael Concerts in The Park on June 15 and the Red White & Blue Celebration at La Sierra Community Center on June 29.

“We’re not asking for a lot, just \$10 from each of our listeners,” said Peter Rizzo, promotions director and underwriter. “We know that a little can go a long way, and we’re hoping that with the support of our community, we can continue to provide the best rock/blues music to Sacramento and the world.”

For more information, contact Newhall at [dnewhall@k-zap.org](mailto:dnewhall@k-zap.org) or Rizzo at [prizzo@k-zap.org](mailto:prizzo@k-zap.org). ★



**K-Zap has been a widely beloved radio station in the Sacramento area for many years.** Photo courtesy of K-ZAP



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# Fighting Through Homelessness to Housing

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Keri and Sandra look fondly at each other with a bond forged by two people who have shown up for each other during some hard times. Sandra went through other case managers but somehow when she met Keri, she knew that Keri would be the one to help her change her life.

“She loves her clients; you can just tell,” Sandra said. “And she always tells the truth. I appreciate that.” Keri lowers her head in acknowledgment; it’s true, she does love her clients. But she’s quick to return the compliment: “Sandra always showed up. She always does the work. She is on it.”

The mutual respect they have for one another might seem trivial, but it isn’t. Missed connections and opportunities are the top reasons folks don’t get housed. Lost paperwork, lost phones, lost and broken relationships.

Keri is a Community Health Worker with Community Health Works (CoHeWo), an outreach organization contracted by Sacramento County to do encampment outreach in the parkway, unincorporated county and with the multi-disciplinary teams in the City of Sacramento. CoHeWo outreach staff provide support and services ranging from helping to get an I.D. to rehousing, furnishing a new apartment or helping with a deposit. But more than anything, CoHeWo staff relentlessly

show up with compassion and a drive to make a difference in the lives of their clients.

Sandra lost her job driving for Lyft at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. After 20 years as a security guard, she decided to make a change to a job that allowed her to set her own hours and income, and also pay for an apartment and a steady rotation of leased cars. When the pandemic hit, Lyft fired her. She sued for wrongful termination but the case was tied up for years. Her income vanished. Her ability to pay for her apartment and car: gone. She lost her home and her car within a matter of months and had very little money to live on. Sandra spent a few weeks on her daughter’s couch, but the strained relationship wore out her welcome faster than expected.

Sandra bounced around between living in a tent on the river and near Township 9, living in the City Safe Ground, and eventually living in her car after winning her wrongful termination suit. She went through and graduated from several programs, including Salvation Army, Women’s Empowerment and Mather Community Campus.

“Being homeless is a fight, every day,” Sandra said. “People slashed my tent and stole my stuff. I try to keep to myself; I don’t want trouble. It is dangerous out here as a woman alone.”

One day, a border collie dog jumped into the back of her car. The dog



**Sandra finds lots of happiness through her canine companions.** Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

refused to get out and had no collar. Sandra took her to the nearest vet to scan her for a chip. With no chip detected and a seemingly instant bond, Sandra decided to keep her and name her Lady. Sandra scheduled her for spay surgery, but Lady got pregnant before that day came. Sandra was able to rehome all the puppies, except one: a spirited, split-nosed mix that stole her heart and captured the attention of everyone he met! Lucky became quite an attraction. His nasal cavities formed independently, creating a unique look.

When Keri took over

Sandra’s case, Sandra knew that somehow, this community health worker was different. She would be the one to get her into housing. Keri and Sandra looked for places to get shelter, but Sandra’s situation proved difficult. Because of her two big dogs, Sandra’s options were very limited. While some shelters now accept pets, pets have historically been a huge barrier to people getting shelter. Sacramento County has been working to change those restrictions with its Safe Stay shelter model that allows people to shelter, with their pets, in

individual units. No one should have to choose between the safety of shelter and their pet.

Keri worked with Sandra for nearly six months before she was able to get her a referral into the Wong Center, now known as Mutual Housing’s project “The Boulevard.” The Boulevard is an affordable housing project with 127 units, 50 of them funded by the Sacramento County Division of Behavioral Health to be used as Permanent Supportive Housing for clients exiting homelessness who also have behavioral health challenges. Applications can be extremely competitive, given the incredible need for affordable housing in the region.

Keri and Sandra worked tirelessly to get all the documents Sandra needed to qualify for her apartment: financial receipts, EBT documentation and Chime receipts. She was able to get into the lottery system for a unit.

“Getting an affordable housing unit requires so much work. You have to jump through a lot of hoops. So many people don’t want to do it, but I was willing to. I did the work. That is why I got in. I met so many people out on the river who really just want winter housing. But I was desperate for permanent housing.”

On March 19, 2024, Sandra, Lady and Lucky moved into their brand-new apartment at The Boulevard. The County’s contract with CoHeWo paid for furniture, towels,

a microwave and cleaning supplies to get her started.

“I know I am lucky to be here, but I also know I earned this,” Sandra said. “I did the work I needed to do. I showed up. I checked in every week. I never gave up. And I had Keri. She helped me so much.”

Sandra is the supervisor of the Garden Club at the Boulevard. She is responsible for making sure the garden is watered and the children stay out of it. At night, she volunteers her time as their security guard. She hopes that she will one day have another paid job doing what she enjoys. Sandra loves to draw, paint and make jewelry.

Making skull jewelry is her favorite design. Everyone loves Lady and Lucky. Lucky, with his bizarre nose, is a great conversation starter.

For now, Sandra can stay at The Boulevard, but one of her main barriers to long-term housing is that she doesn’t have any source of income. Focused on stabilizing her life, with a strong emphasis on her health, is her No. 1 priority.

Sandra has had various forms of cancer for more than 30 years. Establishing a healthcare provider through CalAIM Enhanced Care Management (ECM) will get her the help she needs. Sandra’s referral has been approved and she is just waiting for a primary care provider to be assigned.

“I’m positive God still has a plan for me,” Sandra said. “I am not through yet.” ★

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