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Momentum and Milestones Define Rancho Cordova's State of the City



At the event the city unveiled the new Rancho Cordova jigsaw puzzle, created by artist Eric Dowdle. Several puzzle pieces were symbolically placed by key city figures, including from left, Councilmember David Sander, Ph.D., Mayor Siri Pulipati, Vice Mayor Garrett Gatewood, Councilmember Joe Little, Councilmember Linda Budge and Rancho Cordovan of the Year Kevin Sims. Photo by Rick Sloan

By **Ornella Rossi**

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Rancho Cordova Mayor Siri Pulipati delivered an optimistic message of progress and innovation Wednesday evening during the 2025 State of the City address, emphasizing growth, technology, and community spirit under the theme "Big Picture, Bright Future: Connecting the Pieces of Our Community."

The yearly civic gathering took place for the first time at the Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova rather than City Hall, bringing together residents,



Rancho Cordova Mayor Siri Pulipati delivered an optimistic message of progress and innovation Wednesday evening during the 2025 State of the City address. Photo by Rick Sloan

business representatives, city officials and community groups to learn about the city's progress and upcoming initiatives.

The event was put together by the Cordova Community Council in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova and in collaboration with the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce.

"This is a really important day for Rancho Cordova," Pulipati said before her address. "We get to talk about all the wonderful things we've been seeing the entire year, and also what we're going to
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'We're Layered. We're Local'

By **MPG Staff**

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Based in Sacramento, The GRDN Media Company, known for producing feature content for Visit Sacramento, Toyota and Garmin, produced a commercial for Visit Rancho Cordova, according to Visit Rancho Cordova's Facebook page.

Visit Rancho Cordova is inviting travelers and locals alike to explore its vibrant blend of outdoor adventure, family fun and community spirit in a new destination commercial produced by GRDN Media.

The video highlights the city's sparkling waterways, scenic trails and diverse attractions, offering a glimpse of the experiences that make Rancho Cordova a stand-out destination in the Sacramento region.

"Rancho Cordova isn't flashy," the commercial's narrator stated, "We're not trying to be something we're not, but we're layered. We're local. We speak over 90 languages within city borders."

Viewers are encouraged to discover activities ranging from paddleboarding and kayaking on Lake Natoma to high-speed karting at Prairie City SVRA, cycling along the American River Parkway and golfing at Mather Golf Course.

Families will find plenty to explore at the Sacramento Children's Museum and KP International Market, while shoppers and food lovers can browse Bliss Vintage Marketplace and Soil Born Farms for unique finds and fresh produce.

The video also celebrates the city's growing food and drink scene, featuring local favorites such as Il Forno Classico and craft brews from the Rancho Cordova Barrel District.

"It's a place that doesn't just welcome you, it makes room for you," the narrator said. "And once you've seen it, once you've felt it - you'll wonder how you ever passed us by."

The full video is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jif4gCyt3fA>.

For more information about attractions and events, visit www.visitranhocordova.com. ★

CRPD Campaign Honored with Two Awards



Cordova Recreation & Park District staff and board members pose at the 2025 Influence Awards. Photo courtesy of Cordova Recreation & Park District

By **Haley Waugh, Cordova Recreation & Park District**

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Cordova Recreation & Park District (CRPD) was recognized with two awards for its "Make this Time Matter!" Campaign at the 2025 California Capital Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA CCC) Influence Awards.

The annual Influence Awards showcase the talent, innovation and storytelling power of Sacramento's public relations and communications professionals. CRPD's "Make This Time Matter!" campaign stood out, earning top honors in both the External/Community Relations Campaigns and Internal Communication Campaigns categories.

Launched in 2025, "Make This Time Matter!" was designed as more than just a marketing effort; it's a unifying philosophy that inspires both staff and the community to find meaning in every moment. Whether it's attending a park event, greeting a neighbor or helping a coworker, we want each experience to feel impactful.

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Mercy San Juan Medical Center Upgrades Stroke Center



Mercy San Juan Medical Center celebrated the grand opening Oct. 22 of its newly renovated Neuro-Interventional Suite, a space designed to deliver faster, safer and more advanced stroke care. Dr. Lucian Maidan, a San Juan Medical Center neurologist, cuts the ribbon. Photo courtesy of Dignity Health

Dignity Health News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Dignity Health Mercy San Juan Medical Center is celebrating the grand opening of its newly renovated Neuro-Interventional Suite, a space designed to deliver faster, safer and more advanced stroke care.

The centerpiece of the upgrade is a new Canon biplane imaging system, which allows doctors to see detailed, real-time images of the brain and blood vessels from multiple angles helping them treat strokes and other complex conditions with greater precision.

Mercy San Juan is the only Comprehensive Stroke Center for Dignity Health in California and the first hospital in the Greater Sacramento Market to receive this designation from The Joint Commission. According to the commission, the Comprehensive Stroke Center Certification is the most demanding stroke certification and is designed for those hospitals that have specific abilities to receive and treat the most complex stroke cases.

The \$12.9 million renovation also includes a new procedure room, monitoring area and updated staff spaces to support exceptional patient care and

teamwork. With this investment, Mercy San Juan strengthens its position as the region's leading hospital for advanced neurological care.

The grand opening was on Oct. 22. Most of the patients served by the Neuro-Interventional Suite come from the greater Sacramento region, including Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, Orangevale, Rancho Cordova, Folsom, Elk Grove, West Sacramento and Roseville. The medical center is located at Mercy San Juan Medical Center, 6501 Coyle Ave., Carmichael.

Dignity Health is a multi-state nonprofit network of 10,000 physicians, more than 60,000 employees, 41 acute care hospitals and 400-plus care-centers, including community hospitals, urgent care, surgery and imaging centers, home health and primary care clinics in Arizona, California and Nevada. Dignity Health is dedicated to providing compassionate, high-quality and affordable patient-centered care with special attention to the poor and underserved.

Dignity Health is a part of CommonSpirit Health, a nonprofit health system committed to advancing health for all people and dedicated to serving the common good. For more information, visit Dignity Health's website at www.DignityHealth.org. ★

Rancho Cordova Business Resource Fair Returns

Packed with New Resources and Fresh Opportunities for Businesses

Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rancho Cordova are proud to host the second annual Rancho Cordova Business Resource Fair.

This year's free event is bigger, bolder and packed with new resources and fresh opportunities for businesses ready to grow, innovate, and collaborate. Rancho Cordova businesses are invited to drop by on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Drive.

"The chamber and city are excited to bring back the popular Business Resource Fair in Rancho Cordova!" said Diann H. Rogers, Chamber President & CEO. "We created the Business Resource Fair because there are excellent organizations supporting business growth, but they're often working independently. The chamber's role is to connect the dots so businesses can access the resources they need to grow."

Rancho Cordova is the fifth fastest-growing city in California and one of the region's largest employment hubs. The Business Resource Fair supports economic growth, creates jobs and improves the business climate.

Featuring 30+ trusted community partners, the fair will provide businesses with marketing tools, business planning support, funding opportunities and more. They can also connect with fellow business leaders, exchange ideas and explore partnerships that move business forward.

"Businesses tell us they value Rancho Cordova's growth and supportive

environment, but they want more opportunities to connect and strategize," said Rogers. "This fair is a direct response to those needs. Instead of searching for help, we bring the support system directly to our businesses."

Our featured community partners will include the California Office of the Small Business Advocate (New), California Department of General Services (New), Unclaimed Property Division in the State Controller's Office (New), County of Sacramento Business Environmental Resource Center, County of Sacramento Contract & Purchasing Services Division (New), Better Business Bureau of Northeast California, SCORE Capital Corridor, Sacramento Valley Small Business Development Center, California Capital Financial Development Corporation, California Capital Women's Business Center, SETA Sacramento Works (New), Sacramento Public Agency Consortium (New), Child Action, Inc. (New), Work for Warriors (New), Volunteers of America (New), Folsom Cordova Community Partnership (New), NPower (New), CalEPIC (New), SMUD, 50 Corridor TMA (New), Sacramento Regional Transit (New), Rancho Cordova Police Department, California American Water (New), Golden State Water Company, Cordova Recreation & Park District, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Office of Congressman Ami Bera, Office of Senator Roger Niello, and Office of Assemblyman Josh Hoover.

This is a must-attend event for businesses in Rancho Cordova! Learn more at <https://www.ranhocordova.org/resource-fair>. ★

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Cordova Recreation & Park District Community Relations team poses with awards. Photo courtesy of Cordova Recreation & Park District

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This philosophy now guides both how we communicate with the public and how we engage and recognize our internal team. Through our vibrant parks, diverse programs and community spaces, we aim to inspire everyone to make the most of their time.

After CRPD's Communications Manager, Shelby Golden, earned last

year's prestigious Influencer of the Year title, CRPD is honored to once again be recognized by Public Relations Society of America.

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'City on the Move'



Created by artist Eric Dowdle the new Rancho Cordova jigsaw puzzle captures scenes from the city's vibrant community life. Photo by Rick Sloan



Diann Rogers, president and CEO of the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce and Shelly Blanchard, executive director of the Cordova Community Council emphasized the collaboration between organizations in putting the State of the City together. Photo by Rick Sloan



Shelly Blanchard, executive director of the Cordova Community Council (left) smiles alongside David Sander, Ph.D., president of the board of directors of the Cordova Community Council (right). Photo by Rick Sloan

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 have for the future.”
 In her remarks, Pulipati described Rancho Cordova as a “city on the move,” citing milestones in public safety, infrastructure investment, and community engagement.
 “If there is one word to describe Rancho Cordova right now, it is momentum,” Pulipati said. “New businesses opening their doors, new families moving in and new ideas taking place. We are a city on the move and tonight we celebrate not only where we are but also how far we have come together.”
 Pulipati reported that property crime has fallen 30% and burglaries and robberies have declined 12% over the past year. The city’s general fund revenue rose 35% over five years, with a \$6.5 million surplus projected at the close of the fiscal year.
 She also announced \$27.8 million in infrastructure investments, \$500,000 more than the previous

year, with projects that include Chase Drive improvements, the American River Parkway connection, and traffic-calming efforts in several neighborhoods. Pulipati announces that the City Council has recently approved an additional \$20 million for sidewalk and street repairs totaling over.
 The mayor highlighted Rancho Cordova’s growing population of more than 85,000 residents, a 57% growth since incorporation, and nearly 800 new businesses opened in the last year.
 One of the highlights of the evening was the emphasis on two major initiatives: the city’s new artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem and the Downtown Dova project.
 “Rancho Cordova is now home to the region’s only AI ecosystem,” Pulipati said. “It means more jobs, a technology pipeline for our kids and a stronger, smarter economy.”
 The proposed Downtown Dova development includes a

Swaminarayan Hindu Mandir of Sacramento. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and refreshments courtesy of the Marriott.
 Marriott General Manager Robie Garcia welcomed attendees, noting the hotel’s recent \$33 million renovation.
 “We are honored to host the State of the City,” Garcia said. “As the only full-service hotel in the city, we understand we have an important role in providing a place for residents and organizations to gather.”
 Another major highlight was the unveiling of the new Rancho Cordova jigsaw puzzle, created by artist Eric Dowdle, which captures scenes from the city’s vibrant community life. Several puzzle pieces were symbolically placed by key city figures, including members of the City Council, City Manager Micah Runner and Rancho Cordovan of the Year Kevin Sims, music director at Cordova High School.
 Runner described the city as being on the edge of “something really fantastic.”
 “We are upleveling the opportunities and really trying to think about the future of growth,” Runner said.

Vice Mayor Garrett Gatewood highlighted Rancho Cordova’s expanding reputation in the technology sector.
 “We’re on the global scale now,” Gatewood said. “Rancho Cordova is the up-and-coming city, a bootstrap city. We pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps and succeed where others think we’re going to fail.”
 Event organizers emphasized the collaboration between civic, business and community groups that make the annual gathering possible.
 “We are here to support,” said Diann Rogers, president and CEO of the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce. “Suite 117, which hosts the Cordova Community Council and the Rancho Cordova Chamber, is a great example of the power of collaboration we have in Rancho Cordova.”
 Shelly Blanchard, executive director of the Cordova Community Council, called the State of the City “the day we showcase our city.”
 Blanchard added, “It’s time for our mayor to shine, for all the really great stories to come out of what was accomplished in 2025 and to get amped up for what’s coming in 2026.”
 Blanchard also announced that the council will focus on the nation’s 250th birthday next year.
 “We’re going to really double down on the 250th birthday of the United States,” Blanchard said. “We’ll be celebrating with a lot of red, white and blue in 2026.”
 When asked what she wishes people would take away from the event, Pulipati reflected on the city’s progress and its sense of unity.
 “Rancho Cordova is a city with heart, a community that truly cares and a place that is creating ripples of positivity,” Pulipati said. “Together with my council members, I am excited to keep building on that momentum.” ★



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Tunnel to Towers Races Through Sacramento

By Abbey Wicks

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On Nov. 1, about 300 participants ran in Tunnel to Towers Foundation's fifth annual 5k Run & Walk in William Land Park.

The race series, which takes place each year in cities across the United States including New York City and Fort Worth, raises funds and awareness for the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, whose mission is to honor the sacrifice of New York City firefighter and father Stephen Siller who gave up his life to save others in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Tunnel to Towers provides mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children.

In recent years, the foundation has expanded beyond helping families impacted by 9/11, to all first responder and military families with young children.

Michele Schroeder, Sacramento's Tunnel to Towers race director, directed the Sacramento race for the second year after stepping into the role last year.

Schroeder said she and the rest of the volunteer team, including her husband, fire captain Matt Schroeder, were hesitant at first to take on the responsibility after the previous director stepped down.

"(We felt like) we don't know what we're doing," Schroeder said.

After three phone calls from the previous director, Schroeder accepted the position as race director, with just nine weeks to spare before last year's



The honor wall set up at last year's Tunnel to Towers 5k Run and Walk. Photo courtesy of Tunnel to Towers Foundation



Participants took off at the start line at the Tunnel to Towers 5k in Land Park. Photo by Abbey Wicks



Firefighters participated in last year's Tunnel to Towers race. Photo courtesy of Tunnel to Towers Foundation

with Capitol Road Race Management to time the event, drawing more dedicated runners, as well as families and kids being pushed in strollers.

"It's sort of a combination event," said Schroeder, due to the variety of running experience and race day goals of participants.

The event brought out Sacramento County Sheriff Jim Cooper, City of Sacramento Fire Chief Chris Costamagna Sacramento Mayor Kevin McCarty and Sacramento Area Senior Fire Chaplain Kevin Snider.

Adam Maciel, a Sacramento city firefighter served as DJ for the morning as participants checked out booths for the California Highway Patrol, Sacramento Police Department, Firefighters Burn Institute, Rally Point



Amber Saks, a Gold Star recipient, speaking at last year's Tunnel to Towers 5k Run and Walk. Photo courtesy of Tunnel to Towers Foundation

Pipes and Drums and the C.K. McClatchy High School ROTC Color Guard presented and performed the national anthem during the opening ceremony.

Schroeder's father-in-law, retired Sacramento City Fire Chief Don Schroeder was the creator behind an honor wall honoring all first responder victims of the 9/11 attacks. The honor wall was placed in Land Park for participants to view at the Saturday event. Prior to lining up at the start line, participants were able to choose a fallen first responder to pin to their badge and run in honor of.

Amber Saks, a 2022 Gold Star recipient, reflected on the impact Tunnel to Towers made in her life and the lives of her two daughters when husband and father Marine Captain John Sax passed away in an aviation accident.

"When I had the chance to meet Tunnel to Tower's CEO [Frank Siller], he remembered my name and the names of my daughters, he remembered John's story," Saks said.

This year, Tunnel to Towers awarded nine local Sacramento first responders or military with mortgage-free homes. ★



Firefighters participated in last year's Tunnel to Towers race. Photo courtesy of Tunnel to Towers Foundation

Sacramento race.

A full year of planning and preparation went into this year's event. Tunnel to Towers partnered

Foundation and Capitol Road Race, who timed the event.

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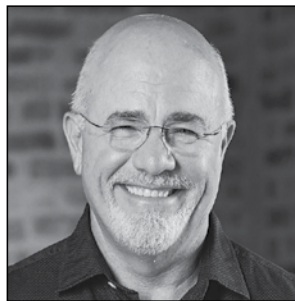
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of surgery for your little one. Make sure you pray and hug on each other a lot in the days ahead, okay? Doctors can do all kinds of incredible things, but including God in any equation is a good idea.

Now, should you start a sinking fund for the delivery and any extra expenses while you're trying to pay off debt? No. When a baby's on the way, I always recommend folks press pause—not stop—on the Baby Steps and start piling up as much cash as possible. Then, when mom and the baby come home, we pay the bills, push play on the Baby Steps and get back to work on the debt snowball.

Concentrate on building the biggest pile of cash you can over the next several months. And don't worry about how big that pile of cash gets. There's no such thing as too big in this case, because after you pay everything insurance doesn't

cover, you'll put anything that's left over right back into paying off debt.

You're learning something early on about being a parent, Jared. There's nothing in the world that can make you happier—or scare you more—than a baby. I'm praying for you and your family. And I hope that little one is born happy, and healthy and perfect.

God bless you all.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★



By Bob McGarvey

And Another Thing What's Up In November . . .

here in 52 days, and then many people will celebrate the new year, 2026. Going back to Veterans Day, I still haven't heard of Congress passing another law that will pass and extend the distribution of Vietnam Lapel Pins. Since I have a few hundred Vietnam Lapel Pins I will continue giving them to Vietnam Veterans and welcome them home. That will continue until Congress gets off of its butt and goes back to work.

I was working on some other papers, and I found the paper our older son wrote about the alcohol he fought. I know there have been some people in the newspaper who killed others while they were drinking and driving. Our son hasn't been drinking for over 16 years, and he is a wonderful son. This is written by him:

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"In the beginning you were just a week-end acquaintance. We had some good times, and you helped me kill time. When we went out you made me kill time. When we were out you made me feel confident enough to dance with my soon-to-be wife and let her not care that I could not dance to save my life. I am tragically white. You were in and out of my life in good times and bad. You disappeared for a few years when my marriage and outside interests, karate and being a delivery driver were keeping me happy, busy and financially secure.

Devious you were, making me think you were gone. You just found a dark corner to hide in waiting for your chance to wreak havoc in my life. You found your chance when my marriage started to fail and the only escape I had from my sense of loss was to drown my feelings in your deceptive embrace.

You would not let go and slowly choked all hope and desire to succeed in all my pursuits and everything replaced them all. Then you went for my throat and tore at me over and over taking my will, and my health to the point I was facing death, and now you let go your embrace because I now could not let go of you. After a time, I thought I had let you go but had only loosened my grip.

I was able to ignore you for a year, a few months, and even a couple of years at one stretch. I thought I had you beat. I gave up my vigilance, and you found your way back, your strangle hold now even stronger. I fooled myself for a few months that I could live with your grip on me, but when I realized you would never let me go, I gave in completely.

I was only saved by my parents who insisted they could not and would not watch you kill me. I gave in to them, admitted defeat and asked for help. I went to detox and wrestled free from your influence. I relented and asked, begged and pleaded for God's help. He blessed me. He showed me he had a plan for me and put me on a path you could not follow.

I walk with the Lord now and together we put more and more distance between you and I. I know you will always follow me. I must keep on the path God has set for me, and as long as I surrender to his will I will keep the distance between us growing greater every day. Thank you for the misery. Without it I would not hate you as I do now. I now have the gift to walk in this life as a man of peace, to love and serve the Lord. You will not be missed."

From Bob McGarvey, God bless, and see you next time. ★

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Sacramento Ballet Offers Bold Visions, Timeless Classics



Sacramento Ballet Company artists Hiyori Ushikubo and Maxence Devaux are in "Connections" from Oct. 24 to Nov. 2. Photos courtesy of Tony Nguyen



Sacramento Ballet Company artists Jennifer Watembach and James Griffen, portray a pose from the famous "Wedding Pas de Deux" from "Sleeping Beauty." Sacramento Ballet will perform a new production of this beloved fairytale in February.



Sacramento Ballet Company artists Mia Steedle and Seungkyun Park, as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Her Cavalier, are in technically challenging roles in Sacramento Ballet's production of "Nutcracker."

Sacramento Ballet News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Ballet highly anticipated 2025-26 season has started.

Following the triumph of the 70th Anniversary Season, this year promises an extraordinary mix of breathtaking artistry, innovative choreography and unforgettable performances. With the support of season sponsors Western Health Advantage and Dignity Health, the 2025-26 season invites audiences to witness the magic of both beloved classics and daring new works.

"Our 2024-25 season was a milestone for us as we celebrated the legacy of Sacramento Ballet while embracing bold, new dance works," said Board President Alyssa Paoletti. "With the 2025-26 season, we're continuing to build on that momentum by showcasing our dancers' exceptional talent, reimagining a classic fairytale and pushing the boundaries of ballet through collaborations with some of the world's most exciting choreographers."

The season lineup includes the following shows: "Connections" (Oct. 24 to

Nov. 2), "Nutcracker" (Dec. 12 to Dec. 21), "Sleeping Beauty" (Feb. 13 to Feb. 15) "Visions" (March 20 to March 22) and Sacramento Ballet's annual "Beer & Ballet" (May 28 to May 31).

"It's always an honor to get to create on the company," said company artist Julia Feldman, who has been a member since 2010 and has choreographed numerous works on Sacramento Ballet. "I'm incredibly inspired by the artists in this company and excited to make ["Connections"] a piece that celebrates their strength, artistry and complexity."

Sacramento Ballet's beloved holiday tradition returns with a spectacular production of "Nutcracker" from Dec. 12 to Dec. 21, featuring live music by the Sacramento Philharmonic and Opera. This magical performance is sure to enchant audiences of all ages. Sacramento Ballet's "Nutcracker" features the talents of hundreds of young dancers from across the capital region. Each year, these young dancers ensure that Sacramento Ballet's "Nutcracker" maintains a hometown feel as they dance the roles of shooting stars,

candy canes, mice, toy soldiers, party children and more.

The season will culminate with Sacramento Ballet's annual "Beer & Ballet" performance from May 28 to May 31, where company artists step into the role of choreographer, creating original works on their fellow dancers. This truly unique experience offers a rare glimpse into the creative process while celebrating collaboration, artistry and community. Audience members will receive a complimentary drink from Bike Dog Brewing, adding a festive touch to this event.

Sacramento Ballet is more than a performing arts organization; it is an engine for growth, connection and vitality in California's capital. The arts generate significant economic activity, supporting local businesses, restaurants and hospitality industries while drawing visitors from across the state.

Beyond dollars and cents, cultural institutions such as Sacramento Ballet increase the quality of life within their communities by fostering creativity, empathy and shared cultural experiences

that bring residents together across backgrounds. As one of California's leading professional ballet companies, Sacramento Ballet proudly represents the region on local, national and international stages.

Sacramento Ballet's mission is to enhance the human condition through dance and to make it accessible to everyone. As the region's only professional dance company, Sacramento Ballet brings world-renowned dancers and choreographers to create groundbreaking work, while showcasing California's vibrant cultural landscape both locally and internationally.

Founded in 1954, Sacramento Ballet has remained a beacon of artistic excellence, offering innovative performances, educational programs and community outreach. With support from individual donors, corporations, foundations and government entities, Sacramento Ballet continues to inspire audiences through performances and initiatives that leave a lasting impact on the region. For more information, visit sacballet.org. ★

Women's Empowerment Receives Two-Year \$50,000 Grant

Women's Empowerment News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Women's Empowerment has received a two-year grant of \$50,000 in 2025 and 2026 from the Kelly Foundation to empower Sacramento women experiencing homelessness to find affordable housing as they look for jobs with upward mobility so they can eventually afford a permanent home for their families.

"We are proud that our extensive program provides a long-term solution to homelessness while also meeting immediate needs as women navigate the high cost and low availability of housing in Sacramento," said Lisa Culp, executive director, Women's Empowerment. "We are grateful to the Kelly Foundation for recognizing that this program is the critical steppingstone that Sacramento women need to transform their lives and rise from homelessness."

Grant funds will support Women's Empowerment's quarterly two-month program where each woman works one-on-one with a social worker, housing specialist and employment specialist. She attends classes and



The Kelly Foundation envisions a Greater Sacramento region where everyone has a chance to live in a safe and affordable home; access to meaningful work, a sustainable environment, healthy food, and quality education; and where each person's ability to thrive is connected to the well-being of the community. Photo courtesy of Women's Empowerment

support groups and receives free transportation assistance, onsite childcare, meals and more. Funding also will assist the nonprofit's lifetime services for graduates, including counseling, job search and retention support, financial assistance, paid job training and more. Program graduates can receive paid training in a variety of industries including property management, healthcare,

solar energy, mobility, manufacturing and more.

Grant funds also will support the group's Trellis Gardens transitional workforce housing program where graduates who have secured employment, but still cannot afford market-rate housing for their families, can live in cottages for 12-18 months as they work to increase income, savings and credit scores and

prepare to move into permanent housing.

"Offering support to organizations like Women's Empowerment reflects our ongoing commitment to strengthening the communities we serve," said Shawn Kelly Devlin, chairman of the Kelly Foundation. "We are proud to invest in their mission in creating pathways for women out of homelessness and into

economic stability."

Women's Empowerment offers the most comprehensive job-readiness program in the Sacramento area designed specifically to help women break the generational cycle of homelessness for themselves and their children. In 2024, 155 graduates secured employment or enrolled in advanced training or school, and 89% of graduates maintained or improved their housing. Since 2001, 1,969 women have graduated from the program with more than 4,000 children. Women's Empowerment is funded through private donations from the community and grants. To make a donation: www.womens-empowerment.org.

The Kelly Foundation envisions a Greater Sacramento region where everyone has a chance to live in a safe and affordable home; access to meaningful work, a sustainable environment, healthy food, and quality education; and where each person's ability to thrive is connected to the well-being of the community. The Kelly Foundation was founded in 1988. In 2009, the River City Bank Foundation merged with the Kelly Foundation. For more information: www.kellyfoundationsacramento.org. ★

Sacramento Superior Court Bench Selects Kelly Sullivan as CEO



As Chief Deputy Executive Officer, Kelly Sullivan oversaw key areas of the court, including court operations, judicial services, master calendar services, jury services and information technology. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Superior Court

Sacramento Superior Court News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Superior Court judges have selected Kelly Sullivan, the court's chief deputy executive officer, to serve as the next court executive officer (CEO) on Oct. 16.

"The court is fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated leader ready to step into this role," said Presiding Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi. "Throughout her 20-year career with our court, Kelly Sullivan has demonstrated exceptional judgment, professionalism and a deep commitment to serving the public

and supporting the work of our judges and staff."

As Chief Deputy Executive Officer, Sullivan has overseen key areas of the court, including court operations, judicial services, master calendar services, jury services and information technology. She has been instrumental in advancing the court's strategic initiatives, expanding access to justice and strengthening operational efficiency.

"We are confident that Kelly Sullivan will continue to advance the court's mission of access to justice and operational excellence," added Judge Awoniyi. "She has earned the respect of colleagues across

every division and brings both continuity and innovation to the position."

Upon accepting the court executive officer appointment, Sullivan expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve.

"It is an honor to be entrusted with this responsibility," said Sullivan. "Our court has exceptional judicial officers and an outstanding team of employees who work every day to serve our community with fairness and integrity. I look forward to continuing that work in partnership with them."

The court executive officer serves as the court's highest-ranking non-judicial

officer, responsible for overseeing all administrative and operational functions, including fiscal management, human resources, information technology and court services.

The Sacramento Superior Court is the trial court for Sacramento County, handling a wide range of cases, including all civil, criminal, family law, probate and juvenile matters. It operates out of seven locations in the county, employing 700 staff members.

Sullivan succeeds former Court Executive Officer Lee Seale, who retired from court service on Aug. 1. ★

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Bera Volunteers at Food Locker as Delays in Food Assistance Impact Local Families



U.S. Representative Ami Bera, M.D. (CA-06) and members of his staff volunteered at the Rancho Cordova Food Locker. Photo courtesy of Representative Ami Bera

Representative Ami Bera News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - On Nov. 3, U.S. Representative Ami Bera, M.D. (CA-06) and members of his staff volunteered at the Rancho Cordova Food Locker, helping distribute food and pack meals amid rising demand fueled by the ongoing federal government shut-down and delays in the disbursement of November Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

The delay has left families across Sacramento County without the support they rely on to afford groceries — including more than 270,000 residents who count on SNAP, nearly 90,000 of

whom are children. Local food banks are working overtime to fill the gap as need continues to rise.

“You see the impact of this shut-down right here — families lining up just to get food on the table,” said Congressman Bera during his visit to the food locker. “We’re coming up on the holidays, and people are hurting. Speaker Johnson — call us back. This has gone on long enough. Let’s address health care costs, let’s address food insecurity, and let’s actually do what the American people elected us to do. I’m ready to go back to Washington, reopen the government, and make sure these benefits get to the families who depend on them.” ★

ABC NorCal Jobsite Tour in Rancho Cordova



Assemblyman Josh Hoover toured a Diede Construction Inc. jobsite in Rancho Cordova coordinated by the Associated Builders and Contractors of Northern California (ABC NorCal). Photo courtesy of Assemblyman Josh Hoover

Assemblyman Josh Hoover News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - As our communities continue to grow, it’s important to recognize the hardworking men and women who are literally building the foundation of that progress. Recently, Assemblyman Josh Hoover toured a Diede Construction Inc. jobsite in Rancho Cordova, coordinated by the Associated Builders and Contractors of Northern California (ABC NorCal).

Diede Construction, an ABC NorCal member, is leading a Design Build Project at the Sacramento Metro Training Facility on Zinfandel Drive, where their team is in the process of erecting a new

metal building. The visit was a great chance to see the talent, precision and teamwork that go into modern construction projects right here in the community.

ABC NorCal represents thousands of merit shop construction professionals across the state who are committed to high standards of safety, training and quality. Hoover said he is grateful for the opportunity to connect with their members and see firsthand how local construction professionals are creating good jobs and building a stronger future for California.

“Thank you to Diede Construction and ABC NorCal for the warm welcome and for their continued investment in our region’s success.” ★

Local Author Turns Memories into Book

Written with just one finger Summerset Senior Living’s Jim Zirkelbach shares his story

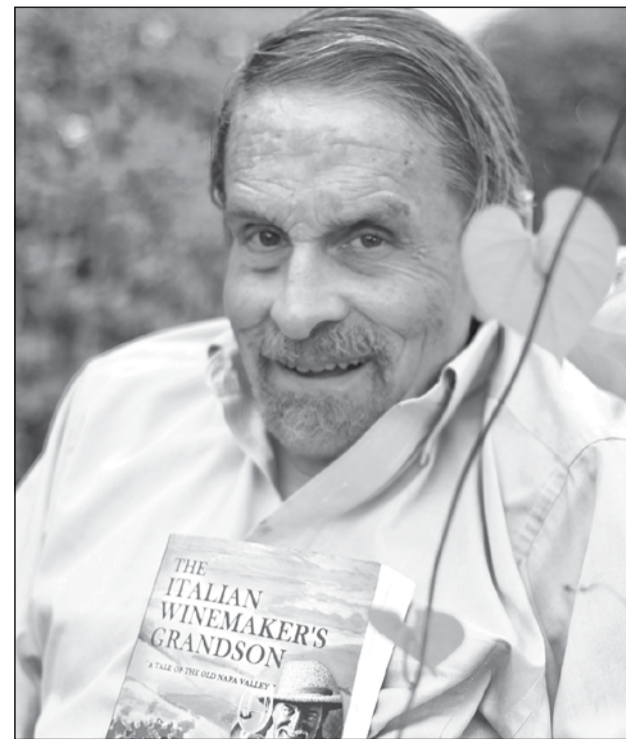
Summerset Senior Living News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)

- At Summerset Senior Living, stories are celebrated — and for resident Jim Zirkelbach, those stories have become a book. His book, “The Italian Winemaker’s Grandson,” captures his Napa Valley childhood and Italian heritage, turning family traditions and vineyard memories into a heartfelt narrative.

Jim’s grandparents’ 2½-acre property in Rutherford, fondly called “Big Pink,” (because of its pink stucco exterior), was a place alive with laughter, food and family. His grandmother’s cooking and his grandfather’s homemade wine created a backdrop for weekends filled with traditions and the company of fellow Italian immigrants. Those memories — both joyful and mysterious — became the heart of his book.

The story follows his family’s journey from Gerola, Italy in 1910, across the ocean to New York, and eventually west to California, where they built a life in the vineyards of Napa Valley. Through its pages, readers walk with Jim into kitchens and vineyards, hear the voices of family legends, and share in the humor that



Summerset Senior Living’s Jim Zirkelbach shares his Napa Valley childhood and Italian heritage in *The Italian Winemaker’s Grandson*. Photo courtesy of Summerset Senior Living

shaped his youth.

Perhaps most inspiring is how the book was written. Disabled for more than two decades, Jim typed every page with a single finger. What began as short stories emailed to friends — nearly 250 in all — became a labor of love, preserved and shared with the help of his wife, close friends, and his church community.

“It was a unique way to grow up, surrounded by Italians, traditions, and beauty,” Jim reflects. “I wanted to preserve that

before it disappeared.”

Now living at Summerset Senior Living in Rancho Cordova, Jim continues to share his journey through the community’s “Chapters of Life” series, where residents present their personal projects and passions. He hopes his book inspires younger generations to value family stories and traditions before they’re lost.

“Start writing,” Jim advises others. “It doesn’t have to be perfect. Memories matter — and sharing them is a gift.” ★

Help Name Rancho Cordova’s New High School

By MPG Staff

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Folsom Cordova Unified School District (FCUSD) is inviting the community to help name Rancho Cordova’s new high school, scheduled to open in August 2028. An online survey is now open through Friday, Nov. 21, for the public to submit name suggestions that reflect the community’s values, history and vision.

The new high school will be the district’s first in nearly 20 years and will be located at 3215 Prospect Park Drive. The Folsom Cordova Unified School District Board of Trustees recently approved the site purchase, marking a major milestone in expanding educational opportunities for Rancho Cordova students.

All name submissions must align with Folsom Cordova Unified School District’s Board Policy 7310, which outlines naming criteria for district facilities. Community members can submit their ideas through the online form at <https://bit.ly/4p0IYRr>. The collected names will be reviewed and presented to the Folsom Cordova Unified School District Board of Education for consideration and final approval.

By repurposing an existing office building into a modern educational facility, the district expects to open the school faster and at about 30% lower cost than traditional construction

methods. Funded through SFID #3 bond funds, the project emphasizes innovation, flexibility and fiscal responsibility.

Once completed, the new high school will serve 500 to 800 students, offering rigorous academic programs, including A-G and advanced coursework; early college opportunities in partnership with local colleges; flexible learning pathways, including independent study and alternative education options and career Technical Education (CTE) programs connecting students to real-world workforce experiences

The campus aims to serve as a hub for innovation, real-world learning and college and career readiness, preparing students to thrive in an evolving world.

“Naming a school is more than just words, it’s about building a legacy that reflects the pride, spirit, and future of Rancho Cordova,” Folsom Cordova Unified School District said in a statement on social media. “Rancho Cordova is a city built on innovation, resilience and community pride. The new high school will reflect those same qualities, honoring the past while preparing students for the future. Your input will help ensure this new school embodies the community it serves.”

For details on Board Policy 7310, visit <https://bit.ly/3JIIyQx>. ★

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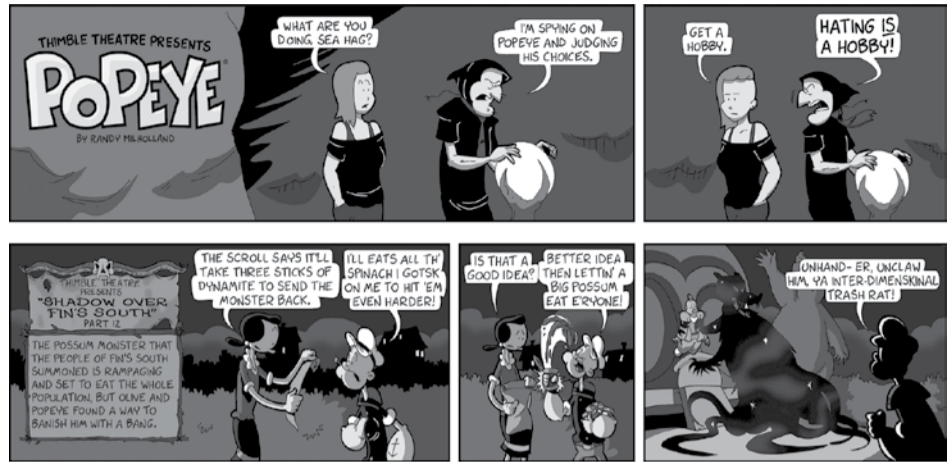
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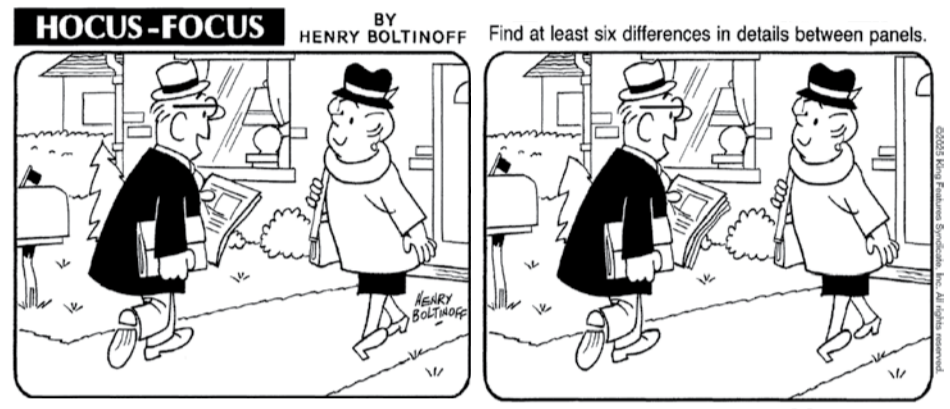
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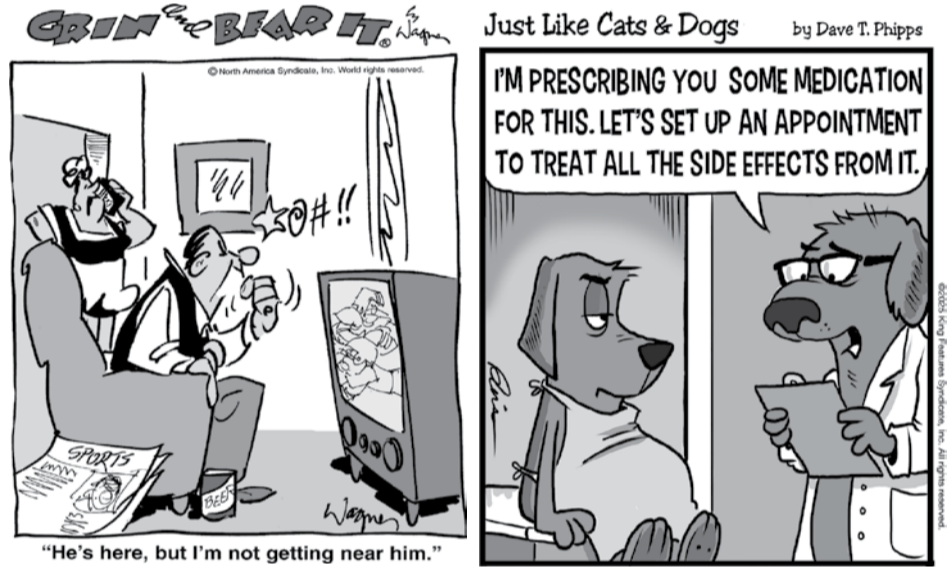
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California Farms Lose \$20,528 Annually to Natural Hazards

Trace One News Release

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - High grocery prices have been a defining economic story in recent years, driven by a combination of factors including pandemic-related supply chain breakdowns and labor shortages. However, an increasingly critical driver of food price inflation has been the impact of natural disasters, such as droughts, floods and hurricanes, on the nation's agricultural output.

California farms have the largest losses due to natural hazards, according to a new study from Trace One, a company specializing in product lifecycle management and regulatory compliance software for the food and beverage industry.

In April, a devastating weather system massively flooded corn, rice, soybean, and wheat crops in eastern Arkansas, affecting 31% of agricultural acreage in the region and inflicting an estimated \$99 million worth of damage. The agricultural industry in North Carolina was hit hard by Hurricane Helene in late September 2024, prompting the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to grant \$221.2 million in federal disaster assistance block grants to help the industry rebuild in the state.

The increased frequency of natural hazards has created a challenging environment for farmers. However, the effects of climate- and weather-related disasters are not uniform, varying greatly depending on location. To pinpoint where these events are having the greatest impact on farmers and the nation's food supply, Trace One researchers conducted an in-depth analysis of the latest data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



California farms are expected to lose a total of about \$1.3 billion per year to natural disasters, an average per-farm loss of \$20,528, according to Trace One analysis of Federal Emergency Management Agency data. The worst type of natural hazard for California's agriculture is drought, which can reduce irrigation, shrink harvests and put extra strain on livestock. Photo by Mark Stebnicki <https://www.pexels.com>

According to Federal Emergency Management Agency estimates, natural hazards cause an average of \$3.5 billion in agricultural losses annually, with drought being the single largest contributor. Drought alone accounts for more than half of these losses, averaging \$1.9 billion per year. The financial impact of drought underscores its threat to farmers, particularly in regions reliant on water-intensive crops.

Other significant contributors to agricultural losses include hurricanes, which cause \$485 million in annual losses, along with flooding (\$437 million) and cold waves (\$286 million). Events such as hailstorms, strong winds, and heat waves collectively add hundreds of millions in losses to the yearly toll. While less frequent, disasters

such as tornadoes, winter weather and wildfires also contribute economic strain in certain regions.

Natural disasters impacting agriculture vary significantly across U.S. regions due to differing climates and geographic vulnerabilities. Drought is a persistent challenge on the West Coast, particularly in California, as well as the Southwest and parts of the Southern Plains, where water scarcity hampers crop yields and livestock production.

Hurricanes have the most severe impact in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions, where states such as Florida and North Carolina frequently experience storm surges and high winds that devastate crops and infrastructure. Riverine flooding is most problematic in the Mississippi River

Basin and its extensive tributary networks, as well as in the Pacific Northwest. Cold waves are most prominent in the Midwest and Mountain West, where freezing temperatures can damage crops and livestock operations.

Taken together, California leads the nation in agricultural losses due to natural hazards, with farms in the state incurring an estimated \$1.3 billion in losses annually. This figure dwarfs losses in other states, with drought being the most significant hazard affecting California's vast agricultural sector. On a per-farm basis, California reports an average loss of \$20,528, which is the highest of any state, reflecting its reliance on high-value crops such as fruits, nuts and vegetables, which are particularly vulnerable to water

shortages.

By comparison, Texas, which ranks second, faces an expected annual loss of \$205 million, with droughts again being the primary driver. Iowa, North Carolina, and Florida round out the top five, each suffering from a combination of droughts and hurricanes, although with lower total and per-farm losses than California.

At the county level, California continues to dominate the rankings, with Santa Barbara County reporting the largest expected losses at \$245 million annually. Drought is the principal hazard here, impacting high-value crops including strawberries, vegetables and wine grapes.

Other California counties, such as Yolo, Napa, Sutter and Colusa, also rank highly, with annual losses ranging from \$70 million to \$115 million. These counties experience some of the highest loss rates per farm, with those in Santa Barbara County and Yolo County losing an estimated \$180,339 and \$144,645 each year, respectively.

According to the data for California, the total expected annual loss due to natural hazards is \$1,283,017,450 and the expected annual loss per farm is \$20,528 for a total of 62,500 farms. California's expected annual loss rate is 2.2%, the total agriculture value is \$58,490,098,696 and the worst natural hazard for agriculture is drought.

According to the data for the entire United States, the total expected annual loss is \$3,480,816,585 and the expected annual loss per farm is \$1,851 for a total of 1,880,000 farms. The country's expected annual loss rate is 0.7%, the total agriculture value is \$503,268,663,042 and the worst natural hazard for agriculture is drought. ★

Society for the Blind Offers Services for All Ages

Society for the Blind News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The nonprofit Society for the Blind organization is encouraging residents to honor Blindness Awareness Month throughout October by participating in activities and supporting people with vision loss so they can gain the skills they need to stay independent and thrive.

"Our clients tell us all the time that they thought their life was over when they began losing vision but they discovered it was the beginning of a new chapter," said Society for the Blind executive director Shari Roeseler. "During Blindness Awareness Month, we want to make sure everyone knows that people can live their best lives with vision loss or blindness when they have the right tools. If you are losing your vision or you know someone who is, we have a wide array of classes and support that will



Society for the Blind's senior program members learned how to carve pumpkins without vision last October during Blindness Awareness Month. Photo courtesy of Society for the Blind

help you build the skills you need, whether you are a child, working-age adult or senior."

For more than 70 years, the Society for the Blind organization has continued to create innovative ways to carry out its mission, which is to empower individuals living with low vision or blindness to discover, develop

and achieve their full potential.

Since 1954, Society for the Blind has grown from a dedicated group of volunteers to a nationally recognized agency and the only comprehensive rehabilitative teaching center that provides services for a 27-county region of Northern California. Those counties include Sacramento, Sutter,

Yolo, Yuba, El Dorado, Placer, Amador, Butte and San Joaquin. Society for the Blind is located at 1238 S St., Sacramento.

The nonprofit organization provides low-vision eye care, life and job skills training, mentorship and access to tools to maintain independence for more than 5,000 youth, working-age

adults and seniors experiencing vision loss each year.

In addition to its onsite Low Vision Clinic and assistive technology store, Society for the Blind offers four core classes to ensure people with vision loss can stay active, employed and live life to the fullest. The four core classes are on orientation and mobility, independent living skills, assistive technology and braille.

The nonprofit organization also provides a program for seniors that includes support groups and activities such as yoga and cooking classes.

For youth, Society for the Blind offers a support groups for caregivers and parents of children with vision loss.

The group also provides a braille production program and hosts events open to the public.

To learn more or make a donation, visit online www.SocietyfortheBlind.org. Or call the office at 916-452-8271. ★

AI Runs on Power But Power Isn't Moving Fast Enough



Christian Bonilla

Commentary
by Christian Bonilla,
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Solutions

Artificial intelligence is booming and America's power grid is struggling to keep up.

At the World Economic Forum, President Trump recently warned that "We need double the energy we currently have in the United States for AI to be

as big as we want to have it." Elon Musk has echoed similar concerns, predicting that AI data centers could overwhelm the electricity supply next year. The Department of Energy predicts that AI-driven electricity demand could increase sixfold by 2030.

They're right about the scale of AI's electricity needs. But they're wrong about the diagnosis.

America doesn't suffer from a lack of energy resources. We have vast oil and gas reserves, plus growing solar and wind energy capacity. The real problem is getting the electricity that's already, or soon could be, generated from these energy sources to the data centers where it's needed.

Solving this coordination challenge will require a new approach to energy infrastructure, one with an eye toward future needs.

This distinction between coordination and total capacity matters. If the problem were simply about generating more electricity overall, the solution would be straightforward: build more power plants and transmission lines to bring power to all the new data centers. But that would and will take years, if not decades. New transmission lines alone often take years to complete.

Instead, we need to build new data centers next to existing energy deposits, such as natural gas fields in places like West Texas,

Oklahoma, North Dakota and elsewhere, so that power-hungry data centers can build on-site generating plants and obtain the electricity they need, without having to connect to the broader grid. Using standardized data center designs and prefabricated components could further accelerate construction timelines and get data centers up and running years faster than previous generations of data centers built in traditional hubs like Northern Virginia or Silicon Valley.

Data center developers already recognize the advantages of this coordinated approach. A recent KPMG survey revealed that 77 percent of data center stakeholders

consider it key to build alongside energy generation.

But in practice, data center developers often struggle to understand and vet energy producers. And in turn, those producers often misunderstand the needs of data center operators.

This is a challenge even for the largest AI developers. The Stargate project, a \$500 billion AI data center investment backed by OpenAI and SoftBank, chose Abilene, Texas, as its flagship site after fielding interest from 16 different states, largely for Abilene's energy availability, alongside other land and regulatory advantages. Despite the initial fanfare, practical challenges

quickly tempered aspirations and the initiative has mostly stalled. As a result, Stargate has quietly scaled back its 2025 ambitions to building a single data center in Ohio.

To lead in the AI age, America will need more than chips and capital. It needs clearer rules, faster transactions between energy producers and AI developers, and a system that rewards coordination just as much as production.

If we solve this coordination challenge, America can lead the AI revolution and improve everything from health care to education to national security. But if we fail, we'll be left with plenty of power, just not where it matters. ★

Mother Lode Art Exhibition Now at the MACC

Story and photos by Margaret Snider

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Over 200 artists submitted nearly 600 pieces of art for the Placerville Arts Association's 59th National Mother Lode Art Exhibition.

"I had to whittle that down to the 110 that you see here today," said Leslie McCarron, judge and juror for the event. "Quite honestly, it was not easy. I knew I wanted a diverse show, diverse in medium, styles, subjects, techniques."

The show opened on Nov. 6 and runs through Nov. 22. At the Nov. 7 reception, McCarron presented the awards to the winners with detailed explanations of why each artwork was chosen.

McCarron said that what may not be seen right away is the emotion, how the piece makes you feel.

"That is one of my number one criteria when it comes to buying art, making art and judging art," McCarron said. "We'll be talking about emotion and talking about the stories that some of these pieces created in my head. So, when you go look at them you can create your own stories from what I will tell you tonight."

Beth Failor won Best of Show for her oil painting, "Let's Pretend." Awards of Excellence went to Guy Cohen for "A Guitar," Zoe DiNardo for "Self Destruction," and Jan Welda for "Alexander."

Awards of Merit went to David Mason for "The Little Prince," James Morrison for "The Mighty Oak," and Michelle Peltier for "Wires." The three Honorable Mentions were Ronda Eden for "Shout



Marius Starkey is one of many out-of-the-area entrants in the Mother Lode Art Exhibition. He was born in Kansas and now lives in San Francisco.



Beth Failor won the highest award of Best of Show with "Let's Pretend," done in oil on wood panel.



Gloria Vernon won the Anita Wolff Memorial Award with "Ruby," in soft pastel.



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it from the Mountain," Donald Macko for "Snow Melt," and David Ruderman for "Along the Path, Sea Ranch, CA."

Winner of Placerville Arts First Place award was Annie O'Connell for "Heart of a Cabbage," Second and Third Place were Michael Fritschi for "Morning Walk in Coloma" and Bev Barnett for "Quiet Forest," respectively. (Jack) John McTiernan won the Matt Sugarman Memorial Award

for "Under the Rainbow." Gloria Vernon's "Ruby," a closeup of a cow in soft pastel won the Anita Wolff Memorial Award, sponsored by local artist Joyce Martin. At the end of McCarron's detailed comments on "Ruby," McCarron said, "I just wanted to pet her!"

Carolyn Cunningham, co-chair of the exhibition along with Sue Wickersham, said, "You can't get a good show

unless you get a good juror . . . And I will tell you that I think this Mother Lode is one of the better, if not the best."

The Stellis Trio provided music during the reception, with Lorraine Crozier on violin, Carlos McMillan Fuentes on piano and Chris Allen on cello.

Because this was a national show, entries were accepted from artists nationwide. Artist

Marius Starkey is from San Francisco and his artwork "Bridal Veil Falls" was accepted into the Exhibition. Starkey's paintings have been shown in New York City, Paris, France, Spain, Italy and Japan.

"I have such respect for the curator and her keen eye to include works that truly reflect the many types of art out in the world," Starkey said. ". . . I believe that true

transcendence of life occurs during the creative process . . . Each brush stroke I make is nothing more than a candle that lights my way through the vast journey of life exploration."

The Mother Lode Art Exhibition can be visited Thursdays and Fridays 2 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Nov. 22 at the MACC, 10191 Mills Station Road, Rancho Cordova. ★



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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



In the NBA there are no white flags or throwing in the towel when the game is so lopsided that you can't bear to watch another minute. No, that option just doesn't exist.

After defeating the mighty Milwaukee Bucks on their home floor and backing that up with a win against the bay area Golden State Warriors, fans were beginning to raise an eyebrow. It appeared that the Sactown boys were starting to gel, but lopsided losses to Oklahoma City and the Minnesota Timberwolves removed any temporary euphoria that Kings fans might be feeling.

Exposed? 100% exposed and more than just a little bit embarrassing, and what did we get to hear from head coach Doug Christie? We were told once again that the Kings need to play better defense as they had just allowed 144 points on their home court.

Defense you say. In the past 12 months the Sacramento Kings have walked out the door Davion Mitchell, Jonas Valanciunas, and Isaac Jones, and what do they have to show in return. Not a single player, and my question is why did you give up on each of these players?

The Sacramento franchise is suffering from a prolonged attack of talent fatigue. That's a condition that renders front office's the inability to assess talent, and the Kings have been suffering from this malady for decades. Even a change in ownership didn't fix the problem, as Vivek Ranadive took over where the Maloofs left off, and the Sacramento fans believed that some semblance of normality would finally surface.

But alas, that has not been the case. G.M.'s and coaches have come and gone, but the same inability to assess talent remains.

Last night, fan favorite and the Kings best defender Keon Ellis remained on the bench for the first 3 quarters watching the game, before coach Christie seemed to remember that he was available and then came in when the game was long decided.

Russell Westbrook is the real deal and still has a load of game at the tender age of 36. Westbrook has quickly won the hearts of fans, and much like Domantas Sabonis he brings 100% effort every night.

Westbrook is a pleasure to watch and if used correctly can be a game changer.

Drew Eubanks has been a pleasant surprise that no one saw coming and backing up Sabonis as Domantas has battled nagging injuries early in the season, Eubanks has been more than earning his keep.

The play of Zach Lavine cannot be overstated as he has been stellar from start to finish and could easily be heading to an all-star invitation. LaVine has stepped up his defensive presence while leading the team in scoring nearly every night. His 3-point shooting is over 40% and is among the league leaders. Add to that the component of leadership, and it's safe to say the Kings would not have 3-wins were it not for Zach Lavine.

Once again, the Kings are getting what they paid for in DeMar DeRozan and much like Russell Westbrook, DeMar looks ageless.

So why have the Kings lost 7 or the first 10 games? I go directly to the inability to assess the talent that is already on this team.

Sitting Keon Ellis for 3 quarters for the 2nd straight game against a high-powered Minnesota team lacks understanding, but it's not just Ellis that is a head scratcher. Why has Doug McDermott sat on the bench for the first 10 games when he is a proven 3-point shooter and could be used as a rotational player. Not just garbage time, but minutes in the first half as well.

I fail to understand how the Kings can cut ties with Isaac Jones but retain other players that never even see a minute of action.

It didn't take the Detroit Pistons long to take advantage of the Kings mistake and add Mr. Jones to their roster.

Look for Isaac in the playoffs this year because that's where you will find him.

If I sound a little frustrated, you read this right. It's time to wake up and smell the roses and I'm talking to the Kings franchise. Let's act like we've been there before.

Let's not throw in the towel Kings Fans, but rather hope that the coaching staff wakes up soon!

All the best!
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