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A Very Merry Summerset



Santa Claus posed for photos with Summerset Senior Living residents at the Winter Wonderland event on Dec. 9. Photo courtesy of Summerset Senior Living

By Omella Rossi

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Summerset Senior Living, 2341 Vehicle Drive, welcomed families, residents and neighbors into a full-scale "Winter Wonderland" on Dec. 9 as part of its Holiday Open House, transforming the community into a festive showcase of light, music and Christmas spirit.

The event, held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., invited visitors to walk through a series of themed "train stations," beginning with a greeting from a conductor who handed out tickets before guiding guests to the Polar Express. There, attendees enjoyed hot



Andrea Callejo, sales and marketing coordinator at Summerset Senior Living served as the conductor for the night handing out train tickets to Polar Express. Photo courtesy of Summerset Senior Living

cocoa, candy and light bites before continuing upstairs to the Nutcracker Suite, where a live piano performance and holiday treats set the tone for the season.

Hallways throughout the community were lined with glowing lights, sparkling displays and department-created décor, leading guests to the final stop: the North Pole. Mr. and Mrs. Claus posed for photos, and families could write letters to Santa while sipping cocoa and sampling cookies.

Summerset Senior Living provides independent living, assisted living and memory care with a

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Contesting Traffic Tickets Made Easier

Sacramento Superior Court News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Superior Court is launching a new innovation designed to make contesting eligible traffic tickets faster, easier and more convenient for the public.

Beginning Dec. 11, 2025, Sacramento County residents have access to the Judicial Council's expanded MyCitations platform, which now features "Online Trial by Declaration", a fully digital way to contest infraction citations without ever stepping foot in a courthouse.

This new tool allows individuals with certain traffic tickets to submit a written statement and upload supporting documents online. Judicial officers will review the submitted materials and issue rulings through the system. Decisions will then be emailed directly to the individual contesting the citation.

"We are excited to offer a streamlined, user-friendly option that gives our community greater flexibility and accessibility," said Brenda Allen, Director of Operations at the Carol Miller Justice Center, where traffic cases are processed.

"The ability to contest a ticket online - on your schedule - helps remove barriers and enhances access to justice for everyone."

"Request an Online Trial by Declaration" is the newest module in the MyCitations suite, designed for infraction violations that do not require a personal appearance in court. With a simple step-by-step process, users can explain what happened, attach evidence and submit everything electronically. A judge then reviews both the defendant's and the issuing officer's statements before making a determination.

Use this tool if: you were issued a ticket for infraction violations only; you want to contest the violation (plead not guilty) and complete your trial online; the due date to address your ticket has not passed; and your ticket or courtesy notice does not require a mandatory court appearance.

Do NOT use this tool if: you have already appeared in court, and/or you have already been sentenced, fined or paid your ticket, and/or have an active ability to pay penalty.

The Online Trial by Declaration feature is also available for Amador, Imperial, Nevada, San Francisco and Siskiyou counties.

The Online Trial by Declaration portal is available on the Sacramento Superior Court's website at <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/traffic/citations-contesting.aspx>.

Miles of Holiday Cheer

By Omella Rossi

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - More than 500 runners and walkers took part in the Rancho Cordova Police Activities League annual Holiday Run on Saturday Dec. 13, a longtime community tradition that combined fitness, fundraising and holiday giving.

The race began at 8:30 a.m. in front of Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Dr., with participants arriving as early as 7:30 a.m. to pick up their race packets, engage with community members and sip on hot cocoa. Several local organizations filled the parking lot with their booths including the Rancho Cordova Moose Lodge, Miss Rancho Cordova Pageant, Rancho Cordova Police Department and more.

The race featured multiple race options, including an untimed 1.2-mile family walk/run, a 5K for adults



Racers hit the ground running at the 2025 annual PAL Holiday Run in Rancho Cordova. Photo courtesy of Ayden Gregory Photography

and youth and a 10K for adults and youth. Proceeds from the race benefited the Police Activities League, a nonprofit organization focused on mentoring and engaging local youth through social, educational, recreational and leadership programs.

"This really is an example of how we come together as a community," City Manager Micah Runner said. "As we think about PAL and the Cordova Police Department, this is a good relationship builder. They are the heart of our community."

The Holiday Run also served as a toy drive supporting the Christmas in Cordova program, which provides holiday gifts to nearly 1,400 children in the Rancho Cordova area.

"Thank you for being here and donating to this community."

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cause,” Rancho Cordova Police Chief Matt Tamayo said before the race. “Your efforts will make a lot of kids happy this year.”

Race routes started and finished at City Hall. The 5K and 10K courses traveled from City Hall along Prospect Drive, Trade Center Drive, Sun Center Drive and Cobblestone Drive before returning along Prospect Park Drive. The 10K completed the loop twice. Participants in the 1.2-mile family walk/run completed a single loop around Prospect Park Drive.

Before the start, coaches from Fit Body Boot Camp led participants through warm-up stretches as runners prepared for cool temperatures and overcast skies. Rancho Cordova organizations were present throughout the morning, supporting runners and engaging with attendees, while a DJ played music to energize participants ahead of the race.

“My best friend was running the 5k and I decided to sign up as well because what better way to cheer her on than to run with her. It was a great event,” said runner Emma Harris. “This was my first time doing a smaller race like this one and I loved how intentional and participant focused everything felt, especially with the hot chocolate to stay warm and the bootcamp led pre-race warm up.”

Registered participants received a long-sleeved race shirt, a commemorative medal and treats with their race packets. The first 300 registrants also received Santa hats, while those who registered after Dec. 5 were informed they would receive shirts and medals after the New Year. Each year, the event features a different shirt color, allowing returning runners to build a collection over time.

For some attendees, the event was as much about community spirit as competition.



Rancho Cordova Police Department officers show off all the donations given by the community for Christmas in Cordova Toy Drive. Courtesy photo

“I came to support my girlfriend; she is running the 5K this morning,” Sam Devoto said. “I am not much of a runner, but the atmosphere here today is contagious. Who knows, maybe I will join next year. It’s for a good cause.”

The Police Activities League offers several youth-focused programs and events throughout the year, with the Holiday Run remaining one of its signature fundraisers and community gatherings.

For more information on race results visit <https://palholidayrun.com/>. ★



Rancho Cordova Moose Lodge was one of the many community organizations in attendance at the 2025 annual PAL Holiday Run. Photo courtesy of Ayden Gregory Photography

Enhanced Aviation Program Coming to Sacramento City College



Sacramento City College Student Karyme Perez talking about new enhanced aviation programs at Sacramento City College.

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Representative Ami Bera gathered with leaders of the Los Rios Community College District, Sacramento County and regional aviation on Monday, Dec. 8 at the Modern Aviation Terminal Building to recognize Sacramento City College’s (SCC) progress toward becoming an enhanced Air Traffic-Collegiate Training Initiative (AT-CTI).

Pending the final approval by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Sacramento City College would be one of only two institutions in the nation to have dual certification for students to train for both tower and en route air traffic control.

This major milestone gives students a chance to complete the Federal Aviation Administration training in Sacramento instead of needing to travel to Oklahoma City where the Federal Aviation Administration Academy is located, providing students with benefits while attending school and a chance to be hired upon graduation.

Adjunct Professor in the Air Traffic Department at Sacramento City College Sean Tener said, “We are helping California advance their economic growth by providing education and training that continuously contributes to the work force.”

Lower costs, local training and the opportunity to use financial aid towards their careers are some of the benefits

students enrolled in Sacramento City College’s enhanced aviation program receive.

Students are also given a chance to make personal connections with their instructors. They are given three semesters to absorb the needed information from the same instructors at Sacramento City College, while the academy gives the students only four months to learn the information from multiple instructors.

Representative Ami Bera said, “It’s incredibly important that we have well trained aircraft controllers keeping us safe and confident in the skies.”

Bera understands how important it is to have air traffic controllers as he flies back and forth across the country on a weekly basis, especially during the government shutdown.

With the shutdown and the shortage of controllers there are some instances where cargo needs to divert to Reno or the Bay before being transported to Sacramento.

Karyme Perez, who is in the Air Traffic Control Program at Sacramento City College, said, “The government shutdown made me even more motivated as a student. Seeing how much this affects us as a nation and the shortage of the controllers that are needed right now, I feel students like me are even more motivated to be able to do this career and help out the community.” Upon approval from the Federal Aviation Administration, the opportunity to pursue a career in aviation is going to be more accessible than ever before. ★

New Membership Structure at Chamber of Commerce

Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce is launching a new membership structure starting January 2026!

The Chamber is transforming how they serve the members and the region. Beginning in January 2026, they will transition from the traditional “fair share” dues model to a value-based, tiered membership approach — one that better reflects the diverse goals, needs and ambitions of local businesses, nonprofits and community leaders.

The previous model was primarily based on employee count, a one-size-fits-all structure that no longer reflects the true value members receive from their chamber



partnership. There were also engagement limitations for small businesses to scale their investment over time.

With our new model, chamber members can choose the tier that aligns with their goals, their stage of growth and their desired level of involvement. Whether you’re a solo entrepreneur, a nonprofit or a long-established organization, there’s a place and a pathway for you.

This transition isn’t

just about dues — it’s about building a resilient, connected and thriving regional economy. When businesses invest in the chamber, we create stronger relationships, more visibility and greater opportunities for everyone.

Membership Categories

The chamber now offers three value-based membership tiers, each designed to support visibility, relationships and business growth. The categories are as follows.

Connector – \$375
For startups, solopreneurs and small businesses seeking visibility and business connections.

Builder – \$575
For businesses ready to grow brand presence and engage more deeply.

Influencer – \$1,250
For established businesses ready to elevate influence and regional visibility. ★

Call For Nominations

MPG Staff

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Rancho Cordova Athletic Association is seeking nominees for induction into the Rancho Cordova Sports Hall of Fame.

If you know an athlete, coach, team or sports contributor from any decade or sport who represented Rancho Cordova with excellence they want to hear their story.

Eligible nominees include athletes, coaches, volunteers and founders and historic teams.

Help the Rancho Cordova Hall of Fame honor those who inspired, achieved and strengthened the sports community.

Nominations for 2026 close March 31 and can be submitted at <https://form.jotform.com/cordovacouncil/2026-rcaa-sports-hall-of-fame-nomin>.

The 2026 Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony is scheduled for Sept. 12, 2026.

For more information on the Rancho Cordova Sports Hall of Fame visit <https://www.cordovacouncil.org/rancho-cordova-sports-hall-of-fame>. ★



A Very Merry Summerset

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focus on “comfort, community and connection,” according to the organization. Staff said the immersive holiday experience was designed to bring joy not only to residents, but also to their families.

Jennifer Davis, community relations director at Summerset Senior Living, said this year’s decorations came with a friendly rivalry.

“We have a little competition between our communities, so we decided to go all out, and we love the holidays,” Davis said. “We always decorate for this time of year, but we decided to take it farther this year and it was very well received. A lot of people told us this is the most amazing it has ever been.”

Davis added that the effort served a deeper purpose.

“The families are just loving it,” Davis said. “I had a family that was a little hesitant about moving in, and they were just so thankful because it’s so welcoming and so warm. It just shows them that we care and we love to celebrate with them.”

Santa Claus himself said he made it a priority to visit Summerset.

“I’m coming down from the North Pole to visit all these senior citizens and the kids with their families, making sure they are enjoying life,” Santa said. “The reception from the community has been absolutely fantastic. The seniors really love it because it brings them back to their roots. Events such as this one bring everybody together, make people happy and put smiles on their faces. That is what it is all about, kindness and love.”

For some longtime residents, the celebration carried personal meaning.

Natasha McKenzie, who has lived at Summerset for eight years, reflected on how her experience of Christmas has evolved throughout her life, from childhood anticipation to raising children of her own.

“My favorite thing about today is I look at it sort of as a reunion, because we get to see everyone,” McKenzie said. “It sort of becomes your substitute family.”

Another resident, Jim Zirkelbach, said the effort put into the event was clear.

“Today was fabulous, all the decorations they did and they have been working on it for so long,” Zirkelbach said. “It’s really



Residents and guests embrace the holiday season during this year’s Summersets Holiday Open House on Dec. 9. Photo courtesy of Summerset Senior Living



Mr. Claus embraces a senior resident in a warm hug at Summersets Holiday Open House on Dec. 9. Photo courtesy of Summerset Senior Living



Decked out in Christmas décor residents, staff and guests welcomed the Holiday season. Photo courtesy of Summerset Senior Living



Mr. and Mrs. Claus came all the way from the North Pole to greet residents and guests at Summersets Holiday Open House on Dec. 9. Photo courtesy of Summerset Senior Living



The event invited visitors to walk through a series of themed “train stations,” beginning with a greeting from conductor Andrea Callejo, sales and marketing coordinator at Summerset Senior Living. Photo courtesy of Summerset Senior Living

special. If you have to be in a place like this.” Family members visiting residents said the event



Summerset Senior Living staff said the immersive holiday experience was designed to bring joy not only to residents, but also to their families. Photo courtesy of Summerset Senior Living

highlighted the community’s atmosphere. One guest, whose sister Wendy lives at Summerset, said the celebration brought comfort.

“My sister Wendy lives here and we don’t live in Sacramento, so we only get to see her every couple weeks,” Tammy Richards said. “She kind of has a built-in family around her when her family is not here. The community here really supports her.”

Wendy said her favorite part of the day was the live holiday music.

Charlie Beasley, regional director of sales and marketing, said staff spent about a month preparing the elaborate holiday displays.

“We wanted to showcase the community and really go all out for Christmas,” Beasley said. “We just wanted the residents to be happy and be ‘whoa’ by the Christmas magic.”

Christmas is so nostalgic for a lot of people, and often they can’t go out to check out other décor so we thought, why not bring it to them?”

As the last cups of cocoa were poured and the final photos with Santa were snapped, residents and visitors carried with them the glow of the season. ★



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Fees to Build New Homes Average \$109,000

BIA Calls on Local Governments to Lower Fees, Improve Affordability

North State Building Industry Association News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- Fees builders must pay to local governments in order to build a new home in the Sacramento region now average \$109,000 per home – and a new analysis shows that fees have hit the point where many proposed new home projects may not be built.

The study, conducted by Economic & Planning Systems (EPS) for the North State Building Industry Association, found that the fees charged for homes on standard-sized lots have risen by 25 percent since 2020.

Fees on homes on smaller lots – generally homes that can be profitably sold at lower prices – have risen by 15 percent since 2020 to an average of \$90,000. These rising fees are an important factor in reduced housing affordability, said Tim Murphy, the Building Industry Association's president and CEO.

"High fees mean that only higher-priced homes can be profitably built, which adds to the region's growing housing affordability crisis," Murphy said. "But the study shows that rising fee burdens have reached the point where some projects may not be feasible."

"Housing production in our region is already far below levels needed to meet the need for new housing. Rather than adding to the cost to build, our partners in local



"High fees mean that only higher-priced homes can be profitably built, which adds to the region's growing housing affordability crisis," Murphy said. "But the study shows that rising fee burdens have reached the point where some projects may not be feasible." Photo courtesy Freepik

governments need to carefully evaluate their fees and keep them as low as possible."

The study analyzed a comprehensive set of projects underway in Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado and Yolo counties. The Economic & Planning Systems study found that fees totaling between 15 percent and 20 percent of a home's sale price poses potential feasibility problems, while fees exceeding 20 percent may cause challenges. Fee ranges for six of the 16 higher density projects studied were at or above 20 percent, while two others were reaching that level.

"Homebuilders recognize that

they must pay their fair share for infrastructure needed to accommodate growth," said Clifton Taylor, president of Taylor Builders and the Building Industry Association's 2025 President.

"But the fees many jurisdictions are charging have gotten to the point where many projects simply won't pencil out," Taylor said.

"For our members to continue building the new homes the region needs, this study shows that jurisdictions need to be thoughtful and careful about how they set their fees, and that the total fee burden needs to be evaluated both in

terms of absolute dollar amounts and as a percentage of the finished home value."

Fees for new homes on standard-sized lots average \$125,000 in El Dorado County jurisdictions (up 30 percent from five years ago); \$114,000 in Yolo County communities (up 15 percent), \$109,000 in Sacramento County jurisdictions (up 24 percent); and \$95,000 in Placer County communities (up 17 percent).

Murphy noted that many local jurisdictions do work hard to keep their fees justified and affordable, and some have reduced fees

when studies show their levels were excessive.

"Builders and local officials all recognize that the region is in the middle of a worsening housing crisis that can only be resolved by finding ways to reduce costs and speed the development process to bring the supply of housing more into line with the demand," Murphy said.

Jamie Gomes, managing director at Economic & Planning Systems (EPS), and the lead analyst on the report, said while impact fees are an important tool for local jurisdictions to help fund expanded infrastructure and utilities, the impacts of the fees need to be considered as well.

"Higher than average impact fee burdens are usually only sustainable in higher-income developments or communities, where home prices may be unattainable for many buyers," he said. "High costs and fee burdens eliminate the ability to hit lower home prices that are attainable to broader household income ranges. That's why fees should be carefully evaluated."

Economic & Planning Systems is a land economics consulting firm that provides municipalities, developers and builders with realistic assessments of the feasibility of projects and works with local governments throughout the West in preparing development impact fee nexus studies and impact fee comparisons. ★

Probation Chiefs Elect President and Executive Officers

Chief Probation Officers of California News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) has selected its executive leadership team for 2026, naming Chief Esa Ehmen-Krause of Contra Costa County as President, Chief Izen Locatelli of Mendocino County as Vice President, and Chief Tamika Nelson of San Diego County as Secretary/Treasurer.

"California's probation departments are built on a balance of accountability and opportunity, helping those ready for change while protecting the communities we serve," Chief Ehmen-Krause said.

"It is a privilege to serve alongside the dedicated leaders of this association. I look forward to strengthening partnerships, advancing effective practices and supporting the incredible work happening in counties across the state."

Chief Ehmen-Krause, who has served as Chief Probation Officer in Contra Costa County for the last five years, will



Pictured from left are 2026 CPOC Slate of Officers Chief Tamika Nelson (San Diego), Chief Esa Ehmen-Krause (Contra Costa) and Chief Izen Locatelli (Mendocino). Courtesy photo

guide the association during a period of continued evolution in California's public safety landscape. She brings more than two decades of experience in youth services, community-based interventions and system reform.

Her leadership background includes advancing major reform initiatives as Assistant Chief Probation Officer in Alameda County, as well as earlier

roles within the Indiana Department of Corrections' Division of Youth Services. In Indiana, she earned recognition for implementing the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Performance-based Standards model and developing strategies to safely reduce youth facility populations.

"Chief Ehmen-Krause is a collaborative, thoughtful, and forward-thinking

leader," said 2025 Chief Probation Officers of California President and San Joaquin County Probation Chief Steve Jackson. "She brings people together to support better outcomes for our communities, an approach that will serve both the association and communities across the state."

The Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) is an association of all 58 counties with a shared identity as law enforcement leaders. Chief Probation Officers of California is committed to a research-based approach to public safety that promotes positive behavior change.

Their leadership guides policy and practice in prevention, community-based corrections, secure detention for youth, and direct human services. Chief Probation Officers of California aims to prevent crime and delinquency, reduce recidivism, restore victims, and promote healthy families and communities.

For more information about The Chief Probation Officers of California, go to www.cproc.org. ★

Sierra Health and United Way Launch Match for Meals

Match For Meals News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - As local food banks' resources are stretched thin to serve record numbers of people experiencing food insecurity, Sierra Health Foundation and United Way California Capital Region are launching the Match for Meals campaign.

All donations made through Match for Meals until Jan. 31, 2026, will be matched up to \$300,000 by the two organizations to benefit Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services, Interfaith Food Bank of Amador County, El Dorado County Food Bank, Feeding the Foothills in Placer County and Yolo Food Bank. To donate, visit www.MatchForMeals.org or text Match4Meals to 41444.

Sierra Health Foundation will match donations up to \$200,000, and the local United Way will match donations up to \$100,000.

The announcement was made recently at a press conference at Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services, which supports more than 110 local agencies, including food pantries, community meal sites, senior centers, schools and nonprofits.

On average, nearly 320,000 people rely on Sacramento Food Bank's 200 distribution sites each month. In October, the food bank broke a 49-year record, serving more than 372,000 people.

Across the state in 2024, food banks distributed more than 950 million pounds of food and served more than 6 million people per month, according to the California

Association of Food Banks. Currently one in five Californians – almost 9 million – experience food insecurity.

"When one in five Californians is struggling to put food on the table, we are reminded that hunger isn't just a statistic, it's a reality for our neighbors, our friends and our families," said Dr. Dawnté Early, president and CEO, United Way California Capital Region.

Sierra Health Foundation is a private philanthropy investing in and serving as a catalyst for ideas, partnerships and programs that improve health and quality of life in Northern California and the San Joaquin Valley. Learn more: www.sierrahealth.org.

United Way California Capital Region has been a driving force across the region for more than 100 years, listening, responding and taking comprehensive action to meet local needs. From advancing youth opportunities to strengthening local communities and investing in families' financial security and health, United Way mobilizes communities to build a future where everyone can reach their full potential.

Working across Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties, the local United Way provides books and literacy tutoring, addresses housing and food security, leads the region's largest tax preparation initiative, works with foster youth across school districts, launched the region's first guaranteed income program and leads the Community Schools initiative in West Sacramento. Learn more: www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org. ★

CAL FIRE Transitions to New National Emergency Reporting System

CAL FIRE News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) announced recently that fire departments across the state are beginning the transition to the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS)—a secure, cloud-based platform built to modernize how emergency incidents are reported and analyzed.

Departments across the country are onboarding to NERIS as part of a phased national rollout led by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate (DHS S&T), and the Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI), part of Underwriters Laboratory (UL) Research Institutes. NERIS is replacing the 40-year-old National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), and will provide local agencies with timely data tools, location-based analytics, and flexible options for incident reporting at no cost to departments.

"Modernizing emergency data collection is a critical step toward strengthening public safety," said Chief Daniel Berlant, California State Fire Marshal. "By utilizing NERIS, we are giving our departments better tools to protect our communities, manage resources effectively, and make informed decisions backed by current data."

The National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) offers several key features designed to support public fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies. The platform provides zero-cost access

for all public fire and EMS departments, ensuring that every agency can take advantage of its capabilities without financial barriers.

NERIS also prioritizes local data ownership, allowing departments to maintain full control over their records and information. Its GIS-based reporting tools deliver location-specific insights that support better planning and decision-making.

In addition, the system includes actionable dashboards that enhance operational awareness and performance tracking. To make adoption easier, NERIS offers streamlined onboarding, complete with help desk support and training tools.

Departments can begin the onboarding process today by visiting the NERIS website. The process includes account setup, administrator access, and records management system (RMS) integration, if applicable. "NERIS is purpose-built for today's fire service," said Steve Kerber, Executive Director of FSRI. "It's based on research and feedback from the field, and it delivers actionable information that improves emergency response and supports long-term planning and resourcing at the local, state, and national levels."

CAL FIRE – OSFM encourages all departments to complete onboarding as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition. The current national data platform, NFIRS, will be formally decommissioned on January 1, 2026. For additional questions or technical support, departments can contact the NERIS Help Desk or the CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal directly. ★



And Another Thing The Importance of Music

Sept. 11 attacks in 2001.

On to other things in Rancho Cordova. We have seen quite a few homes displaying Christmas lights and decorations, and we really enjoy seeing them. There are some people who have added quite a few very beautiful displays in the neighborhood, we enjoy them as we drive around. We have put up some decorative lights ourselves, and because we have enjoyed adding to the Christmas spirit, we will continue doing so.

A Fresh Aire Holiday concert was held on Dec. 14 in the Performing Arts Center with the Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band, which celebrated the music of Mannheim Steamroller. The Cordova High School Concert Choir performed as it sang along with the band and again with the audience. Kevin Sims, Rancho Cordovan of the Year, was honored as he conducted the band as they performed "Feliz Navidad." Everyone enjoyed the show and showed their appreciation with a standing ovation.

The importance of music was brought to our attention, as it includes more than enjoyment. It has an influence on language, math, and art. It has deep mathematical roots in patterns, rhythm,

and structure. The phrase "music does more than math" highlights its unique power to evoke emotion, build brain connections (Memory, focus, executive functionality), teach patience, improve motor skills, and foster holistic creativity. Offering benefits beyond pure logic, even though math skills often improve because of musical training. It's both art and powerful brain-training, engaging both hemispheres for creativity and logic.

All I know for sure is that in a deep-rooted relationship the music my family brought me up with has probably helped me in many ways that I will probably never know. I learned to play the piano and organ. I had five siblings, and as we drove around my hometown looking at Christmas lights, my mother taught harmony and the enjoyment of music. We sang in choirs as children and in high school. We learned more about music from very good teachers. We went caroling at Christmas time and enjoyed singing together as adults. Music has always been important in my life.

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

By Bob McGarvey

Dec. 8 is when the United States of America declared war on the Empire of Japan after they attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7. At the time the United States was a neutral country in World War II until Pearl Harbor was attacked. Then, on Dec. 11, though they had no formal obligation to do so under the Tripartite pact with Japan, Germany, and Italy, each declared war on the United States, which responded with a declaration of war against Germany and Italy.

There were some losses at Pearl Harbor which are surprising to me. There were four battleships sunk, four battleships damaged, one former battleship sunk, a harbor tug sunk, and while there were many other losses and damages, there were also four midget submarines sunk and one midget submarine grounded. As I said, there were many more ships listed in the losses. As we all know they lost many sailors, marines, soldiers, and civilians in the attack. It was the deadliest event ever in Hawaii and the deadliest foreign attack on the United States until the

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Tinas Home of Care LLC, 7521 Twin Oak Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tinas Home of Care" 7521 Twin Oak Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 18, 2025
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Business Name(s) "Awesome CA" 2212 Gateway Oaks Drive Apt 400, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025
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Stacy Anderson, 176 Creekside Circle, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Init2Winit Consultant Services/Init2Winit Health Solutions" 176 Creekside Circle, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 10, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08862
Lissy Alex, 400 Fisher Circle, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kerala Emporium" 400 Fisher Circle, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 8, 2025
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KERALA 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07980
Sprout Automotive, LLC, 300 E. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ, 85281 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Carvana Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram" 3610 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 27, 2025
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CARVANA 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08565
KND Jumparound LLC, 10499 Ambassador Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KND Jumparound" 10499 Ambassador Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 20, 2025
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KND 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08769
Michael Aurelio and Eileen Aurelio, 7361 Verdugo Way, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Love ME Salon Suite" 7401 Winding Way Suite 3, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 3, 2025
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LOVE 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08902
Brian Night King, 4337 Garden Oak Court, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Redline Environmental Services" 4337 Garden Oak Court, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 9, 2025
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REDLINE 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08850
K2 Restoration and Environmental Inc, 5704 Dry Creek Road, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "K2 Environmental Incorporated" 5704 Dry Creek Road, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk

Life Sentence for Darnell Erby

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Honorable Laurel White sentenced Darnell Erby to life in prison without the possibility of parole on November 7 for the brutal 2022 murder of 77-year-old Pamela May, a North Highlands resident.

On June 17, a jury convicted Erby of first-degree murder with the special circumstance that the murder occurred during a burglary, as well as mutilation and five counts of burglary, with allegations that he was armed with a deadly weapon found true. The jury also determined that Erby had prior strike convictions for residential burglary and that his prior convictions were numerous and increasingly serious.

Evidence showed that Erby acquainted himself with the victim, who lived alone. In the early morning hours of July 15, 2022, he entered her home through a gap in the back fence, bound her face and hands with clothing, and killed her. He stole property and attempted to transfer ownership of the victim's home into his name. In the following days, Erby returned and dismembered the victim's body, placing the remains into garbage bags before law enforcement discovered the crime.

At the time of the murder, Erby was on early release from state prison. He had previously been convicted and sentenced in August 2017 in both Placer and Amador Counties to serve over 12 years for multiple offenses. He had a long history of criminal behavior, including eight separate felony convictions and over 20 arrests spanning the past two decades. Both the Placer and Amador County District Attorney's Offices opposed his early release, citing his repetitive criminal activity and high risk of violence. Erby was denied parole in 2018 and 2020, but was later released under California's non-violent early release program, despite these warnings.

"Our community deserves to know why this dangerous offender was released," said Placer County District Attorney Morgan Gire. "These early-release decisions are having deadly impacts, and residents need assurance that violent individuals will not be returned to our streets."

The Placer County District Attorney's Office continues to request documentation from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) regarding the decision to release Erby and what steps are being taken to prevent similar situations in the future. ★

Defendant Sentenced for Sexually Assaulting Two Girls

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 11, the Honorable Carlton Davis sentenced Christopher Cole to 475 years to life in prison. On Oct. 27, Christopher Cole was convicted by a jury of eight counts of lewd act upon a child and one count of committing a sex act with a child under 10 years old.

The jury also found true that there were multiple victims; substantial sexual contact with a victim under the age of 14 years old; use of obscene material depicting sexual conduct; the victims were particularly vulnerable; the crime was carried out in a manner that indicates planning, sophistication, or professionalism; and the defendant took advantage of a position of trust or confidence. An

allegation that Cole has a prior strike conviction for voluntary manslaughter was also found true at the sentencing hearing.

Christopher Cole sexually assaulted two girls when they were 4 to 5 years old and 7 to 9 years old. Cole sexually abused one of the victims many times, including sodomy and various other sex acts. Cole showed the second victim pornographic material involving oral copulation, then made her perform the act on him several times. During one of the incidents, Cole committed the act with both of the victims at the same time.

Under current California law, Cole (age 44) will become eligible for release at an Elder Parole hearing once he turns 50 years old and has served 20 years of his 475-years to life prison sentence. With his in-custody credits, that will be in approximately 18 years. ★



Defendant Convicted of Shooting, Murdering Ex-Wife

Sacramento District Attorney's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Brian Christiansen was convicted by a jury of second-degree

murder. The jury also found true allegations that Christiansen used a firearm to cause death and that he took advantage of a position of trust.

Christiansen and his ex-wife, Alma Christiansen, had a history

of family violence. On May 7, 2023, Sacramento police officers responded to Christiansen's home after he reported that he shot his ex-wife six times. Officers located the victim deceased in the backyard. Christiansen admitted

to law enforcement that he shot the unarmed victim during a physical altercation.

Christiansen faces a maximum sentence of 40 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for January 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

in Department 26 before the Honorable Benjamin Galloway.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Shipsierra.com/Shipurwhip.com" 4600 Roseville Road Suite #260, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 10, 2025
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SHIP 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08919 Andrew Nelson Nevins, 5820 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Unit 232, Sacramento, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "T.R. Fig" 5820 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Unit 232, Sacramento, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 9, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08933 KB'S Mart LLC, 12400 Fair Oaks Boulevard #511, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pows of Prosperity Custom Prints/POPCustomPrints" 12400 Fair Oaks Boulevard #511, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 9, 2025
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POWS 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08718 MK Elevated LLC, 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA, 95812 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Let Mommy Sleep Southern California" 9787 Mojave Mountain Street, Las Vegas, NV 89166. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 1, 2025
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026
LET 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08660 Infinite Life Source, LLC, 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Ancient Soul" 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 25, 2025
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026
ANCIENT 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08938 Joshua raymond, 17 Avenida 2101, Guatemala Zona 15, 01015 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "East branch financial inst" 17 Avenida 2101, Guatemala Zona 15, 01015. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 10, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08969 Bombay Grill Inc, 861 Barros Drive, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bombay Bar and Grill" 1315 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of

Sacramento County December 10, 2025
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026
BOMBAY 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08832 Yasir Alfatayir, 3033 Olive Glen Court, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yas Locksmith" 3033 Olive Glen Court, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2025
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026
YAS 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09000 Terry Richard Joseph, 101 Withington Avenue, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Explicit Mechanical Services" 101 Withington Avenue, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 11, 2025
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026
EXPLICIT 1-9-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2025-08684 The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OF: NovaEdge Store, 3373 Misty Lake Drive, Antelope, CA 95843. Wali Hassany and Maisam Hassany, 3373 Misty Lake Drive, Antelope, CA 95843. The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on November 26, 2025 in the County of Sacramento. Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: November 26, 2025.
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
NOVAEDGE 1-2-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV021358 Scarlett Rose Nielsen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Scarlett Rose Nielsen to Syrus Rose Nielsen.
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
NIELSEN 12-19-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV027508 Magda Christy Taraya Perez has

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Magda Christy Taraya Perez to Magda Taraya Perez Knapp.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 21, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: November 14, 2025 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
PEREZ 12-19-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV026099

Olena Ignatenko has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Olena Ignatenko to Olena Oleynik and German Ignatenko to German Oleynik.
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
IGNATENKO 12-26-25

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: November 6, 2025 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
IGNATENKO 12-26-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV026376

Mohad Haroon Shams has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohad Haroon Shams to Haroon Shams.
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
SHAMS 12-26-25

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 17, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: November 3, 2025 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
SHAMS 12-26-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV021358

Scarlett Rose Nielsen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Scarlett Rose Nielsen to Syrus Rose Nielsen.
Publish: September 8, 2025 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: September 8, 2025

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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NIELSEN 1-2-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV028499

Boyd Reed Anderson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Boyd Reed Anderson to Silver Dann.
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
ANDERSON 1-2-26

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 28, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: December 1, 2025 Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
ANDERSON 1-2-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV026392

Jennifer Ann Wolf has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jennifer Ann Wolf to Jennifer Ann Krieger.
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
WOLF 1-2-26

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 26, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 28, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: November 4, 2025 Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
WOLF 1-2-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV029046

Kazuhiro Maclay has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kazuhiro Maclay to Robert Maclay.
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026
MACLAY 1-9-26

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 14, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: December 3, 2025 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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MACLAY 1-9-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV029349

Carl La Morris Teer II has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Carl La Morris Teer II to Carlos La Morris Teer.
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026
MACLAY 1-9-26

titled matter appear before this court on May 19, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 9, 2025 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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TEER 1-9-26

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 25CV000737 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Jamie K Huber, an Individual, and DOES 1 through 10, Inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Iver Capital Corporation. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Ali Nabavi, Coastal Crest Law Firm, APLC, 24310 Moulton Parkway, Suite O-1007, Laguna Woods, CA 92637, 949-751-6788. Date: (Fecha) January 9, 2025 Clerk (Secretario) /s/ K. Lideros, Deputy (Adjunto) Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026 IVER 1-2-26

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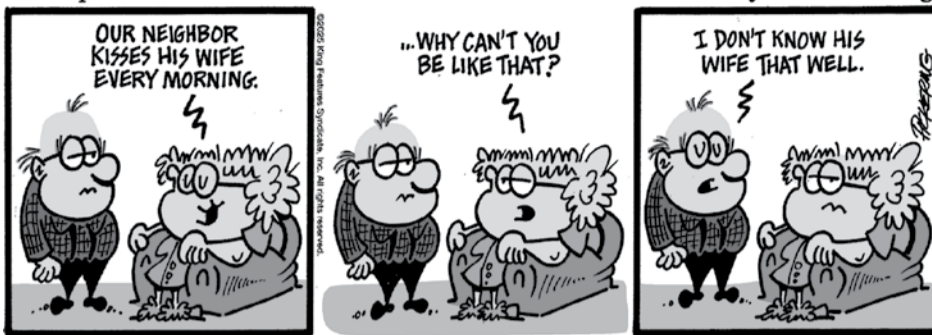
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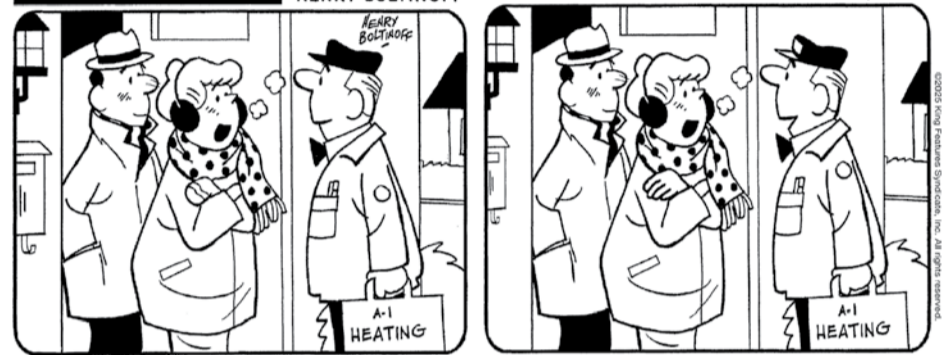
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The Sacramento Kings had a rough week. Whether it's at Golden One or on the road, the 2025-26 campaign has not been a pleasant experience.

Diehard fans will likely point to injuries, and you would have a point, but injuries alone cannot account for losing 20 games in the first 26 contests. There is more to the story.

The Kings as they are currently assembled do not match up with bigger teams. Does that mean that the Kings need to build a team that resembles the Oklahoma City Thunder? Well, it wouldn't be a bad idea, but easier said than done, it's important to note that there are a host of players under 6 feet, 6 inches that are difference makers in this league.

Well, I don't pretend to be able to read the mind of Scott Perry, but if you listen to him, he will tell you that he has autonomy and will be the architect of what is apparently going to be a rebuilding season. Perry has alluded to this experience likely taking three to five years, which no one wants to hear.

For me, I can condense the process to five players that I would keep at all costs.

Domantas Sabonis has had little time on the hardwood this season due to injury, but make no mistake about it, he is a difference maker. Any player that can lead the league in double-doubles, year over year, while also leading the league in rebounding three years running, is someone you need to covet. Sabonis also led the league in triple-doubles two years ago, so there you have an anchor on your team that simply needs to stay.

The Kings are guard heavy, but their young guards have yet to see their potential. Players like Nique Clifford and even Devin Carter have not had sufficient time for fans to see what could be an incredible upside. Keep these youngsters and remember why you made them number one draft choices.

Keegan Murray had a rookie season three years ago that was eye popping because he was living up to his hype. The NCAA scoring champ out of Iowa set a Sacramento franchise record of 11 consecutive threes, and a total of twelve three-pointers in one game.

Keegan's experience in Sacramento has been up and down, but this year could be a breakout year for the young baller that has not just the shooting ability, but a knack for defense as well. Keep him!

Maxime Reynaud is getting game time due to Domantas being sidelined and he is giving Kings fans a glimpse of what this seven-footer can do. He is my fifth pick to stay.

As our Sactown ballers lost three games last week by a total of 56 combined points, I glanced around the league to see who might be a player that could bring a steadiness to this lineup. One player, although a guard, was Austin Reeves, who managed to drop 51 points on the Kings earlier this season when both LeBron James and Luca Doncic were sidelined with injuries. The same Austin Reeves that just 4 years ago went undrafted by all 30 NBA teams and would eventually be signed to a two-way contract as a walk-on by the LA Lakers.

In high school, Reeves scored 73 points in one game and won back-to-back state titles. Reeves went on to play for Oklahoma averaging 32 points per game as a senior while making the NCAA tournament. How does the entire league miss on a talent that is having the time of his life playing in the NBA?

As I've said before, the Kings need to find someone that can assess talent and hit home runs. It needs to happen sooner rather than later, so right now would be just fine.

Are you listening, Doug Christie? You have a player sitting on your bench by the name of Doug McDermott that can shoot threes like everyone else shoots free throws, and he needs to find a place in your rotation. With six wins to show for the season, what are you waiting for?

Just as Austin Reeves was a welcome surprise, maybe McDermott could bring some much-needed energy to this team.

Stay tuned Kings fans because we're only 25 percent of the way into the season!

All the best and a very Merry Christmas!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Trump Sides with Agriculture Again in California's Never-Ending Water Wars



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

From the onset of his foray into presidential politics a decade ago, Donald Trump has been obsessed with managing California's water, often interjecting himself into decades-long conflicts over how the precious commodity should be divvied up.

During his first stint as president, Trump was heavily influenced by the Westlands Water District, a huge agricultural water agency in the San Joaquin Valley that sought more irrigation water for itself and other farm interests.

That relationship led to an extremely controversial contract that guaranteed Westlands as much as 1 million acre-feet of water each year from the federal Central Valley Project, solidifying the district's supply situation. Lacking water rights, Westlands had historically depended on temporary contracts to meet members' demands.

The new contract angered environmental groups because it threatened to reduce flows through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for wildlife habitat. The groups sued and won rulings against the contract in trial and appellate courts.

After Trump moved back into the White House in January, he immediately picked up where he left off, issuing an order to federal water officials to maximize deliveries in California.

He also complained that

a shortage of water deliveries to Southern California was a factor in the rapid spread of deadly wildfires in Los Angeles County, claiming that the state's efforts to protect "an essentially worthless fish called a smelt" was at fault.

"Governor Gavin Newsom refused to sign the water restoration declaration put before him that would have allowed millions of gallons of water, from excess rain and snow melt from the North, to flow daily into many parts of California, including the areas that are currently burning in a virtually apocalyptic way," Trump wrote on his social media site, Truth Social.

Newsom's office rebuked the claim, saying, "There is no such document as the water restoration declaration — that is pure fiction."

Meanwhile, Trump's executive order pushed the Bureau of Reclamation to modify how it operates the Central Valley Project, a complex of reservoirs — including Lake Shasta — and canals that captures runoff from Northern California mountains and supplies water agencies in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys.

Last week, the bureau announced an operational modification that would increase annual water deliveries by 130,000 to 180,000 acre-feet from the Central Valley Project and another 120,000 to 220,000 from the State Water Project, the latter chiefly generated from the Oroville Dam on the Feather River. The two projects share management of the Sacramento River and its tributaries.

"This updated operations plan reflects our commitment to using the best available science to increase water deliveries while safeguarding the environment and honoring the legacy of the Central Valley Project's

90 years of service," Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum said in a statement.

The announcement sparked reactions, both pro and con, that reflect the state's long-running water allocation battles — praise from Westlands and other agricultural water agencies that are facing supply reductions from regulation of groundwater use and condemnation from state officials and environmental groups.

"These operational refinements reflect a thoughtful, data-informed approach that strengthens water supply availability for growers while maintaining California's commitment to environmental stewardship," Westlands said in a statement.

Newsom spokesperson, Tara Gallegos, had another take: "The Trump administration is putting politics over people — catering to big donors instead of doing what's right for Californians. As per usual, the emperor is left with no clothes, pushing for an outcome that disregards science and undermines our ability to protect the water supply for people, farms, and the environment."

For their part, state water officials say they have no intention of matching the Bureau of Reclamation's new operational rules.

So here we go again, another chapter in the war over water that began when California became a state 175 years ago. It's probably headed to the courts and will probably outlast not only Newsom's governorship but Trump's presidency.

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

Social Security Matters About Remarrying and Benefits from an Ex-spouse



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am almost 57, divorced after a 14-year marriage. My former spouse is 15 years older than I and made significantly more money than me. I am required to retire from my job at age 60 but expect to keep working in some capacity.

I have a girlfriend of a similar age to me. She did not earn as much as her former husband as she mainly raised their children. She is also divorced from an older spouse who made more money than she did. I am trying to figure out if we will be penalized if we marry, or if it matters if we wait until after we reach 60 years of age. Can I claim my own benefits when I become eligible at 62, then claim survivor benefits later, whenever my former spouse passes? Is that affected if, or when, I remarry? I do not want to give up my potential survivor benefits from my ex-spouse. Are those affected if I remarry?

If I understand correctly, if I remarry even after 60, we would both forfeit divorced spousal benefits, is that right? Given that my girlfriend's former spouse

probably made more money than I, would she be forfeiting her former spousal benefits if we were to marry, even after age 60?

Lastly, I am considering retiring abroad as an expat. Any suggestions about how that would affect our Social Security benefits? **Signed: Starting Over**

Dear Starting Over: With certain exceptions, benefits from a living ex-spouse cannot be collected if you remarry (regardless of your age when you remarry). So, from what you've shared, whenever you remarry both you and your new wife will forfeit eligibility for benefits from your respective ex-spouses while they are living (FYI, there are exceptions for those who are disabled).

However, the rules are different for a surviving ex-spouse: if you remarry before age 60, you will forfeit your surviving ex-spouse benefit. But if you remarry after age 60, you retain eligibility to collect survivor benefits from a deceased former spouse. So, if you and your girlfriend remarry after you are both age 60, you will both still be able to claim survivor benefits based on your former spouses' records.

And, yes, it is possible for you to initially claim your own SS retirement benefit at 62 and claim your surviving ex-spouse benefit later (after your former spouse dies). Provided you remarry after age 60 you do not lose that option, but if you were to claim a surviving ex-spouse benefit before reaching your full retirement age (FRA), the monthly payment amount would be reduced (all SS benefits taken before FRA are reduced).

Note too, that if you plan

to continue working after you are first eligible for SS benefits, Social Security has an "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn from working while collecting early benefits. The limit changes yearly (for 2025 it is \$23,400) and if exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. And as you likely know, claiming at age 62 will also mean a benefit payment of about 30% less than available at your FRA of 67. So, if you plan to work after age 62 and plan to claim early SS, you should take the "earnings test" into consideration. FYI, the earning test no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

Now, regarding retiring overseas, be aware that Social Security has limits or where you can collect U.S. Social Security benefits. I suggest you use Social Security's Payments Abroad Screening Tool to find out if benefits are payable wherever you plan to retire abroad. That SSA tool can be found here:

www.ssa.gov/international/payments_outsideUS.html

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Europe Has Made Itself An Afterthought

of the U.S., "decline is a choice."

This isn't quite right with regard to Europe, whose great powers were kneecapped by the cataclysms of the early 20th century. France bore the brunt of World War I, suffering 1.4 million dead and 4.3 million wounded and a ruinous economic cost.

As for Britain, stretched to the max, it got steadily eclipsed in power and influence by the United States as World War II progressed. The less said about Germany's role in all this, of course, the better. And then the European colonial empires inevitably dissolved. So, Europe was going to be diminished compared to its glory days. Its current fecklessness, though, has indeed been a choice, borne of strategic fantasy and economic incompetence.

Strong militaries were deemed as a thing of the past, or something unnecessary as long as Uncle Sam was around. The Brits, for instance, are hard-pressed to maintain a 73,000-strong army, and the size of their once-storied surface fleet is at a historic low.

Europe imagined itself "a diplomatic superpower," but has learned to regret that "soft power" not backed up by hard power is of limited utility. Both the Nobel Committee and Amnesty International have considerable soft power, too, but no one pays attention to them regarding high-level geopolitical questions.

Economically, the EU "regulatory superpower"

has hobbled growth -- over the last 30 years, Western European labor productivity declined from 95% of the U.S. level to 80% -- while Europe's commitment to "net zero" greenhouse emissions has driven insane energy priorities. Years into the Ukraine war, Europe is still dependent on gas imports from Russia.

None of this means that the U.S. should go out of its way to give Europe the back of its hand. Whatever its other failings, Europe has collectively given Ukraine more aid than the United States, and was justifiably furious at the initial 28-point Ukraine proposal. That plan had the embattled country handing over to Moscow strategically important territory that is still in Ukrainian hands; agreeing to a limit on the size of its military; and the U.S. taking currently frozen Russian assets in Europe to rebuild Ukraine (getting 50% of any profits) and to pursue joint investment projects with Russia.

Negotiations with the Ukrainians have reportedly produced a more reasonable version, but it is Washington and Moscow that matter most here.

The analyst Robert Kagan famously wrote years ago that, in their divergent approaches to the world, "Americans are from Mars and Europeans are from Venus." Having long outsourced power politics to Mars, it turns out that Venus has limited influence even in her own backyard.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Pinnick and Cofield Named FCS Football Central Freshman All-Americans



UC Davis Football Freshman Caden Pinnick finished the season ranked among the best quarterbacks in the nation and was named Big Sky All-Conference. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics



Defensive back Drew Cofield was one of two freshmen to be named FCS Football Central Freshman All-Americans. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Football

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Following impressive freshmen campaigns by Caden Pinnick and Drew Cofield, the pair of UC Davis football freshmen have earned FCS Football Central Freshman All-American honors as announced today.

Pinnick (redshirt freshman), who became only the second Aggie quarterback to throw for five touchdowns in an

NCAA playoff game, finished the season ranked among the best quarterbacks in the nation and was named Big Sky All-Conference.

While Cofield is one of two true freshmen in the nation to make every start at cornerback, stepping in and making an immediate impact in the UC Davis secondary. Entering the game, Pinnick ranked nationally third in passing efficiency, fifth in total passing touchdowns

and yards per pass attempt, eighth in total touchdowns, ninth in completion percentage and 10th in passing yards per game.

With 11 starts under his belt, Pinnick has racked up 2,804 passing yards, 29 passing touchdowns and with a line of 211-for-304 the Aggie quarterback is completing his passes at 69.4 percent.

And on the ground, Pinnick has added rushed for 411 yards and added three touchdowns on the ground. Cofield has

made every start this season, playing nearly every snap all season at one of the toughest positions in sports.

With 12 games in his pocket, Cofield has collected 32 total tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss and he's broken up a team-high nine passes. The Aggie freshmen has made 28 solo stops, and he's snagged two interceptions along the way making his presence known to every offense faced this season. ★

Eric Kubota Wins Tony Gwynn Lifetime Achievement Award

Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A's Director of Scouting Eric Kubota has been named the winner of the Tony Gwynn Award, a lifetime achievement award presented annually by Baseball America for the greatest contributions to the game.

Kubota, who is entering his 41st season with the A's, has served as Director of Scouting for the past 24 seasons. During his tenure, the A's have drafted and signed 114 players who have reached the majors.

Among those players, 18 have been named All-Stars, three have been named American League Rookie of the Year, four have won Gold Glove Awards, and three have won Silver Slugger Awards. Hitters drafted under

Kubota have combined to record 14,896 hits and 2,190 home runs, while pitchers have collected 425 wins, 521 saves, and 6,143 strikeouts.

Kubota began his baseball career in June of 1984, while he was an undergraduate at the University of California, Berkeley, spending the better part of six seasons working in the A's media relations department. In November of 1989, he joined the baseball operations staff as an assistant director of scouting, and he was elevated to Pacific Rim coordinator in November of 1996, where he acted as a liaison between the A's and Asian baseball teams in addition to his scouting duties in Northern California and Hawaii.

Prior to assuming his current position, Kubota served as

the club's supervisor of international scouting for three seasons, overseeing the scouting staff and player evaluations in the Dominican Republic and Venezuela. In January 2014, he was honored as Scout of the Year by the Santa Clara County Hot Stove Committee and in 2022 he was named the Scout of the Year by the Scout of the Year Foundation.

Kubota graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. He and his wife, Karen, have two children. ★

Kubota, who is entering his 41st season with the A's, has served as Director of Scouting for the past 24 seasons. Courtesy photo



Sacramento State Announces Change

Sacramento State News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Brennan Marion announced Dec. 5 that he will resign as the head football coach at Sacramento State to become the offensive coordinator at Colorado.

"I want to thank Coach Marion for his leadership during this past season," Director of Athletics Mark Orr said. "We look forward to continuing the success of Sacramento State football and will begin a national search for our next head coach immediately."

Marion was hired as the 13th head football coach in school history on Dec. 21. During his time with the Hornets, he secured the top-ranked recruiting class in the Football Championship Subdivision twice. This past season, the team finished



Brennan Marion announced Dec. 5 that he will resign as the head football coach at Sacramento State. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State

with a 7-5 overall record and was 5-3 in Big Sky Conference games for sole possession of fourth place. Sacramento State ended the regular season ranked third in the Football Championship Subdivision with 262.6 rushing yards per game and averaged 33.8 points per game.

"I love Luke Wood and

Mark Orr," Marion said. "They gave me the opportunity to live my dream as a college head football coach and they provided me with every resource to succeed. I'm grateful to the Sacramento community and University for embracing my family. Lastly to my team, I love our players and staff. They restored the pride in Sac State football through a lot of adversity and our relationships will last a lifetime. Thank you Sacramento State!"

Sacramento State is one of just 12 Football Championship Subdivision programs to win at least seven games in five of the last six seasons. During that time, the team made four National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Football Championship Subdivision Playoff appearances and was ranked in the top 25 for 50 weeks. ★

A's Select Ryan Watson in Major League Rule 5 Draft

A's select three pitchers in minor league portion

Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Athletics selected right-handed pitcher Ryan Watson from San Francisco in the Major League portion of the Rule 5 Draft, the club announced Dec. 10. In addition, the Athletics' selected right-handed pitchers Abel Mercedes, Darlin Pinales and Jorge Marcheco in the minor league portion of the Rule 5 Draft.

Watson, 28, was signed to a minor league contract by Baltimore in 2020 and was traded to the Giants on Aug. 9, 2024, for cash considerations. He is 24-17 with a 4.14 earned run average (ERA) in 157 games, including 34 starts, across five minor league seasons.

Mercedes, 23, posted a 2-0 record with a 4.35 ERA across 30 relief appearances for Single-A Fayetteville during the 2025 season to go along with 66 strikeouts and 48 walks in 41.1 innings pitched. Overall, Mercedes is 6-12 with a 5.60 ERA across five minor league seasons.

Pinales, 23, was 1-3 with a 5.90 ERA across 35 relief outings for Single-A Visalia during the 2025 season with 56 strikeouts, 32 walks and a .217 opponents batting average. Overall, he is 10-11 with a 5.64 ERA, adding 229 strikeouts and 186.2 innings pitched over five minor league seasons.

Marcheco, 23, went a combined 5-7 with a 4.36 ERA between High-A Tri City and Double-A Rocket City during the 2025 season. He totaled 84 strikeouts, 23 walks and a 1.13 walks and hits per inning pitched (WHIP) across 27 games (12 starts). Overall, he is 23-23 with a 3.99 ERA spanning five minor league seasons.

Additionally, catcher Daniel Susac was selected from the A's organization by Minnesota in the first round of the Major League Phase of the Rule 5 Draft. In the minor league portion, catcher Abraham Gutierrez was selected by New York-AL (second round).

Susac was drafted by the A's in the first round (19th overall) in the 2022 First-Year Player Draft. He hit .275 with 19 doubles, 18 home runs and 68 runs batted in (RBI) for Triple-A Las Vegas during the 2025 season. Across four minor league seasons, the 24-year-old right-handed hitter has recorded 65 doubles, 39 home runs and 195 RBI.

Gutierrez, 26, was signed by the A's to a minor league contract on Dec. 4, after he was released by the Pittsburgh Pirates organization on Aug. 5. Across parts of eight minor league seasons, he batted .261 with a .346 on-base percentage, including batting .250 with a .333 OBP in 28 games with Triple-A Indianapolis this season. ★

"Fearless" Ferrell Helping Lead Lady Lancers

Lady Lancers Looking Toward League Play

By James Darnell

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Cordova Lady Lancers senior point guard Jasmine Ferrell has been a key member of the varsity basketball program since her freshman year under the guidance of head coach Kim Bradley. Now, in her final season with the program, the scrappy point guard is being relied upon as a leader on and off the court.

Ferrell is viewed as the team's hardest worker and someone who sets a good example both on the court and in the classroom. This past fall she even added another sport to her resume when she played on the Lady Lancers' flag football team which was also coached by Bradley. She brings a certain toughness to the court and can be counted on to go all-out no matter what she has going on, according to her coach.

"She's our workhorse," Bradley said. "She won't quit. She will give you 150 percent, no matter what. No matter if she's battling and trying to fight through an ankle injury or a knee injury. Whatever it is, she's going to give you everything she has."

This season, Ferrell is averaging 9.0 points per game for Cordova, and figures to be a big contributor down the stretch as the team enters Metro League play beginning in early January. Yet, it's not just her on-court production that has helped her earn the respect of her teammates and coaches alike.

"She is a very encouraging teammate," Bradley said. "She's fun to be



Cordova senior point guard Jasmine Ferrell is widely viewed as a leader on the team. Photo by Rick Sloan

around. She can be serious when needed but also very joking. She has learned how to be a leader over the years, and for teenagers that is difficult."

Additionally, Bradley mentioned that the youngster has persevered through a lot during her time at Cordova. She has dealt with injuries over time, and the loss of a close family member prior to the start of her junior season in 2024. Through it all, Bradley says the upperclassman has "blossomed" into a very important member of the team. Now, with a finite number of games remaining in her time at Cordova, Bradley isn't expecting anything more than what she's already brought to the team since she first stepped on the court four years ago.

"Nothing that we haven't seen from her," Bradley said when asked about

what she wants to see down the stretch. "Just for her to keep being a fearless hard worker." ★



This season, Ferrell is averaging 9.0 points per game for Cordova. Photo by Rick Sloan



Junior Makayla Pena controls the ball during the match against Elk Grove. Photo by Rick Sloan

By James Darnell

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - After a good start to their season, the Cordova Lady Lancers are gearing up for Metro League play which begins after students return from Christmas break.

The Lady Lancers (3-4-1 overall at press time) won three of their first four games to begin their winter schedule. After a three-game slide, the team ended the skid with a 1-1 tie at Casa Roble on Thursday, Dec. 11. Now with a chance to regroup and shift their focus toward league play, the Lady Lancers are feeling confident as they approach the most important part of their season.

"We're feeling pretty good," Lady Lancers head coach Charlie Gonzalez said. "We've gotten a couple wins here and there. We're a young team and they've bought in. We're developing pretty good."

Sophomore striker Susan Corona has led the Cordova offense early on, scoring two goals thus far. Senior goalie Alanna



Freshman Sana Akbari dribbles the ball down the field against Elk Grove. Photo by Rick Sloan

Thomas has been arguably the teams' most valuable player thus far, tallying an impressive 36 saves already on the year. According to Gonzalez, the team has only had one game this season in which every player was available to participate, and that has hindered some of what the team wants to do, particularly on offense. Junior do-it-all player Makayla Pena, who led the team in goals scored last season, had been unable to participate in games until late last week due to other commitments. Now with the roster

coming together, their coach feels his team will be up for the challenges that a tough Metro League will bring.

"I feel like we're in a good spot," Gonzalez said. "I think we've only had one game where we've had all our players. I think if we're all there, we're in a good spot."

The team will practice on a few occasions during the upcoming Christmas break before returning to the field on Tuesday, Jan. 6 in their league opener at McClatchy, scheduled for 3 p.m. ★

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