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## Little League Celebrates 70th Season!



Rancho Cordova Little League players march with their team's banner.

Story and photos by Rick Sloan

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - On Saturday, March 9, at 10 in the morning the cavalcade of players and coaches paraded into the Major League field at Ahlstrom Park as the Rancho Cordova Little League (RCLL) celebrated its 70th opening day ceremony. To put it more into perspective, the first opening day was held in 1954. The president of the United States was Dwight D. Eisenhower, the New York Giants were World Series champions, a gallon of gasoline cost 21 cents, Elvis Presley started his music career and the average



Seven-year-old Aby Cox sings the national anthem.

yearly income was \$4,100. The ceremony, delayed by one week due to

seven-year-old Aby Cox, and also featured the ceremonial first pitch that included the youngest player pitching a ball to the oldest player. This year's youngest player was three-year-old Easton Nydegger and the oldest player was 14-year-old Ethan Reber. The 43 teams, totaling 501 players ranging from age three to 14, and their coaches, proudly paraded in uniforms holding their team's banner from the centerfield gate to the infield. This year's historic celebration included an array of activities for the players to partake in that included an inflatable obstacle course, face

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## Measles Exposure at UC Davis

Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) confirms one case of measles in a child who was seen at the UC Davis Medical Center Emergency Department on March 5, 2024, between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Unvaccinated persons or those with unknown vaccination status who were in the UC Davis Medical Center Emergency Department during the aforementioned time are at risk of developing measles from 7 to 21 days after being exposed. These individuals should do the following:

Review their immunization and medical records to determine if they are protected against measles. People who have not had measles infection previously or who have not received three measles immunization may not be protected from the measles virus. These individuals should talk with a healthcare provider about receiving measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunization.

Contact by phone or email and notify their health care provider as soon as possible about a potential exposure if they are pregnant, an infant, have a weakened immune system and/or are not immunized, regardless of vaccination history. Do not go to your provider in-person or go to the emergency department for potential exposure.

Monitor themselves for illness with fever and/or an unexplained rash from 7 days to 21 days after their exposure (the time period when symptoms may develop); if symptoms develop, stay at home and call a healthcare provider immediately. If you become ill enough that you need to seek medical attention in person, please wear a mask and inform the registration staff that you have had a measles exposure so that appropriate isolation can occur in the healthcare setting.

UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) and Public Health and Health Departments in surrounding counties are contacting identified patients to assess their immunization status and provide guidance to individuals who were exposed. ★

## Top Rancho Cordova Volunteers Honored

Cordova Community Council News Release

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Julie Hagan-Belka, a lifelong Rancho Cordovan who with her husband has achieved extraordinary charitable fundraising success to benefit local non-profits, was honored as "Rancho Cordovan of the Year" March 8 during the 24th Annual Community Volunteer Awards.

Hosted by the Cordova Community Council, the extraordinary volunteer efforts by Red Cross volunteers, a Meals on Wheels driver and Rancho Cordova artists were also honored.

Top award of the evening went to Belka-Hagan, whose remarkable charitable giving reached through establishment of the Rancho Cordova Community Golf Classic was recalled. The tournament raised \$300,000 for community non-profits during five years before being sidelined by the pandemic, however Belka-Hagan is also responsible for everything from turkey drives for the



Accepting for the LDS church were super-volunteers, from left, Alan and Delcia Bosh, and Stake President Todd Miller. The church won the Distinguished Community Service by Faith Community Award. Photo courtesy of Cordova Community Council

Rancho Cordova Food Locker to establishing Rancho Cordova Rotary's Hometown Hero awards. In addition, her philanthropic reach has included the Rancho Cordova Police Activities League, Easter Seals of Superior California, Cordova Community Council and others. The granddaughter of early Rancho Cordova

promoters Dayo and Paul Hagan, she urged others to follow advice she has taken which is to "bloom where you are planted," supporting the hometown which raised her. In addition to Hagan-Belka, honorees included: Distinguished Community Service Organization: Rancho Cordova Arts, a non-profit organization of visual artists, was honored

for an astonishing array of community contributions, including raising more than \$30,000 over the past four years to purchase art supplies for teachers in Rancho Cordova schools through their Mini-Masterpieces fund-raising event. Distinguished Community Service Individuals: Terry Sanford and Patty Cicogni

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Rancho Cordova Little League players march with their team's banner.



Rancho Cordova Little League players hold up home plates with their names on them.



The District 5 championship team gathers on the pitcher's mound.



Food is served at the opening day ceremony.

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 painting, caricature portraits, music, games and a display of historic artifacts. There was also a fun-filled coaches' wiffle ball baseball game umpired by selected players. No games were scheduled so the kids could enjoy all the fun.  
 Cassie Reyes, in her 4th year as RCLL president, enthusiastically welcomed the hundreds of participants, family members and invited guests. "I'm truly honored to be a part of this, where

we take pride in enhancing the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of every child that participates in our league. To provide such a program takes a shared responsibility amongst individuals that dedicate their time and energy into a common goal, and our board of directors do just that; they work non-stop in all areas of their expertise to make Rancho Cordova Little League the best it can be!" said Reyes.  
 City councilmembers Linda

Budge and Garrett Gatewood were on hand to help with the ceremony program and present RCLL with a certificate of recognition. The City of Rancho Cordova has been a big supporter of RCLL, contributing thousands of dollars from the Measure H Community Enhancement Fund for facility upgrades and maintenance.  
 Little League was one of my most memorable childhood experiences growing up. The many friends I met, along with life

lessons and skills, followed me through high school and into my adult years. Although I didn't grow up in Rancho Cordova, Little League baseball is the same everywhere. I'll always remember my first glove, my first home run, the no hitter I spoiled and the taste of the hot, steamy po' boy sandwich from the snack bar.  
 President Reyes said it best, "Together, our objective is to make sure all of our players are having fun, being safe,

and learning the game of baseball. We expect the utmost in sportsmanship from all of our members. Most importantly, we want them to enjoy playing, have fun with their teammates and create memories that they'll cherish forever. We, along with Little League, believe in the power of youth baseball to teach life lessons that build stronger individuals and communities. In unity there is strength, so let's join together as one team, one community...and that's RCLL! ★

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# Top Rancho Cordova Volunteers Honored



The top award of the evening, Rancho Cordovan of the Year, went to Julie Hagan-Belka. Photo courtesy of Cordova Community Council



Rancho Cordova Arts, a non-profit organization of visual artists, was honored for an astonishing array of community contributions. It won the Distinguished Community Service Organization Award. Photo courtesy of Cordova Community Council



Marshall Stewart has been a dedicated Boy Scouts leader for more than 40 years. He won the Outstanding Service to Youth Award. Photo courtesy of Cordova Community Council



Terry Sanford and Patty Cicogni of Rancho Cordova, both managers of a Red Cross Disaster Action Team, won the Distinguished Community Service Awards for individuals. Photo courtesy of Cordova Community Council



Roy Jones won the We Could Not Have Done It Without You Award. Jones has volunteered as a delivery driver for Meals on Wheels Sacramento County for over 10 years. Photo courtesy of Cordova Community Council



Van Merrill, Cordova High School student, has racked up hundreds of volunteer hours at school and community events. He won the Outstanding Teen Service Award. Photo courtesy of Cordova Community Council

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of Rancho Cordova, both managers of a Red Cross Disaster Action Team which, in responding to residential fires, provides immediate assistance to those displaced by disaster. In the past three years, this team has responded to 32 disasters in Rancho Cordova and assisted 107 persons whose health, safety, and property were impacted by the fires or flooding, and installed over 300 smoke alarms for senior residents of Rancho Cordova. Sanford is a leader in Sacramento County as "Volunteer in Chief" for all Red Cross disaster volunteers and Cicogni's dedication to the disaster mission has topped 12,000 hours earning a significant award from her employer for inspiring others to serve their communities.

**Outstanding Service to Youth:** Marshall Stewart. A dedicated Boy Scouts

leader for more than 40 years, leading scouts in countless community events and activities, Stewart is also active in the restoration and preservation of the American River Grange Hall in Rancho Cordova.

Distinguished Service by a Faith Community: Church of Latter-day Saints Refugee Outreach Project. Activating a core program of the church worldwide, the local effort centers around outreach and supplies to refugees who arrived in Rancho Cordova through establishment of the Welcome Center for refugees in Sacramento. From this humble beginning a Rancho Cordova Refugee Resource Fair grew, providing resources and links to new arrivals from around the globe ranging from Ukraine to Afghanistan. Accepting for the LDS church were super-volunteers Alan and Delcia Bosh

and Stake President Todd Miller.

**Distinguished Community Business Partner:** River City Rentals. This local business is being honored for generous support of community events, particularly the popular Heartstoppers Haunted House, which raises funds for charitable organizations.

**Outstanding Teen Service:** Van Merrill. Cordova High School student Merrill has racked up hundreds of volunteer hours at school and community events and has been an ardent advocate for underserved students while serving as the student representative on the Folsom Cordova Unified School District Board of Trustees.

**We Could Not Have Done It Without You:** Roy Jones. Jones has volunteered as a delivery driver for Meals on Wheels Sacramento County for over 10 years

providing a lifeline for his participants who are isolated, frail, and homebound in Rancho Cordova. He is a vocal advocate helping Rancho Cordova residents get connected with local services to support them through life threatening emergencies, including quick thinking that saved a Rancho Cordova life.

This was the 24th Annual Community Volunteer Awards, celebrated with a pirate-themed event called "Treasuring Volunteers." With 200 guests, the sold-out event was the largest ever and included a fun-loving Capt. Jack Spareribs and emcee Ann Spade of KCRA/KQCA, both who served up plenty of laughs and pirate jokes.

For detailed descriptions of contributions of award winners, visit: <https://www.cordova-council.org/community-volunteer-award-honorees> ★

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## California Continues to Expand Hydrogen-Powered Passenger Rail Fleet



One of the new rail fleets traveling through the countryside. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

### Caltrans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Caltrans today announced a \$127 million agreement with Stadler Rail, Inc. for six more zero-emission, hydrogen-powered passenger trainsets, building upon an earlier order to deliver the first four hydrogen-powered intercity trainsets in North America, furthering California's standing as a world leader in clean transportation.

The trains will help California adapt to climate change by strengthening the state's zero-emission passenger rail capabilities. The first trains are expected to enter revenue service in 2027. The trainset design will make them more efficient, lighter weight and more affordable than traditional locomotive-hauled coaches.

The purchase is funded through Governor Gavin Newsom's historic \$10 billion, multiyear zero-emission vehicle package, which included \$407 million for the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to purchase or lease state-of-the-art clean bus and rail equipment and

infrastructure.

The first trains will operate between Merced and Sacramento on the future Valley Rail service – an expansion of the existing Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) and Amtrak San Joaquins services that will eventually connect with the first section of California's high-speed rail service. The trains will also be demonstrated on corridors throughout the state in coordination with intercity and regional rail partners. With this option order, there are 19 option trainsets remaining on the base contract that Caltrans signed with Stadler in October 2023.

"California continues to lead the way to a cleaner, more connected transportation system," said California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin. "By expanding our fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trainsets, we are showing we are serious about deploying innovative and sustainable transportation options for the people of this state."

"These clean-energy trains are the future," said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares. "California is

building a climate-resilient transportation system that will help every community move around the state in a safe and sustainable way."

The vehicles will be based on Stadler's successful Fast Light Intercity and Regional Train (FLIRT) concept, extending work done with the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority to develop self-powered multiple-unit trains using zero-emission hydrogen fuel cells without the need of a separate locomotive.

"We are very proud to be providing additional hydrogen trains to the California State Transportation Agency and Caltrans. With our multiple units, we are jointly driving the decarbonization of rail transportation in the U.S.," said Stadler CEO Martin Ritter. "We thank CalSTA and Caltrans for their trust and look forward to deepening our partnership."

California continues to build momentum in its nation-leading effort to harness clean renewable hydrogen power, critical to cutting planet-warming pollution and expanding the clean energy economy statewide. Caltrans' purchase of the first four trainsets in October came one day before the U.S. Department of Energy announced California will receive up to \$1.2 billion as one of the country's hydrogen hubs to accelerate the development and deployment of clean renewable hydrogen. ★

## Five Solutions to Some of California's Woes



### Commentary by Ted Gaines

California's biggest problem is up for debate. Sadly, there are many contenders vying for that dubious distinction. But instead of focusing on the problems, we need to be focused on solutions. Without rank, here are five chronic California problems where state leadership has completely failed and one simple idea for each to help improve governance and boost our quality of life.

**Budget:** This budget year, California faces a nearly \$40 billion deficit. To avoid such massive shortfalls, California should adhere to the state's "Gann Limit," a law passed by the voters in 1979 that limits annual budget growth to a combination of population growth and inflation. The Gann Limit is ignored or avoided by legislative trickery, but it provides a simple structure that would avoid the massive budget growth that contributes to massive deficits whenever state revenues drop. Gann addresses California's spending problem.

**Housing:** One of many reasons housing is so expensive is excessive government fees, which can run as high as \$135,000 for

building a single-family residence. Right now, an El Dorado County man is battling these fees in his *Sheetz v. County of El Dorado*, California case currently before the US Supreme Court. I hope he wins, but the state doesn't need to be forced into fairness by a court decision. Developer fees serve a specific purpose but have morphed into a revenue source for governments. They should all be reviewed to ensure they are meeting their purpose only and not as a backdoor funding source for general government operations. This could help lower housing costs.

**Crime:** California's empowered criminals do not fear punishment and retailers are paying the price. Governor Newsom just recently witnessed this himself at a Target store. Thieves can afford to be cavalier, and casually stroll out of stores with arms full of merchandise because we've essentially eliminated punishment for shoplifting anything under \$950 in value. I'm encouraging Californians to sign the petition to repeal Prop. 47 that has wreaked havoc on our state and give prosecutors the ability to charge smaller retail thefts as felonies once again.

**Insurance:** The only thing leaving the state faster than its residents might be its insurers, who are pulling out of all or some of California's markets seemingly by the day. California must repeal Prop. 103 and make it easier for insurance companies to adjust rates and offerings. While this may lead to some price

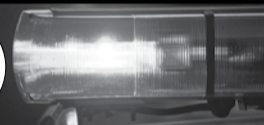
increases in the short term, providing a framework for more insurers to write policies here will lead to more competition, more choice, and more options for consumers.

**Homelessness:** This problem may be most emblematic of the California Way, where taxpayers pay the most but get the least. Cities in some of the state's most beautiful and valuable areas have been overrun by a permanent cadre of homeless, many of whom are obviously mentally ill and who, by their own admission, are addicts. The state must dramatically expand the concept of forced care in Governor Newsom's "Care Court" proposal, to promote the health and safety of the homeless, but also to reclaim our streets, parks, and sidewalks for their intended purposes.

President Reagan once said there are no easy answers, but there are simple answers. And it won't get better overnight. California holds all the promise it ever did and it can again be a national leader in all that is right and good. It has been in decline, but this can all be turned around by showing the political will to implement simple ideas that would reverse some of the state's chronic problems. With the right choices, our future is bright.

*Sen. Ted Gaines (Ret.) is a member of the State Board of Equalization representing 34 counties in Northern, Eastern and Southern California. For more information, visit [www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines](http://www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines). ★*

**WE SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS**



**Kings Korner**  
By V.G. Harris



I'm sorry to say the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde season for the Sacramento Kings continues.

The roller coaster ride that is inconsistency raised its ugly head again Sunday, at Golden 1 Center.

In defense of the Kings I will say I saw four quarters of energy defense, and the team collectively played hard.

At the end of the day, regardless of how good your defense plays, you still have to put the ball in the basket.

While the Kings won the free-throw-line contest, their field goal and three-point shooting were abysmal, and I challenge anyone to show me a team in the NBA this season that has scored 14 points in a quarter and still won the game.

A good research project for those that like those things, but the 14 points that the Kings scored against the Houston Rockets in the 3rd quarter of Sunday's game assured the Rockets of another win against Sacramento.

Whether it's the size differential, or the Rockets just simply shoot better, we don't match up with this team. The Kings have had similar difficulties with the New Orleans Pelicans, and it seems that teams with length, particularly on the perimeter, give our boys a problem.

So, after licking our wounds, let's not forget that the team just came off of wins over a heavily favored Minnesota team on the road, followed up by wins over the Lakers and San Antonio Spurs.

The real question is how do we break away from this moniker that has claimed the Kings as one of the most inconsistent teams in the league?

I don't have all the answers, but I will venture to say that most coaches start with putting the best 5 players on the court to start every game. Sounds logical, but it is not something coach Brown has not even experimented with.

Kevin Huerter, if not on this team, would not be starting for any other NBA team. Why? Because he is the epitome of inconsistency on a team that is already suffering from way too much of that. We need scoring and defense that we

can count on, and we have derived neither from Kevin Huerter. The same can be said of Harrison Barnes, who at times reminds us of the player that won a world championship, but of late has become more of a spectator with a real good seat.

Malik Monk can find other accolades than the 6th man award, and why are we so concerned about an individual award anyway? Malik is the consummate team player, and when he is on the court, magical things happen. Playing alongside De'Aaron Fox the tandem is an oppressive duo to guard, so why not give other NBA teams the best we have from the jump?

Malik not only never starts a game, he never starts the 2nd half either!

Other teams must be smiling from ear to ear as they look over and see Malik sitting on the bench. They have to contain supposed sharpshooter Kevin Huerter who is shooting 36% from three-point range, and putting up a whopping 10.6 points per game.

Harrison Barnes is shooting marginally better from beyond the arc at 39%, and he adds a tepid 12 points per game.

Huerter gets almost the same playing time as Malik Monk, and Harrison Barnes actually gets more! Every game!

Kings fans, it's time to let Coach Brown know that the best players need the most minutes. Seems easy, but apparently not.

I will leave you all with this. If I'm wrong I'll be the first to admit it, but Coach Brown hasn't started Malik this season. Let Huerter come off the bench, and maybe it will wake him up.

Stay tuned for more, but Malik's 15.7 points per game could easily turn into 20-plus per game if he was on the floor more than 26 minutes per game.

Food for thought, and let's not forget about Trey Lyles, who could be contributing a lot more scoring if he was getting more than 20 minutes per contest.

If you have a thought let me know at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★

**GO KINGS!**

## Proposed Initiative Establishes University of California Online

**Office of California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Secretary of State Dr. Shirley N. Weber announced that the proponent of a new initiative was cleared to begin collecting petition signatures on January 10, 2024.

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on initiative petitions. When the official language is complete, the Attorney General forwards it to the proponent and to the Secretary of State, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures. The Secretary of State then provides a calendar of deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials. The Attorney General's official title and summary for the measure is as follows:

**Establishes New "University Of California Online." Initiative Constitutional Amendment.**

California's public higher education systems — University of California, California State University, and California Community Colleges — currently offer courses in person and online. This measure would amend the California Constitution to require creation of an online public university named "University of California Online" with two divisions: one providing online courses for credit towards an academic degree, open to anyone who pays tuition; and one providing free public

access to all online courses not for credit. Requires tuition for for-credit courses to be based on their cost, and additional fees for most out-of-state students. Requires state treasurer to issue bonds to fund University of California Online, repaid from tuition. Summary of estimate by legislative analyst and director of finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Operating a new public online university could cost in the hundreds of millions of dollars to low billions of dollars annually. All of the cost is to be covered through student tuition revenue generated by the new university. The measure is not intended to have any direct fiscal impact on state or local governments. (23-0034)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1975 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 23-0034.

The proponent of the measure, Boyd Roberts, must collect signatures of 874,641 registered voters (eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2022 general election) in order for the measure to become eligible for the ballot. The proponent has 180 days to circulate petitions for the measure, meaning the signatures must be submitted to county elections officials no later than July 8, 2024. The address for the proponent is 237 San Joaquin Street, Laguna Beach, CA 92651. The proponent may also be contacted at [Boyd.UCOCA@gmail.com](mailto:Boyd.UCOCA@gmail.com). ★

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## And Another Thing The City's Planning Commission

By Bob McGarvey

When we first became a city, we had quite a few things to learn about. One of the departments we were learning about was the Planning Department. We learned that businesses and residents had to go through the city Planning Department to make sure that all codes and rules were followed. Those rules were no different than when the county told the residents what they had to do when they put in a new water heater.

The City Council members learned as time went by, and they decided to create a planing commission to help them go through the new things which needed to be done. I know that some of the City Council meetings would go to about 2 a.m. in the morning. The Planning Commission helped quite a bit until the Great Recession began in 2008. The City Council decided to stop the commission for a while because new homes and businesses were no longer being built. We had to lay off building inspectors when the new homes weren't being built.

As time went by and the recession ended, homes were being built again, and eventually the planning commission was started again. I was on the City Council for 18 years, and when the planning commission was begun again, I was asked to be on the planning commission. My time on the City Council gave me quite a bit of education about the city, and when I was asked to be a member I said yes. In our city web site there is some good information about the new

Planing Commission.

"The City's Planning Commission is composed of seven appointed Rancho Cordova residents who assist the City Council by reviewing proposed city development projects and making recommendations about them. These recommendations could include approvals, denials of requests for changes to development project. In some cases, development proposals will be heard by the City Council for final approval."

Last week I went to the "Planning Commissioners Academy" in Long Beach, CA. It was led by the League of California Cities. There were some laws that have been passed, like AB 1234, which laid out Public Service Ethics and Principles. There were some fundamental Sessions about CEQA: basics. That stands for California Environmental Quality Act. From what I learned when I was on the City Council a lot of CEQA is about money and lawyers.

Some of what was learned there also included "Recent Streamlining of Housing Laws Redefined the Role of Planning Commissioner." The Institute for Local Government Covered AB 1825, AB 2053, and AB 1661 which includes "Harassment Prevention Training Proof of Participation Certificate." That certificate is what we received at the end of the Academy. We learned a tremendous amount of information that will help us do the jobs we need to do as members of the Planning Commission.

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



## Dave Ramsey Says

### Control Your Mind and Money

Dear Dave,

I'm trying to work my way out of debt, but it seems like something always happens to stall things or knock me backwards. I make \$55,000 a year, I'm single and I have \$15,000 in debt, along with a mortgage payment of \$1,224 a month. I've been trying to live on a budget, but I'm still not sure where all my money goes. Can you help?

- Lindley

Dear Lindley,

I know living on a budget can be hard at first. And honestly, it usually takes folks who are new to doing it about three or four months of practice before they start getting it right and seeing the results.

For starters, your house payment is a little heavy for someone making

\$55,000 a year. I generally recommend keeping your mortgage or rent payment at about 25% of your take-home pay. Sometimes you can slide by paying a little more, but in those cases, you'd really have to be on top of your finances. So, the biggest thing you can do right now is take control of your money, instead of letting it—or a lack of it—control you. And the best way to make all this happen is by consistently living on a realistic, written monthly budget.

Once you start doing this, you've taken your first big step toward having a real gameplan for your money. At that point, the idea of trying to live on a budget ends, and the fact that you are living on a budget, and telling your money what to do—instead of a lack of it dictating what you can do—becomes more of a reality.

Remember the Star Wars movie "The Empire Strikes Back"? At one point during Luke's training, Yoda tells him, "Do, or do not. There is no try." In a larger sense,

Yoda is urging Luke to focus and work harder, instead of continuing with half-hearted attempts and giving up easily. If you want to accomplish a difficult task, Lindley, you have to throw yourself into it completely. You must fully commit, and stop making excuses. You have to focus, and fight to make it happen.

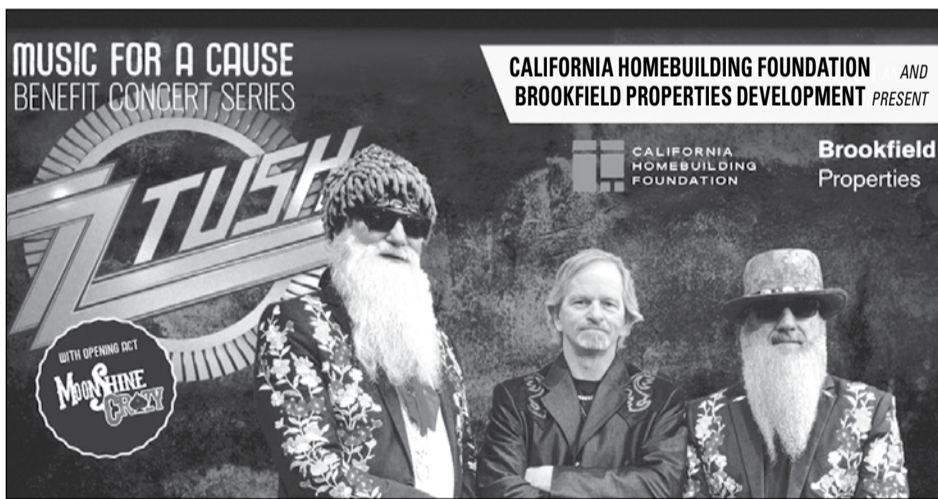
It's no fun waking up broke at the end of every pay period. We both know this. So, put your head down and get your mind in gear. Make. This. Happen.

You can do it!

- Dave

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

## California Homebuilding Foundation to Host Benefit Concert



Music for a cause stars ZZ Tush is set to perform on May 2. Photo courtesy of California Homebuilding Foundation

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# Social Security Matters

## Will My Benefit Increase if I Work While Collecting Disability?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I will be 64 in March and currently receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) payments. My full retirement age is 67, but I'm thinking about trying to return to work.

If I work and my earnings exceed the monthly disability payment limits, but do not exceed the annual limit, how will my disability payments be affected? Will working while receiving Social Security disability payments change my Social Security benefit amount when I reach my full retirement age of 67? **Signed: Mending**

**Dear Mending:** Social Security doesn't go by annual earnings when it comes to disability (SSDI) - they go by monthly earnings. If your work earnings in any one month of 2024 exceed \$1,550, that will be a flag to SS that you are no longer disabled (\$2,590 per month if you're blind). If that happens for a few months in a row, they will most likely stop your SSDI payments. Often, this happens retroactively - they won't find out until sometime later that you repeatedly exceeded the monthly limit - but they will likely cancel your SSDI benefits and require you to repay any benefits you received in months you exceeded the monthly

SSDI earnings limit, or months they deem you were capable of working without restriction.

I suggest you consider enrolling in Social Security's "Ticket to Work" program. While enrolled, you can work and will have a rolling 9 month "Trial Work Period" over 5 years, during which you can earn more than \$1,110/month (in 2024) without jeopardizing your SSDI benefits. If, after completing your 9 month trial work period, you are taken off of SSDI (because you're no longer considered disabled), and you again become disabled and unable to work, your SSDI benefits can resume without requiring you to go through the entire application process again. You can test your ability to work, will be able to work some and can earn more than the limit in some months, which makes the Ticket to Work program your best option. Read more about it here: <https://choose-work.ssa.gov/>.

As for whether working while on SSDI will improve your benefit at your full retirement age (FRA), that depends. Your current SSDI benefit is equal to your FRA entitlement from your earnings record at your disability onset date (but paid to you prior to your FRA). The method for determining your benefit under SSDI is complex and depends on the age at which you became unable to work and the number of Social Security credits you had accumulated at that time. Although SS retirement benefits normally require you earn at least 40 SS quarter credits and are based on your highest earning 35 years, those approved for SSDI can get benefits with fewer than 40 credits

and less than 35 years of lifetime earnings. Since each case is unique, I cannot say whether your earnings while on SSDI will improve your FRA amount, but Social Security will monitor your earnings and increase your benefit if appropriate.

FYI, your SSDI benefit would normally automatically convert to become your regular SS retirement benefit at your FRA at the same amount you were receiving while on SSDI. It's possible that the limited earnings you may have from working while on SSDI may increase your benefit, but that's impossible for me to predict. Your benefit is based on your lifetime earnings history (adjusted for inflation), not on your contributions to Social Security while working.

So, if you are on SSDI and wish to try returning to work, and you think your monthly earnings will occasionally exceed the SSDI limit, I suggest you contact Social Security (1.800.772.1213 or your local office) to explore enrolling in the Ticket to Work program. That would be your best option to avoid jeopardizing your SSDI benefits, and your benefit amount will be automatically adjusted by Social Security if appropriate.

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# Fewer Students And Higher Absenteeism Plague California's Public School Financing



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California's public schools live - or die - by the numbers.

They are utterly dependent on how much money the state budget allocates each year under Proposition 98, a formula adopted by voters in 1988 that only a few wonks in and around the Capitol profess to understand - and even they often disagree.

Prop. 98 computations are also subject to political horse-trading during each budget cycle. Whatever number emerges is then distributed to school districts, primarily based on "average daily attendance."

California is one of only a few states that use attendance to distribute state aid and a perpetual debate over whether it should continue is becoming more intense because two major factors in school attendance - enrollment and student absences - have been regressing.

California experienced rapid population growth over the last two decades of the 20th century, due to a wave of migration from other states and a baby boom. That translated into a 50% increase in K-12 school enrollment, eventually topping out at 6.3 million kids.

After reaching a plateau, however, enrollment started declining as the state began

losing population, thanks largely to movements to other states, and as the state's birth-rate dropped dramatically.

"Demographic projections suggest enrollment will continue to decline across the state over the coming decade," according to a recent report by the Public Policy Institute of California. "The California Department of Finance (DOF) projects that declines will persist at roughly 40,000 to 60,000 students per year, resulting in enrollment levels below 5.2 million by 2032."

The inexorable decline in enrollment is exacerbated by a startling large number of students who may be enrolled but are chronically absent - what once was known as playing hooky.

During the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic almost all of California's schools were closed, but even with online classes, attendance took a nosedive. After schools were reopened, however, chronic absenteeism - students missing from the classroom 10% or more of the time - continued to be a problem. Prior to the pandemic 12% of the state's students were chronically absent, but in the first year after schools reopened the rate was 30% and since then has declined marginally to 25%, according to a new PPIC study.

PPIC researchers learned that the most absence-prone children these days are in kindergarten or the early primary grades while, prior to the pandemic, high schoolers were most likely to be missing classes.

"High levels of absenteeism among the youngest students is particularly concerning since absenteeism

tends to have a snowball effect: a student is more likely to be chronically absent in later grades if they are chronically absent in earlier ones," PPIC's report noted.

During the pandemic, school finances were bolstered by billions of dollars in federal relief funds and a temporary respite from attendance-based state aid, but both of those programs have expired, so districts are beginning to feel the full impact of enrollment declines and absenteeism.

As the gaps between income and outgo widen, school officials throughout the state are contemplating school closures - which almost always generate neighborhood opposition - while pressing the state to change the attendance-based system.

"Between 2012 and 2021, nearly 700 schools across the state were closed, resulting in roughly 167,000 students being displaced," Policy Analysis for California Education, a multi-university research project, reported recently, adding that "Black students were more likely to experience school closure than any other racial subgroup. Black students represent nearly 14 percent of the student body in schools that were closed."

Demography is destiny and California's school conundrum of declining enrollment, high absenteeism and unstable attendance will become more intense. It warrants urgent attention by the state's political figures, from the governor downward.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

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CASE NO. 24PR000595  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Arsenio Felipe. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Michael Felipe, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Michael Felipe be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 10, 2024, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California

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statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Robert J. Busch Jr., 2228 Longport Court, Suite 110, Elk Grove, CA 95758; 916-859-0370  
 Publish: March 15, 22, 29, 2024  
 FELIPE 3-29-24

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY KATHRYN BAKER**

CASE NO. 23PR001946  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Mary Kathryn Baker. An Amended Petition for Probate has been filed by Eric J. Koontz, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Eric J. Koontz be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 10, 2024, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California

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**BIG BALLER STORAGE PARK – MAJOR DESIGN REVIEW AND ADMINISTRATIVE USE PERMIT– PROJECT NO. PLND-0323-0066**

**REQUEST:** The Applicant is requesting a Major Design Review and Administrative Use Permit (AUP) for development of a storage facility and a screening wall on a 4.1-acre parcel. The property is zoned Heavy Industrial/Manufacturing (M-2). The Applicant is proposing three enclosed storage buildings totaling approximately 77,500 SF. The buildings will be designed for recreational vehicle and boat storage. The proposal also includes preliminary site landscaping, lighting, walls, and civil plans.

<b>OWNER:</b> 3978 Security Park Dr LLC P.O. Box 848 Scottsdale, AZ 85252	<b>OWNER:</b> Seabourne Enterprises, L.P. 7637 Vasos Way Fair Oaks, CA 95628	<b>APPLICANT:</b> Rick Powell P.O. Box 1657 Rancho Cordova, CA 95741
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**LOCATION/APN:** 3978 Security Park Drive; APN: 072-0370-087-0000 and 072-0370-066-0000  
**ZONING:** Heavy Industrial/Manufacturing (M-2)  
**ENVIRONMENTAL:** Exempt per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15183 "Consistent with the Community Plan, General Plan or Zoning."  
**PROJECT PLANNER:** Chance Finley-Ross, Assistant Planner

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**A Resolution providing a Recommendation to City Council for the Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Title 23, Chapter 23.113 Zoning Certification, Chapter 23.313 Mixed-Use Zoning District, Chapter 23.731 Fences, Walls, and Screening, Chapter 23.1104 Definitions and the Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan.**

**REQUEST:** Amendments to the Rancho Cordova Municipal Code and Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan include:

- Title 23, Chapter 23.113 to clarify the Zoning Certification process
- Title 23, Chapter 23.313 to require a CUP for outdoor storage yards in predominantly office mixed-use zones
- Title 23, Chapter 23.731 to clarify transparent screening materials
- Title 23, Chapter 23.1104 to update definition of "earth tones"
- Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan to clarify the Planning Commission as the decision-making body for proposed projects and to revise the definition of "personal services"

**LOCATION:** Revisions to the Municipal Code apply city-wide and revisions to the Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan apply to the Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan area.

**ENVIRONMENTAL:** California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption found in Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15301 and 15324.

**PROJECT PLANNER:** Darcy Goulart, Planning Manager

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**THE RANCH FOUR SEASONS RECREATION CENTER — DESIGN REVIEW AMENDMENT — PROJECT NO. PLND-0124-0089**

**REQUEST:** The Applicant is seeking approval of an amendment to the approved Ranch Four Seasons Recreation Center to change overall colors and materials on buildings, revise architectural features, and re-position site amenities.

<b>OWNER:</b> K. Hovnanian Homes 3721 Douglas Boulevard, Suite 150 Roseville, CA 95661	<b>APPLICANT:</b> K. Hovnanian Homes (Ethan Meltzer) 3721 Douglas Boulevard, Suite 150 Roseville, CA 95661
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**LOCATION/APN:** Within The Ranch SPA, south of Chrysanthy Boulevard; APN: 067-2420-028-000  
**ZONING:** Parks/Open Space (P/OS, The Ranch SPA)  
**ENVIRONMENTAL:** The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning.  
**PROJECT PLANNER:** Arlene Granadosin-Jones, AICP, Senior Planner

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**SECOND AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA AND CRESLEIGH HOMES CORPORATION RELATIVE TO SUNRIDGE LOT J:**

**REQUEST:** The applicant is requesting amendments to the previously approved Development Agreement for the Lot J subdivision in the Sunridge Specific Plan. The proposed amendment will extend the term of the Development Agreement an additional 5 years.  
**OWNER/APPLICANT:**  
Cresleigh Homes Corporation  
Ms. Deana Ellis  
433 California Street, 7th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
**LOCATION/APN:** Southeast corner of Douglas Road and Rancho Cordova Parkway in the Sunridge Specific Plan/  
 APN: 067-2520-001 thru -013, 067-2520-021, 067-2520-034 thru -065, 067-2520-067 thru -069, 067-2520-076 thru -081, and 067-1060-004  
**ZONING:** RD-4 and RD-10  
**ENVIRONMENTAL:** Categorically Exempt under Section 15183 (Projects consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.  
**PROJECT PLANNER:** Darcy Goulart, Planning Manager

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE**

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**SUMMONS**

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 23CV001955 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Flora Taylor, an individual; and does 1-20.

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There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups

at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca

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cesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of California, 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): Robert C. Bowman, Jr. 1451 River Park Drive, Suite 125, Sacramento, CA 95815, 916-923-2800

Date: (Fecha) 5/19/2023 Clerk (Secretario) N. Young, Deputy (Adjunto)

Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024 BRADLEY 4-5-24



**NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE**

The following is a summary of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova at its meeting of March 4, 2024:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 10.50.010 AND 10.50.020 OF CHAPTER 10.50 OF TITLE 10 OF THE RANCHO CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING REDUCED SPEED LIMITS ON SPECIFIC STREETS**

Passed and adopted on the 4th day of March, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Budge, Gatewood, Pulipati, and Sander  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Terry  
ABSTAIN: None

The full text of the adopted Ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

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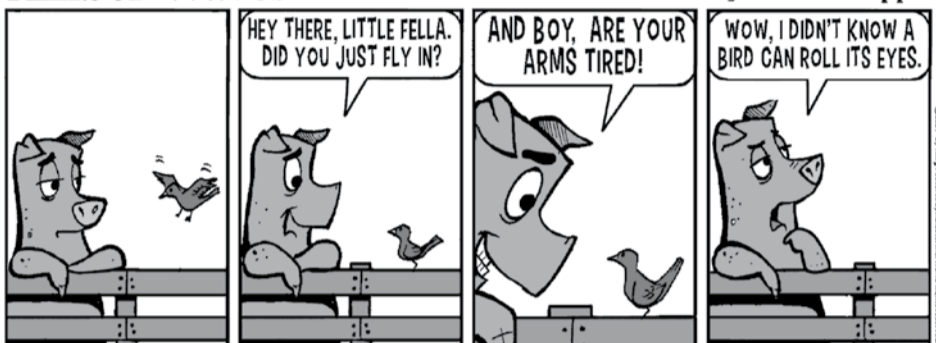
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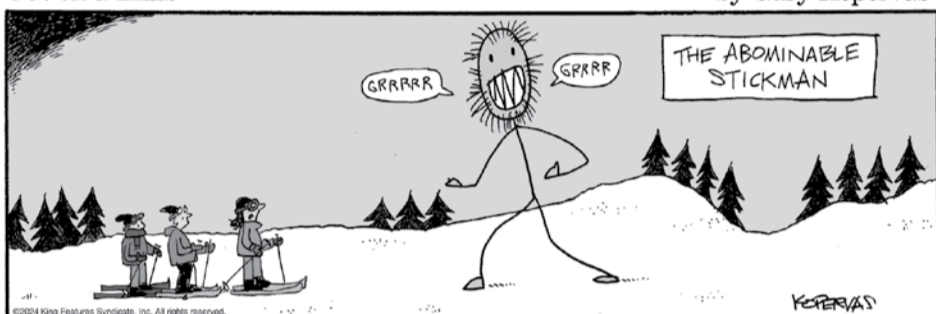
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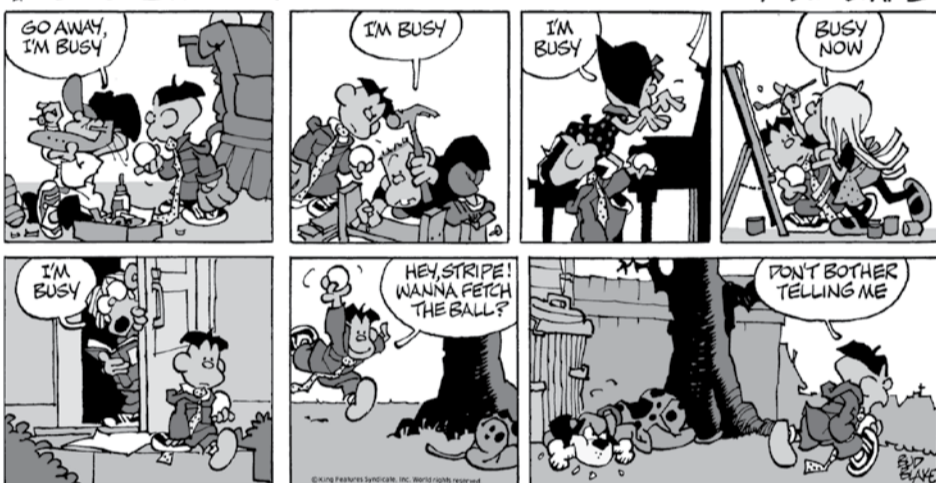
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- Actress Vergara
- \*What many chicks are doing in spring
- \*"Me and Bobby McGee" singer-songwriter
- \*What the weather does in spring across the U.S.
- Make a seam
- Old name for 5-iron in golf
- Facing
- 20s dispenser
- Bodily fluids
- Steak choice
- Dungeness and snow, e.g.
- "Chapter" in history
- African antelope
- Republic of Ireland
- Made a feline sound
- 34th U.S. President
- Knock-at-the-door onomatopoeia
- the Great, king of Persia
- Give it a go
- Fraternity K
- Dr Pepper, e.g.
- \*The Beach Boys: "Spring \_\_\_\_, good vibration"
- Member of Nahuatl people
- #23 Across, e.g.
- Articulated
- Salary increase
- Umbilical connection
- Volcano in Sicily
- Robinson or Doubtfire
- Bajillion years
- One-horse carriage

**DOWN**

- What highwaymen do
- Moonfish
- Bangladeshi currency
- Type of purse
- \*Simon & Garfunkel: "\_\_\_\_ come she will"
- Wealth
- Safecracker
- High quality sound reproduction, for short
- \*Purple flower that starts blooming in spring
- Fairytale insomnia cause
- Like repeating tunnel sound
- Off kilter
- \*Spring \_\_\_\_, fall back
- Spring mattress filler
- Acronym in a bottle
- Ceremonial staff bearer
- Skylit lobbies
- "Designing Women" star Jean \_\_\_\_
- \*Become soft, as in ground
- Radices, sing.
- "Way 2 Sexy" rapper
- "Battle of the \_\_\_\_" movie
- Swimming competition, e.g.
- Not amateur
- \*The \_\_\_\_: "Little darlin', it's been a long, cold, lonely winter"
- Highly skilled
- \*Official start of spring
- Make bigger
- Vanish without this?
- Elevates
- Dry plateau in South Africa
- Oak nut
- Same as tsar
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- Joe Biden, once
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# Republicans Call on Attorney General Bonta to Investigate PaneraGate

## California Legislative Republicans News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On Mar. 4, 14 additional legislative Republicans joined the call for Attorney General Bonta to investigate the appearance of misconduct in the crafting of carveouts to Assembly Bill 1228 to benefit one of Governor Newsom's major campaign donors. AB 1228 increased the minimum wage for fast-food workers to \$20 dollars an hour, with a specific exemption that reportedly benefits a Panera Bread franchisee who is a longtime acquaintance and donor of more than \$220,000 to Newsom's campaigns.

"If the Governor helped exempt one of his largest political donors from a bill that harms small businesses, the people of California deserve to know," said Assemblyman Josh Hoover (R-Folsom). "Our leaders cannot be allowed to hide behind the veil of legislative 'sausage making.' They must be held to a higher standard."

"This arbitrary carve out smacks of pay-to-play politics and should be looked at seriously to determine if that's indeed what happened," said Senator Scott Wilk (R-Santa Clarita). "Clearly, it was a bad bill to begin with. This is just another example of why people are so fed up with their government in California."

Last week, Assembly Republican

Leader Gallagher (Yuba City), Senate Minority Leader Brian Jones (San Diego), and Assemblyman Joe Patterson (R-Rocklin) sent a letter to Attorney General Bonta requesting an investigation into this possible pay-to-play deal. Attorney General Bonta, who says he received the first letter sent last week, has yet to respond to Republican lawmakers.

"The governor has a history of abusing his executive power with backdoor deals like he did with Kaiser. Californians deserve to know the truth," said Senator Brian Dahle (R-Bieber). "He holds the highest office in this state and should be leading by example, not recusing himself and dismissing it as just 'sausage-making.'"

"I opposed AB 1228 when it came before me because it was poor policy," said Assemblywoman Diane Dixon (R-Newport Beach). "Unfortunately, over-regulation of small and large businesses, like this law enacts, will lead to more small and large food serving businesses leaving California for states that support business success and job growth."

The additional signatories to the letter are: Assemblymembers Megan Dahle, Laurie Davies, Diane Dixon, Bill Essayli, Vince Fong, Josh Hoover, Tom Lackey, Devon Mathis, Jim Patterson, Kate Sanchez, and Senators Brian Dahle, Roger Niello, Kelly Seyarto and Scott Wilk. ★

# Sacramento County Behavioral Health Serving Those in Need

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) provides programs, services, outreach, education, and engagement to eligible residents of Sacramento County with prevention and early intervention, outpatient services, case management services, crisis intervention and stabilization services, and inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations to better connect individuals to necessary supports, including mental health and substance abuse services.

### Community Outreach Recovery Empowerment (CORE) Program

CORE provides specialty mental health outpatient services at 11 sites throughout Sacramento County. In addition to these sites, services are delivered in the community, wherever requested. Each CORE site has a co-located peer run community wellness center, which is open to any Sacramento County adult seeking meaningful activities.

CORE sites have the capacity to serve 7,700 throughout the system at any point in time. Each program includes flexible dollars for preventing or helping resolve homelessness. Of the 7,700, as of February 2024, there is an available capacity for 3,115.

### Mental Health Urgent Care Clinic (MHUCC)

MHUCC is a 24/7 resource with a team of peers, clinicians, and medical staff who can assist in a calm and supportive environment. If anyone is having an immediate mental health and/or co-occurring substance abuse need and contemplating using an emergency room, the clinic is a great alternative for care. The County is also working to open a second MHUCC.

### Substance Use and Prevention Treatment

Sacramento County Behavioral Health provides a range of substance use treatment programs for the prevention and treatment of alcohol and drug use/abuse. We contract with an array of community-based service providers throughout Sacramento County. The range of services provided through these organizations includes outpatient treatment, medication-assisted treatment, withdrawal management (detoxification), residential treatment, perinatal services, and sober living environments/recovery residences.

### Programs Earmarked for People Experiencing Homelessness and Mental Health Crisis

While persons experiencing homelessness that have mental health treatment needs can access any of the County's behavioral health services and programs, there are specific teams and programs designed to serve the unique needs of these clients.

### Full-Service Partnerships (FSPs)

FSPs provide individually tailored intensive services for clients who are most at risk – including those experiencing homelessness and have a serious mental illness. Clients receive intensive case management and mental health services as well as HUD funded housing subsidies. Not all persons that are living with a mental illness and are homeless qualify for an FSP. Currently there are 12 FSPs capable of serving a total of 2,751 eligible individuals – with availability for 379 additional clients – many of which are earmarked for seniors and transitional aged youth (TAY).

The County also has and is expanding three programs for those who meet medical necessity (Medi-Cal), have a mental health diagnosis (can be provisional) and are justice involved (exiting incarceration).

Community Justice Support Program (CJSP) serves 175 persons, Transformative, Healing, Renewing, Inclusive, Voice, Empowerment (THRIVE) FSP – currently in contracting - 200 persons, and THRIVE Adult Outpatient Program – three walk-in locations under development – 750 persons.

### Flexible Integrated Treatment (FIT) Program

Serving youth under age 21 with a mental illness and their families experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness. In addition to mental health services, FIT can also assist with housing services and support. FIT serves approximately 9,000 youth annually with outpatient mental health services that includes flexible dollars for preventing or helping resolve homelessness.

### Homeless Engagement and Response Team (HEART)

Staffed with counselors and peers HEART uses a phased approach to help encampment and shelter residents enroll in needed behavioral health services and support. From rapport building to offering basic services to building enough trust to offer behavioral health assessments and eventually, referrals – the timeline for these phases can be weeks or years. The team's goal is to reach enrollment phase so that encampment and shelter residents will consent to and can obtain the behavioral services they need.

In 2023, HEART had 3,200 outreach encounters with people experiencing homelessness in encampments and shelters.

Nearly 600 were screened for mental health services, 463 were admitted to outpatient programs, and 123 were linked to a full-service partnership (FSP) intensive outpatient program.

Sacramento County has capacity for 2,751 FSPs with nearly 400 available for use – including those for targeted sub-populations like transitional aged youth.

### Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

PSH units offer long-term stable housing and services to support individuals and families who need ongoing assistance to maintain housing stability and prepare to enter the job market, school, and other community activities. Each of these projects also include a subset of units that are specifically funded through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) or No Place Like Home (NPLH) dollars and are earmarked for those with living with a severe mental illness.

Some facts are that there are 434 dedicated apartments across 16 projects since 2008, 264 MHSA funded units currently in operation (plus 33 units waiting for natural turnover, 137 NPLH funded units currently in operation, 175 Units currently in the pipeline in varying stages of construction, 138 MHSA funded units, and 37 NPLH funded units.

### Additional Intensive Treatment Programs and Beds

Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services also funds a variety of programs and services that serve those experiencing more acute behavioral health challenges, such as severe mental health needs or substance abuse.

There are 484 Acute Psychiatric Hospital Beds, 98 Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) beds, Youth specific beds in planning, 266 Subacute beds, a plan to add a 64 Bed Mental Health Rehabilitation Center, 14 Adult Residential Treatment (ART) beds, 210 beds in Safe Stay Communities in 2024/25 Behavioral Health Bridge Housing, 60 Crisis Residential beds, and 104 Augmented Board and Cares beds. ★

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### Knight Foundry Alliance News Release

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**Saturday, March 23: Welcome Spring at Sutter Creek's Historic Knight Foundry**

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