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Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

Grab your winter coats, the cold weather is here, there and everywhere. If you are like me, your wardrobe is in flux, sweatshirts one day, who knows the next. It still won't keep me inside; there are too many things to

see and do.

We are in the middle of Medicare Open Enrollment - October 15 to December 7, 2025. If you need assistance choosing or changing your current prescription drug/health plan, Senior Health Insurance Counselors for Kansas (SHICK) are ready to help. The assistance applies to new and current Medicare beneficiaries or

caregivers assisting beneficiaries who reside in Wyandotte or Leavenworth County. To schedule an appointment with a trained counselor, call the Area Agency on Aging at 913-573 8531. To be better prepared, bring your Medicare card, list of prescriptions, notices from your current health care plan, and your pharmacy name and address.

Join the Share the Book Club on November 18 at 1pm at Windmill KC. Enjoy a cup of coffee while we discuss our latest reads. Adults. Register at kckpl.org.

The Graphic Novel Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at Turner Community Garden at 3:30pm to read aloud and act out a graphic novel together. You even get to keep the graphic novel you read (November 20 's novel is "My Hero Academia".) Ages 10 & up. Register at kckpl.org.

How crafty are you? Try your luck making a "Snuggle Sock Pumpkin" at Turner Community Garden on Friday, November 21 at 2pm. This is

another program of Turner Community Library. Register at kckpl.org,

The Shepherd's Center of KCK 's November 21 "Adventures in Learning" luncheon will start at 10am at the Grace Lutheran / Mason Memorial Church, 3333 Wood. At 11am, Kayla Rochley, Regent of the Wyandot Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be giving a flag presentation in honor of Veterans' Day. The luncheon will be sponsored by Vibrant Health who will provide the program. Vibrant Health is a community health center offering medical, dental and behavioral health in Wyandotte County. RSVP call 913-281-8908 or melissab@sckc.com.

Turner Recreation Commission is hosting their annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 23, 2025, from 4:00pm-6:00 pm in the gymnasium. Bring your family and join them for a complimentary in-person meal. Food is available while supplies last, For more info, call 913-287-2111.

That's it for now. Until next time, stay safe and be kind to those around you.

Stock Market Insights

Europe's Debt Shift: Why Southern Economies Are Rising as Northern Nations Struggle

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It has been just over a year since I saw the role reversal with my Dad. During his last few days on earth, I was the medical power of attorney to the man I had always sought advice from. The older I get, the more I see role reversals. Right now, I'm watching one take place in Europe's economies.

There is wisdom in having international holdings in your portfolio. It gives you diversification because global stocks and other governments are not in lockstep with the US. That being said, we are seeing a significant shift in European countries, which is impacting our investment approach. The usually



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weaker southern countries are beginning to look better than the long-time outperforming northern countries.

Europe is starting to have another debt crisis. Back in the early 2010s, it was the southern European countries that were the problem children. The countries of Portugal, Italy, Greece, and Spain had huge debts and couldn't get their spending under control. In a strange role reversal, those countries are growing while Europe's popular northern countries are now the problem. Countries like France and the UK have rising budget deficits and debt, and even the frugal countries like Germany and the Netherlands are taking on debt.

The southern European countries, whose shaky economies nearly broke apart the EU, made a course correction. They got their budgets in check, and instead of

running huge deficits like before, they are now paying down their debt levels. Furthermore, Spain was one of the fastest-growing economies in the developed world in 2024, growing at a rate of 3.5%, while Portugal and Greece are both growing at around 2%. This is because when the EU was bailing them out, countries like Greece, Spain, and Portugal were forced to make some difficult budgetary decisions, such as raising retirement ages, slashing bureaucracy, and overhauling labor laws.

However, Europe's northern countries didn't take their own advice and are beginning to struggle because they can't get their welfare spending under control, and their populations are aging. France is expected to have a budget deficit of over 5% of its GDP this year, compared to just 2% before the pandemic, while the UK, Austria, and Belgium are projected to go above 4%. There are only two ways to fix this: reduce spending or raise taxes, and neither option is politically popular. France's Macron tried to raise the pension age, and the UK's Starmer tried to reduce some disability benefits, and both have seen a political blowback.

Germany, the European golden child that has been the EU's

financial engine, is starting to see its economy, which is fueled by manufacturing, big exports, and free trade, falter. It has been hit hard by US tariffs, as well as competition from China. Volkswagen and other German automakers are being hurt by cheap Chinese cars. They have also watched their energy prices skyrocket because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which greatly harms its industrial sectors. They don't like to admit it, but one of the biggest reasons Europe's manufacturers were relatively competitive was because of cheap Russian energy, which is no longer available.

It is too soon to know how these latest European struggles will affect the global developed market sector. The drop in the US dollar pumped some life into this sector this year, but it might be disguising bigger troubles. The last time this region had a debt crisis, it led to global risk aversion and negative returns. This should be watched closely, which is why it pays to have active investment management.

Making difficult decisions for my Dad changed me, but also gave me some peace. The last thing he said to me was "thank you" when I stopped the medical team from doing a painful but unnecessary

thing to him. He couldn't speak, but he mouthed it to me, and I now know that the last thing he thought about me was that I was taking care of him. Hopefully, European governments will look beyond the short-sightedness of public opinion and take the necessary steps to care for their countries for decades to come.

Have a blessed week!

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KCKCC to Host M-PACT Vocal Festival in November

The M-PACT Vocal Festival is returning to Kansas City Kansas Community College Nov. 18 and 19 at the KCKCC Performing Arts Center.

A non-competitive festival, vocal jazz ensembles, contemporary a cappella groups and other choral ensembles will have the opportunity to perform and work hands-on with M-PACT, the award-winning American pop/jazz vocal group. The festival is free and open to the public. It will also be livestreamed on KCKCC's Vimeo as well as on the festival's website.

In addition to the festival, M-PACT will provide an evening performance at 7 p.m. Nov. 18 in the performing arts center. KCKCC's After Hours Vocal Jazz Ensemble and KC A cappella Soundproof will open the show.

Described by the San Francisco Chronicle as "one of the best pop-jazz vocal groups in the world," M-PACT is known for its sophisticated sound that has won the group Vocal Group of the Year at the L.A. Music Awards and an Indie nomination from the Independent Grammys.

The group has been named Grand National Champs of the Harmony Sweepstakes competition and has performed with artists such as Boyz II Men, Sheryl Crow, the Woody Herman Orchestra, the Maynard Ferguson Big Band and Natalie Cole, among many others. Their "signature sound" can also be heard in television theme songs as well as Disney feature films and on radio stations throughout the world.

Started in 1995, M-PACT has made five full-length albums, three EP's and several single releases and continues to receive rave reviews and multiple awards. Billboard Magazine named them the "Best Unsigned Band" and in 2014, the group joined with New York a cappella powerhouse Duwende to produce "I Wish for All Time," an a cappella tribute to Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson.

UG Partners with Local Non-Profit Organization to Open KCK Overnight Cold Weather Shelter Providing Overnight Shelter in Anticipation of the Extreme Cold Weather

KANSAS CITY, KS - The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas (UG) has partnered with community organization Mt. Carmel Redevelopment Corporation this year to manage and operate a temporary KCK Cold Weather Overnight Shelter. This year the overnight shelter will be at the Willa Gill Services Center (645 Nebraska Ave, Kansas City, KS 66101).

This service will be available to those in need on nights when the temperature is 25 degrees Fahrenheit or below. Guests will be allowed to begin lining up at the shelter at 5:00 PM, with shelter doors opening at 5:30 PM. The expected maximum capacity of the shelter will be 40 adults, and available beds will be first come, first served.

In anticipation of this Sunday's extreme cold weather forecast, the overnight shelter will be opened (November 9th) to serve guests for the first time this season.

Guests will be provided with a warm meal, a sleeping mat, a blanket, and a tent to sleep in. In the morning guests will also be provided with a grab-and-go breakfast as they leave the shelter by 6:00 AM.

The overnight shelter will be staffed with a diverse pool of people from those working in homeless services, behavioral health, healthcare, community members, and persons with lived experience.

Determination whether the shelter will be open for the evening will be made by 8:00 AM each day, and the information will be available by calling 913-621-4690.

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Cold Weather shelter will be shared very soon to assist with the official November 15th opening date.



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Tom's Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

This week's tasty treat is a good choice to make for the Christmas holidays. If you like the taste of fruitcake, this recipe is for you, and it's much easier to prepare than a fruitcake.

Please bake these:

CHRISTMAS FRUIT AND NUT COOKIES

Ingredients:

1/2 c Butter, soft
1/2 c Crisco
1 c Brown sugar
1/2 c Sugar
1 1/2 t Cinnamon
1/2 t Ginger
1/4 t Nutmeg
1/2 t Salt
1 t Baking soda
2 lg. Eggs
1 t Vanilla
2 c Flour
1 1/2 c Rolled Oats
1 c Dried Cranberries*
1/2 Golden Raisins*

1/2 c Dates, chopped
1/2 c Walnuts, chopped

Glaze:

1 c Powdered Sugar
1-2 T Milk
1/2 t Vanilla

*Dried cherries and dark raisins can be used.

Set oven to 350° and line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper. In a mixer combine the butter and the Crisco and beat together on low speed.

Add the brown sugar and sugar and beat on medium speed. Scrape the bowl as needed.

Add the cinnamon ginger and nutmeg. Beat in the eggs and vanilla. Add the flour and oats to the mixture and stir to mix together well. Stir in the dried cranberries, golden raisins, chopped dates, and walnuts and mix until blended. Scoop dough with a tablespoon cookie scoop.

Space 2" apart onto the cookie sheets. Bake for 15-16 minutes. The cookie should be set and golden brown in color.

Leave cookies on the cookie

sheet for 3 minutes, then put them on a wire rack to finish cooling.

Prepare the glaze by putting the ingredients in a small bowl and stirring until smooth and well blended. Drizzle glaze over the

cooled cookies.

These cookies are really flavorful and are sure to be a traditional addition to your Christmas cookie tray, for your friends and family. Enjoy!

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Seeking Proposals

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 500, Kansas City, Kansas, seeks sealed qualification proposals for RFQ 25-018: Architectural Services - New Main Library. Proposals must be labeled "RFQ 25-018 Architectural Services - Main Library" and submitted to: Purchasing Department, Board of Education, 2010 N. 59th Street, Room 370, Kansas City, KS 66104. A Pre-Submittal Conference will take place at KCKPL Main Library, 625 Minnesota Avenue (3rd Floor Conference Room), Kansas City, KS 66101, on November 21, 2025, at 10 AM (CST). Proposals will be publicly opened on December 12, 2025, at 2 PM (CST) in the Purchasing Office, where submitters' names will be announced. Solicitation documents and further information are available on BidNet: <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/kansas>.

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