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Locals celebrate St. Patty's downtown in a former year. Photo courtesy of Downtown Sacramento

**Traci Rockefeller Cusack, T-Rock Communications News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - St. Patrick's Day is back and better than ever at the Old Sacramento Waterfront. Downtown Sacramento Partnership is excited to welcome back these interactive and family-friendly activities – a Leprechaun Hunt (now through March 18) and the region's only St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival (March 16 from noon to 5 p.m.). Visitors will enjoy a Taste of

Ireland (now through March 31) at Old Sacramento Waterfront coffee shops, restaurants and bars that are offering Irish-inspired food and beverages. The community is invited to bring the entire family to the 26th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival to witness beautiful floats, learn Celtic history and traditions, and shop local vendors.

**Leprechaun Hunt at the Old Sacramento Waterfront – Now thru 3/18**

To go in search of hidden Leprechauns, guests can pick up

activity pages at the Sacramento Visitor's Center (1000 Second Street) or download in advance to begin the quest for seven Leprechauns hidden throughout the historic district. The activity book is filled with riddles that lead participants to a Leprechaun with a corresponding secret word to help guests move onto the next hidden Leprechaun and the secret message at the end. Once complete, participants email the secret message to [info@oldsacramento.com](mailto:info@oldsacramento.com) by March 18 to be entered into a random

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## Property Tax Delinquent if Not Paid by April 10

**Yolo County News Release**

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - The Yolo County Tax Collector's Office reminds taxpayers who own property in Yolo County that the second installment of 2023-24 Secured Property Tax, due February 1, 2024, will be delinquent if not paid by April 10, 2024.

To avoid a penalty, property taxes must be paid by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, after which time, a 10 percent penalty will be added. Envelopes must be postmarked no later than April 10, 2024, if taxes are paid by mail. It is recommended that payments be mailed a few days before the April 10 deadline to ensure the envelope will have the proper postmark. The only acceptable postmark for deadline payments is a U.S. Postal Service postmark.

Taxpayers have the option of paying property taxes by credit card (incurring a 2.34% convenience fee) or electronic check (no fee incurred). These payments can be made online at [www.YoloCounty.org](http://www.YoloCounty.org) by selecting the Pay Property Tax icon, or by phone at (877) 590-0714. Payments made using either of these two systems must be completed by 5 p.m. on April 10, 2024, to avoid penalties.

Current law does not relieve property owners of payment responsibility or the imposition of penalties because of failure to receive a tax bill. If you own property in Yolo County and did not receive a tax bill, please call (530) 666-8190 or email [TaxInfo@YoloCounty.org](mailto:TaxInfo@YoloCounty.org) as soon as possible.

For inquiries or more information concerning tax bills and payments:

Call: (530) 666-8190 during our business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Online: Visit [www.YoloCounty.org](http://www.YoloCounty.org) and select the Pay Property Tax icon.

Visit: Yolo County Tax Collector's Office at 625 Court Street, Room 102 in Woodland, during our regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## It's All About Teamwork

**By Michele Townsend**

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On March 7, a press conference was held at the West Sacramento Walmart to announce a new tool that will aid in this the fight against theft. Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig, in collaboration with Yolo County law enforcement leaders and asset protection professionals from Walmart, announced the launch of a new Direct-to-DA retailer reporting program designed to dramatically expedite the investigation and prosecution of retail crimes, called "FastPass".

"Over the past few years, I have consistently heard community members express concerns about the disruptions and blatant, bold thefts that many of them have witnessed at some of our



FastPass press conference: Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig and the leaders of law enforcement agencies across Yolo County unite for a March 7 press conference to announce FastPass to Prosecution program. Photo courtesy of West Sacramento Police Department

retail businesses," said West Sacramento Police Chief Rob Strange. "D.A. Jeff Reisig was hearing these growing concerns as well. With many daily use items now getting locked up to prevent theft, the shopping experience for our residents has become

increasingly inconvenient at best and fear-provoking at worst. Reisig and I knew that we had to try a different approach to have a better impact, so the Fast Pass program emerged."

"In just the past week, our officers and the loss prevention staff across our

city have been assaulted with weapons twice, including a suspect who fought officers and loss prevention in an attempt to obtain his firearm," Strange said. "In both cases, the offenders were previously convicted felons, one who

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# A St. Patty's to Remember is Underway at The Old Sacramento Waterfront



Don your green, grab a pint, and enjoy the day. Photo courtesy of Downtown Sacramento

Continued from page 1 drawing for a chance to win four tickets to City Cruises or gift cards to Rio City Café.

To add to the fun and share the experience with others, hunt participants and visitors are encouraged to capture images, post them on social media and tag @OldSac. To download the activity pages or find our more detailed information about the St. Patrick's Day Hunt, click here.

### 26th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival – 3/16 from Noon to 5 p.m.

Families, friends, kids, and the young-at-heart are invited to join hundreds of colorful marchers along with Irish and Highland dancers, pipe and drum bands, and a variety of cultural organizations at the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival stepping off at 1 p.m. from Neasham and Front Streets. Emceed by iHeart Media's KISS 107.9 DJ Strawberry, the parade includes more than 40 organizations and groups, and visitors are

also encouraged to line the boardwalks of L, Front, J, and 2nd Streets for the best views of the spirited spectacle.

There will be multiple demo stages with various performances throughout the day, including:

The main Shamrockin' Stage will feature a band playing all day.

The State Parks Stage will focus on entertaining and educating children about Celtic culture.

The Embarcadero Stage will have a Sac Dance Labs taught class, music, and an entertaining magician.

Plus, a Vendor Village will be set-up at K and Front Streets from noon to 5 p.m.

### Taste of Ireland – Now thru 3/31

Eleven Old Sacramento Waterfront coffee shops, restaurants and bars are offering a Taste of Ireland (now through March 31) with Irish-inspired foods and beverages, an array of corned beef offerings, Guinness drinks, and Sean

Finnegan's Irish Pub will serve "Sacramento's Best Irish Coffee."

Revelers wanting to get a head start on the fun are encouraged to purchase advance tickets to the St. Patrick's Day Bar Crawl (March 15) here. Spirited community members can arrive early to the Old Sacramento Waterfront on March 16 as music and entertainment starts at noon with performers dancing throughout the district alongside a lineup of local vendors and shops offering "lucky" specials.

The 26th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival is proudly produced by Downtown Sacramento Partnership and made possible by the generous support of Brass Ring Amusement, Sean Finnegan's Irish Pub, and XFINITY.

For more information about the Old Sacramento Waterfront please visit [www.OldSacramento.com](http://www.OldSacramento.com) and for more about the Downtown Sacramento Partnership, visit [www.DowntownSac.org](http://www.DowntownSac.org). ★

# Regional Business Broadband Master Plan

## Valley Vision News Release

### SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -

#### Background & Purpose

Valley Vision has received a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA, Department of Commerce) to identify recommendations and create a roadmap for urban, suburban and rural areas in Sacramento, Sutter, Yuba, and Yolo Counties. The priorities set by this plan will accelerate broadband adoption and implementation of cutting-edge internet-based tools and platforms for business operations and assist communities in economic recovery.

#### Project Activities

The project activities include connecting with regional Internet Service Providers to identify business internet service levels and collaborating with regional stakeholders on

local broadband and digital service needs. Another activity is conducting a business tier broadband gaps/needs analysis of future proof broadband services, digital and online tools, platforms, resources, and digital training to enable businesses to adopt and implement cutting-edge online business operations. Lastly, the project activities involve developing and disseminating a multi-stakeholder Strategic Business Broadband Adoption Plan with resource materials and capacity assistance for organizations working with target businesses and agricultural operations.

Valley Vision, a civic leadership organization serving the Sacramento region, has received a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to research the availability and quality of broadband and Internet service for local businesses and

their digital needs. This analysis will be used to develop a Regional Business Broadband Master Plan to identify strategies, tools, and solutions.

For this analysis, Valley Vision is surveying businesses of all types in the four-county region. The online survey takes just a few minutes and offers an important opportunity to provide input on your existing broadband and Internet conditions and needs. It can be completed on any computer, laptop, smart phone, or device connected to the Internet. If you have questions or would like to provide further input beyond the survey, please contact Navreet Hundal at Valley Vision, [navreet@valleyvision.org](mailto:navreet@valleyvision.org), Office (916) 325-1630, Cell (209) 534-1731.

The survey can be accessed at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ValleyVision-BusinessInternetSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ValleyVision-BusinessInternetSurvey) ★

# Property Tax Delinquent if Not Paid by April 10

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County Tax Collector's office will be open until 5 p.m. on April 10, 2024.

Property taxes are a critical funding source for local governments including cities, school districts, local cemetery districts, community colleges, rural fire

districts and more. For example, more than half of property taxes received go to local school districts while the property tax portion that rural fire districts receive helps to fund over 90% of their revenue each year. Yolo County receives about 9% of property taxes, which is 9 cents of every dollar. ★

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MEMORIAL

**WILLIAM "BILL" GEORGE KRISTOFF • 8/22/1946 – 3/2/2024**

William George Kristoff "Bill", a dedicated family man and member of the West Sacramento community, passed away on March 2, 2024 at the age of 77. He leaves behind a legacy of service, compassion, and advocacy for his community.

Born in Sacramento, Bill lived his entire 77 years in West Sacramento. As a husband, father, grandfather, brother, friend and community leader he touched the lives of many with his warmth and generosity. His loss will be deeply felt by all.

Bill is survived by his wife of 54 years, Brenda Kristoff, his daughters, Nicole (Justin) Dice, Jaclyn (Travis) Ketchum; his grandchildren Logan, Avery, Hailey, Atticus and Tristan; his siblings Raymond (Michelle) Kristoff, Robert (Connie) Kristoff and Louise (Daniel) Amegin. Preceded in death by his parents (George and Mary Kristoff); his sister and brother-in-laws (Kathy Brandon, Obie Brandon, and Samuel Houser).

As a community leader Bill was known for his unwavering commitment to improving the lives of those around him. He served



as West Sacramento City Council member for 30 years, including 3 terms as mayor. He was instrumental in bringing improvements and development to West Sacramento. Always available to address the needs of West Sacramento residents, his passion for public service was evident in everything he did, and he will be remembered for his integrity, kindness and devotion to family and community.

Outside of his work on the City Council, Bill served the community as postmaster for Bryte and Broderick post offices. A devoted baseball player and fan, he coached teams

and brought the River Cats to the area. Bill Kristoff's legacy of service and dedication will continue to inspire us all. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones during this difficult time. Friends and family are invited to attend a Memorial Service on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1321 Anna Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605.

Flowers may be sent to River Cities Funeral Chapel, 910 Soule Street, West Sacramento on Thursday, the 21st. Private inurnment.

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# Free Art Exhibit Viewing Let The Season Begin!

By Michele Townsend

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Located at the West Capitol Avenue side of the West Sacramento Community Center sits Gallery 1075. Gallery 1075 is a small Art Gallery that features West Sacramento artists. Each month, the display is rotated with another local artist's work. Styles and mediums are different with each artist, making it a great place to revisit, as each month the art is unique from months previous.



Image titled **Green Eyes** and is 10"x10", framed piece that is painted with acrylic. Photo provided by Edith LaBvre

The featured artist for March 2024 is Dr. Edith LeFebvre. In the exhibit, entitled *Elegant Abstract*, Edith is showing a variety of abstract oil paintings. Edith describes her work as often expressing an emotion or human experience. She explained that her work often goes through an

evolution that will sometimes begin as she's falling asleep. Other pieces may generate from a social or political issue.

Edith has been painting

for 20 years and will paint on either canvas or wooden panels. Her work is painted with acrylic or oil and cold wax. Oil and cold wax are one of the oldest methods of painting and is the type of work that makes up some of the oldest paintings in existence.

Edith works out of a studio in Fair Oaks and says that some paintings are completed in a couple of days, while others need much more time to be completed. Edith has more pieces currently on display in Rancho Cordova City Hall as well as her website, [ArtFromDrE.com](http://ArtFromDrE.com). Prices for her work and contact information for sales can also be found on the website.

"My work has often been described as exuding energy thru color or movement; in this show, the pieces have that feature while being combined with a calming presence to counter this what seems to be a chaotic social climate," said Edith. Edith's work will be on display at the Community Center, located at 1075 West Capitol Ave, from March 11 through March 31, 2024. ★



Image titled **Fall** and is on a 30"x48" canvas painted with acrylic. Photo provided by Edith LaBvre



Gianna Firman is ready to protect third base while Pitcher, Taryn Sargeant winds up to pitch during the 2023 season. Photo courtesy of West Sac Girls Softball

By Michele Townsend

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** -You know that Spring has arrived when you start hearing people talk about baseball and softball. West Sac Girl's Softball (WSGS) was forced to cancel last weekend's scheduled tournament due to the rain. Now everyone has their fingers crossed that Opening Day ceremonies won't suffer the same fate. West Sac Girl's Softball is the recreational and competitive youth softball league for girls 4 – 14.

In the last couple of years, the league has seen some generous support by local organizations. Last year, the playground was spruced up by Habitat for Humanities, Rock the Block program. In February, the Rivercats and

Sutter Health Park partnered up to renovate the backstop of field #4 at the Alyce Norman Parks and Sports Fields Complex. These are the fields that the WSGS typically use for their season games and tournaments. With the help from Rivercats and Sutter Health Park, the City of West Sacramento was able to complete structural repairs to the girls' softball backstop, ensuring the safety and longevity of the youth softball fields. Included in the renovation will be the complete removal of the old backstops prior to the installation of new posts and chain-link fabric as the structure is reassembled.

Now that repairs have been made and upgrades have been completed, the girls are ready to play ball! Opening Day Ceremonies


are scheduled to take place at the Alyce Norman softball fields, located at 725 Todhunter Avenue on Saturday, March 16. Festivities will begin at 8:00 am, with the first games of the season scheduled to begin after the opening ceremonies. The softball games are a great place to enjoy being a fan, or becoming a fan, and get some good food from the snack bar! You'll see lots of laughing and smiling along with some good old competition.

If you are interested in donating to the league, volunteering for the league, or want to contact league officials for any reason, email [communications@westsac-girlssoftball.com](mailto:communications@westsac-girlssoftball.com). You're also invited to visit [westsac-girlssoftball.com](http://westsac-girlssoftball.com) for all of the updated information regarding the 2024 season. ★

**MEMORIAL**

**WILLIAM (BILL) FRANK DELUCIA - 2/17/2024**

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Bill (William Frank DeLucia) on 2/17/2024 after a battle with cancer. He was a resident of West Sacramento and he was 79 years of age.



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# City Council Highlights

By Michele Townsend

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Two community members spoke during the public comment section of the March 6 West Sacramento City Council regular meeting.

Guy Stevenson addressed the council members' professionalism and conduct in meetings. When councilmembers have disagreements during meetings, Stevenson said, take the disagreement to the back where the public can't see it. Stevenson also told the council that increased public safety is needed.

Robyn Davis, the second speaker, thanked the council for the continued work regarding tiny homes on wheels and addressed the need for more sustainable housing plans and projects. Davis also said more apprenticeship programs are needed in West Sacramento to fix the shortage of construction workers.

**Future Agenda Items** - Mayor Martha Guerrero requested discussion on increasing the size of the Parks Commission from seven to nine members. The town continues to grow, Guerrero said, and parks is one area that the community is very engaged. She wants one of the new members to be a youth. City staff recommended that the commission not increase in size but that they investigate other ways that a youth member can be included.

Mayor ProTem Quirina Orozco stepped down and was replaced by Mayor ProTem Dawnte' Early. "I am deeply honored and proud to have been voted by my esteemed City Council colleagues as mayor pro tem, marking a historic moment as the first African American to hold this position in our city," Early said. "It is a privilege to represent and serve the West Sacramento community, and I am committed to upholding our values and aspirations as we work together to build a brighter future for all. This milestone isn't just about me; it signifies progress and opens doors for those who will follow, and I hope it inspires future generations to come."

Also during the meeting, the West Sacramento City Council presented a proclamation declaring the sixth day of March as Women's History Month. The council proudly announced that the City Council made entirely of women and also six out of nine city departments are led by women. City Council proudly supported this proclamation as they gathered

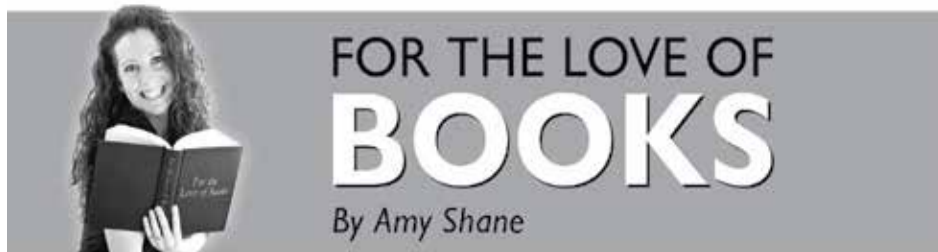


**Former community advocate and Mayor Bill Kristoff was remembered March 6 for his years of service.** Photo provided by city of West Sacramento

by the city logo sign for a photo. The six West Sacramento city departments with women directors are Parks and Recreation, Finance, Economic Development and Housing, Community Development, Capital Projects, and City Clerk Amanda Berlin, who also serves as assistant city manager.

The West Sacramento City Council discussed the remembrance of former West Sacramento Mayor Bill Kristoff, who recently died. Kristoff was sworn in as a City Council member in 1987 and served through 2016. He was the longest-standing councilmember and was known to his constituents for listening to their needs, ideas and concerns. Councilmembers each spoke about their knowledge and relationships of the man that has played such a significant role in shaping the West Sacramento community.

Kristoff was appreciated by the councilmembers for the moral support and constructive, positive outlook on the complexity of running a city. He was an important part of the completion of major projects such as Sutter Health Park, the IKEA shopping center, the George Kristoff Water Treatment Plant, City Hall and the Community Center. The City Council recognized the years of sacrifice that Kristoff and his family gave to the city for so many years. For more information about Kristoff, visit [cityofwestsacramento.org](http://cityofwestsacramento.org) ★



## New Children's Spring and Easter Titles



**Easter Bunny, Where Are You?**  
By Jeffrey Burton, illustrated by Julianna Motzko; Little Simon

It's almost time for Easter, but where is the Easter Bunny? Help the cute spring animals as they search high and low in this hide-and-seek, life-the-flap adventure.

Bright, engaging pictures and large, sturdy flaps make this book the perfect lift-the-flap book for even the smallest fingers. This thick, sturdy board book and adorable Easter animals will quickly become a favorite read.

**Brown Bear Wood: The Great Easter Egg Hunt**  
by Rachel Piercey, illustrated by Freya Hartas; Magic Cat

It's time to head back to Brown Bear Wood, where someone has hidden over 100 Easter eggs. Follow Bear and the woodland creatures as they hunt high in the trees and all along the forest floor. Then it is off to Rabbit's home, the cool, refreshing pond, and along the meadow.

Can you find all the hidden eggs?  
*The Great Easter Egg Hunt* is an illustrated delight. Every inch of space is filled with tiny details that will keep even the most active mind entertained. It is a perfect book for siblings of all ages and can be turned into many different types of search-and-find adventures.

**Bubbly Beautiful Kitty-Corn**  
by Shannon Hale and Leuyen Pham; Abrams  
Kitty-Corn is back, and this time as bubbly, beautiful mermaids, but what happens when everything doesn't go as planned?

Unicorn has a dream, and Kitty-corn is determined to help her friend's dream come true. With a box of fabric scraps and her

sewing machine, kitty-corn makes the most beautiful mermaid tail. But when they head to the beach, Unicorn shares a secret, and he doesn't feel as glamorous or enchanting as he thought. Kitty-corn once again comes to the rescue, helping Unicorn's dream come true, proving that anything is possible when you have the best friends by your side

In a delightful story of dreams and friendship, this adorable, glittery team proves that creativity and friendship are the best magical tools anyone can have. With adorable illustrations that leap off the pages and a powerful message, this series proves once again that Kitty-corn is here to stay.

**The Goodnight Train Easter**  
by Jume Sobel, illustrated by Laure Huliska-Beith; Harper Children's

All aboard the Goodnight train. Little readers will be softly lulled to sleep as they board the soft and comfortable Goodnight train. Darkness gently falls as little ones pass by bunnies, lamps, and chicks, all on a hunt for Easter eggs. Count the eggs instead of sheep and be surprised by each seek-and-find hole hidden within each page.

**It's Your Time to Shine**  
by Dianne White, illustrated by Nanette Regan; Little Simon

Everyone's life has ups and downs, highs and lows. There will be times to hurry and wait, go fast and go slow, but now is the time to shine and show the world that you are a rising star.

This is a beautiful story that emphasizes life's hurry and wait, laughter and tears, but most of all, embracing who you are and who you can become. ★

## 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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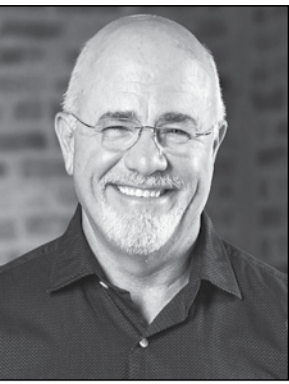
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## Dave Ramsey Says

\$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, health, beauty, weight or hair loss and even for your pets. Check out these products: canderson.myctfo.com (TFN)*

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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

# Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO



- 2-28-24 ERIC PAULY Arrested for Vandalism (\$400 or more) after allegedly breaking a car window in a road rage incident. \$900 loss.
- 3-01-24 VANESSA JACKSON Arrested for Obstruction, Disorderly conduct: Under influence of drug and Bribing an Executive Officer.
- 3-02-24 RICKY HARDING Arrested for Violation of parole and Possession of a controlled substance.

## INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- 2-17-24 Victim's purse was left in boyfriend's vehicle. Her cards were used without authorization. Theft by use of access card information.
- 2-17-24 An Electric Blue (unknown serial #) was stolen from side of house. \$2,500 loss. Grand theft.
- 2-24-24 Two locks broken from large bin, cut fence and items were taken. \$800 loss Burglary.
- 2-24-24 Unknown suspect(s) broke into vehicle and stole sunglasses. The cost of the damage is approximately \$1,200 and to replace sunglasses would be \$200. Burglary.
- 2-28-24 The reporting person stated that someone tried to pry open his garage door, that was nailed shut. \$500 loss. Vandalism.
- 2-28-24 Unknown suspect walked in, allegedly took 2 pairs of boots, then walked out without paying. \$405 loss. Petty theft.
- 2-29-24 Unknown suspects burglarized bar and stole ATM machine. \$1,680 loss. Burglary, Grand theft and Conspiracy to commit crime.
- 2-29-24 Theft from vehicle. \$260 loss. Theft of personal property.
- 2-29-24 Vehicle window broken and 800 dollars taken from the glove compartment \$801 loss. Burglary.
- 3-01-24 Victim's car was broken into and approximately 3 boxes of cigarettes were taken. Burglary.
- 3-02-24 Vehicle burglary by unknown suspect \$300 loss. Burglary.
- 3-02-24 Multiple unknown suspects forcibly entered a residence when no one was home. Burglary.
- 3-03-24 Mailbox was broken into and mail was stolen. Theft of personal property, Mail theft.
- 3-03-24 Two unknown suspects, one female and one male, took a card and used it multiple times at 7/11 on J Street in Sacramento. \$300 loss. Theft by use of access card information and Theft of personal property.
- 3-03-24 The reporting person stated that the night before, someone had broken into his garage and stole his electric Rad bike. \$1,000 loss. Burglary.
- 3-04-24 Victim left wallet in car and left the car unlocked. He found the missing wallet in the morning. \$106 loss. Theft of personal property.
- 3-04-24 Reporting party stated that he went in to start his work truck up and it would not start because the diesel fuel had been stolen. \$1,290 loss. Grand theft.
- 3-05-24 Traffic stop on Ford truck with no plates. The vehicle failed to yield and fled from officers. The pursuit was terminated and the suspect is still outstanding. Evading Police Officer.

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# It's All About Teamwork

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was even on active parole. I am hopeful that the voices of communities across the state will be heard in a manner that recognizes these realities and that effective policy-level change will occur in the current legislative and election cycle.”

FastPass is a program that allows retailers to report theft crimes directly to the District Attorney. The theft crimes have already been investigated and documented by store loss

prevention or asset protection teams.

“By utilizing the FastPass to prosecution model, we are able to dramatically expedite the investigation and filing of criminal cases and reduce the delay between the time of the crime, the arrest and prosecution. In some cases, it will cut the delay down from months to weeks or even days,” Reisig said.

The FastPass program is not designed for first-time offenders but rather for

repeat offenders. FastPass is focused on improving collaboration between retailers, prosecutors, police, social service organizations, local policy makers and civic and business groups to tackle systemic drivers of retail crimes, enhance information sharing, prosecute habitual and violent offenders, and propose second-chance opportunities to reduce recidivism.

Since FastPass launched last fall, the Yolo County District Attorney's Office

reported that the office has filed criminal cases against 49 suspects, including dozens of felony cases (60%), with total losses exceeding \$100,000. The 49 individuals combined have more than 134 previous theft convictions and 93% of all the offenders have previous arrests, including theft, burglary, robbery, violent assaults and family violence.

“The FastPass to Prosecution project led by D.A. Jeff Reisig and his

team in Yolo County is a perfect example of how retailers and law enforcement can collaborate to make communities safer. Every jurisdiction in the country is struggling with limited resources and limited personnel to address the problem of organized retail crime and habitual theft. FastPass can serve as model for prosecutors across the country for how to focus the limited resources of government in partnership with retail asset protection

teams to target high-profile, prolific, and violent criminal actors in the community,” said Lisa LaBruno, Retail Industry Leaders Association's senior executive vice-president of retail operations.

FastPass partners currently include Best Buy, CVS, IKEA, Lowe's, Nugget Market, Raley's, Rite Aid, Safeway, The Home Depot, The TJX Companies, Walgreens, and Walmart. The list of partners continues to grow. ★

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Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
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ANDERSON 3-22-24

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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024  
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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SHERLY ANN FOREMAN CASE NO. PR2023-0279  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: SHERLY ANN FOREMAN

A Petition for Probate has been filed by TIMOTHY C. BATTS in the Superior Court of California, County of YOLO. The Petition for Probate requests that TIMOTHY C. BATTS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or 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 on MARCH 21, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in Dept. 11 Room N/A located at 1000 MAIN STREET, WOODLAND, CA 95695.

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 decedent, 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 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 a person 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. Attorney for Petitioner: TIMOTHY C. BATTS, 300 F. OGAWA PLAZA, SUITE 205, OAKLAND, CA 94612, Telephone: 510-835-8110  
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### LIEN SALE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to California Business and Professional Codes #21700-217 Section 2328 of the UCC of the Penal Code, Section 535 the undersigned, StorQuest Express Self Storage/Ramco St. of West Sacramento, will sell at public sale by competitive bidding the personal property of: Albertina Ankornah A158, Mark Capobianco A177, Pamela Gould B120, Tommie Thompson B125, Brian Casias D119, Amber Woods D120, Alysia Pulido D143, Carlos Yanes D173, Sheila McCowan/Veal D265. Property to be sold: Misc. Items. Household Items Auctioneer Company: www.storage-treasures.com. The Sale will end at 10:00 AM, March 21st, 2024. Goods must be paid in CASH at site and removed at completion of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between the owner and obligated party. 3005 Ramco St. West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916)241- 8600 3/8, 3/15/24 CNS-3789778#  
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### PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to satisfy Extra Space's lien, by selling personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated.

19389 County Rd 102, Woodland, CA, 95776 on 3/27/24 @ 2pm: Andrae Alexander 975 F St, West Sacramento, Ca, 95605 on 3/27/24 @ 11am: Penelope Peters: Derek Lovelace: Richard Ramirez 1100 N 1st St, Dixon, CA 95620 on 3/20/24 @ 2pm: Thomas Gomez

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.  
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## CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SECURITY GUARD SERVICES FOR HOMEKEY PROGRAM

The City of West Sacramento is seeking an experienced consultant (or consultants) to provide security guard services in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations associated with the City's homeless emergency housing programs. On November 18, 2020, the West Sacramento Council authorized the acquisition of a 40-unit motel located at 817 West Capitol Ave. as part of its ongoing efforts to assist the homeless amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The acquisition of the 817 West Capitol Ave. site was made possible with funds from the State Homekey Program, funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program, funds from the American Rescue Plan Act and local Measure E funds. In June 2023, the City acquired a 21-unit motel located at 920 West Capitol Ave. to expand its homeless emergency housing offerings. The City may acquire additional sites to continue to expand the program in the future. There is a need to provide continuous security services at all homeless emergency housing program sites. The consultant should have familiarity working with the homeless population and be willing to work collaboratively with the City's Community Outreach and Support Division, Yolo County Health and Human Services and other service providers in the community to reduce the incidence of homelessness.

The Request for Proposals will be available on the City's Opengov website starting March 15, 2024:

<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento/projects/81567>

Proposals are only to be submitted electronically through Opengov by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 19, 2024.

Any proposals received after this final filing date and time will be automatically rejected. For more information, please contact Tanya Flores, Assistant Community Investment Planner, at (916) 617-4555 or by email at [tanyaf@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:tanyaf@cityofwestsacramento.org).

## CIUDAD DE WEST SACRAMENTO SOLICITUD DE PROPUESTAS PARA SERVICIOS DE GUARDIAS DE SEGURIDAD PARA EL PROGRAMA DE HOMEKEY

La Ciudad de West Sacramento está buscando un consultor con experiencia (o consultores) para proporcionar servicios de guardias de seguridad de acuerdo con las regulaciones federales, estatales y locales aplicables asociadas con los programas de vivienda de emergencia para personas sin hogar de la Ciudad. El 18 de noviembre de 2020, el Consejo de West Sacramento autorizó la adquisición de un motel de 40 unidades ubicado en 817 West Capitol Ave. como parte de sus esfuerzos continuos para ayudar a las personas sin hogar a causa de la pandemia de COVID-19. La adquisición de la propiedad ubicada en 817 West Capitol Ave. fue posible gracias a los fondos del Programa Estatal Homekey, fondos del Programa de Subsidio Globales para el Desarrollo Comunitario, fondos del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense, y fondos locales de la Medida E. En junio de 2023, la Ciudad adquirió un segundo motel de 21 unidades ubicado en 920 West Capitol Ave. para ampliar su oferta de viviendas de emergencia para personas sin hogar. La Ciudad puede adquirir sitios adicionales para continuar expandiendo el programa en el futuro. Existe la necesidad de proporcionar servicios de guardias de seguridad continuos en todos los sitios del programa de vivienda de emergencia para personas sin hogar. El consultor debe estar familiarizado o haber trabajado con la población sin hogar y estar dispuesto a trabajar en colaboración con la División de Alcance y Apoyo Comunitario de la Ciudad, el Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos del Condado de Yolo y otros proveedores de servicios en la comunidad para reducir la incidencia de la falta de vivienda.

La Solicitud de Propuestas estará disponible en el sitio web de Opengov de la Ciudad a partir del 15 de marzo de 2024:

<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento/projects/81567>

Las propuestas solo deben enviarse electrónicamente a través de Opengov antes de las 5:00 p.m., el viernes 19 de abril de 2024.

Cualquier propuesta recibida después de esta fecha y hora de presentación final será rechazada automáticamente. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Tanya Flores, Planificadora de Inversiones Comunitarias, al (916) 617-4555 o por correo electrónico a [tanyaf@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:tanyaf@cityofwestsacramento.org).

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell at public auction the personal property described below. A lien imposed on said property pursuant to section 21700- 21716 if the Business & Professionals Code, and provisions of Civil Code. The undersigned will sell at public auction by competitive bidding online at StorageTreasures.com March 21st, 2024 through April 4th, 2024. The premises where said property has been stored at Southport Self Storage, located at 3080 Promenade St., West Sacramento, CA 95691, phone # (916) 395-3080 the following described goods: Boxes, clothing, furniture, memorabilia, books, tools, and electronics. These goods are the lien property of the following tenants units:

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Purchases must be paid for at the time of sales in CASH. Items are sold AS IS WHERE IS and must be removed at the time of sale. Southport Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid or cancel auction.

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### ORDINANCE SUMMARY

At their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 20, 2024, the West Sacramento City Council is scheduled to adopt the following ordinances.

To provide comment, the public may attend the meeting in-person or submit a comment in writing, via email to [clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org) and write "Public Comment" in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the item number and/or title of the item as well as your comments. All comments received by 3:30 PM will be provided to the City Council and made available for public viewing. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 24-5 AMENDING TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO (CIP 12019)

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# Study Finds Significant Disparities in Diagnosis and Treatment of Dementia

**University of California - Davis Health News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - A new study from UC Davis Health and Oregon Health & Science University reveals significant disparities in dementia care. The researchers found that people living with dementia from minoritized racial and ethnic populations are less likely to receive an accurate and timely dementia diagnosis compared to non-Hispanic whites. They were also less likely to be prescribed anti-dementia medication or use hospice care. Minoritized populations are those marginalized due to systemic oppression.

In addition, the study found the same populations have a higher risk of hospitalization and receive more aggressive life-sustaining treatment in end-of-life care. The study was published in *Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association*.

"Reducing disparities in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and receiving timely, high-quality health care services is essential to advance health equity," said Ladson Hinton, first author of the study and a professor in the UC Davis Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Hinton is also associate director for research in the Family Caregiving Institute at the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis.

The researchers conducted a scoping review, identifying and analyzing the results of 71 research studies conducted between 2000 and 2022. The studies examined health care access and quality for people with dementia and their caregivers. The studies reported findings related to race and ethnicity.

"Our review provides timely and compelling evidence of disparities in health care quality and access for people living with dementia from minoritized populations," Hinton said. "It also highlights significant gaps in data, particularly for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and American Indians and Alaska Natives populations."

**Statistically significant differences**

Of the 71 studies identified, all but one reported one or more statistically significant differences between racial and ethnic groups. For example:

-85.9% of the studies reported findings for Black Americans.

-57.7% for Hispanic Americans.

-25.4% for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

-2.8% for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

-32.4% reported aggregate categories for non-white populations.

The most frequently addressed topics in the papers were medication treatment (38%), end-of-life care (22.5%), health service use (18.3%), diagnosis (15.5%), family caregiving (7%) and long-term care (5.6%).

Some of the key findings related to diagnosis and treatment found that compared with non-Hispanic white Americans:

-Minoritized populations received less optimal care and experienced delays in how long it took to receive a diagnosis. In one large, recently published study, it took 11% longer for Black Americans and 40% longer for Hispanic Americans.

-Asian American older adults were less likely to receive a diagnostic work-up for cognitive impairment.

Black and Hispanic American patients were less likely to be referred for neuropsychological testing.

-Minoritized populations had lower rates of prescriptions for anti-dementia medications like cholinesterase inhibitors and memantine.

-Hispanic and Black American older adults had higher discontinuation rates of anti-dementia medications.

**Disparities in end-of-life care**

There were also disparities in living conditions and end-of-life care. Compared with non-Hispanic white Americans:

-Black Americans with dementia were more likely to have increased hospital admission rates, longer lengths of stay and higher costs.

-Minoritized populations living with dementia were less likely to be in long-term care facilities with special memory care units.

-Caregivers of Black Americans with dementia were less likely to fill out advanced care directives.

Black Americans with dementia were less likely to receive hospice care and more likely to receive feeding tubes and mechanical ventilation during end-of-life care.

"The results of our study highlight the importance

of granular data collection on race and ethnicity," said Oanh Meyer, co-author and associate professor in the UC Davis Department of Neurology. "Understanding where the disparities exist will help us address why they occur and how to remedy them at the individual, clinical and health-system level."

**Achieving equity and closing gaps in health outcomes**

The researchers recommend monitoring for disparities at the local level, educating and training clinicians to reduce bias and improve communication, and enhancing the cultural and linguistic competence of clinical care. They also support developing targeted initiatives to empower people with dementia and family caregivers as they navigate the health care system.

The authors also point out that recognizing existing disparities can prompt policy change at the health system level to address systemic racism and promote health equity.

The researchers noted several limitations of their study, including that some studies may have been missed for inclusion and that the underlying factors responsible for the identified differences are unclear and need further research. They note the study also did not include other potential disparities for people with dementia, such as those identifying as LGBTQ, or geographical inequities faced by those living in rural, urban, and suburban areas.

"Ultimately, it's critical that the best available dementia care is attainable and offered to all Americans, particularly those who are left out of novel research innovations because of their race, social standing or place of residence," said Ana R. Quiñones, senior author of the study and an associate professor at Oregon Health & Science University. "To make real progress in achieving equity and closing the gaps in outcomes for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, we must do more to ensure the most promising interventions are aimed at those who need them the most."

Additional authors of the study include Duyen Tran at UC Davis Health and Kate Peak at Oregon Health & Science University. ★

# It Costs \$18,441 for a Hospital Stay in California

**Charlotte Green, Digitaloft News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - A new study reveals the most expensive states for a hospital stay and the most common reasons for those stays.

The research, conducted by Universal Drugstore, looked at the average cost of a hospital stay in each state to determine the most expensive states for a stay. The study also uncovered the most common reasons for a hospital stay.

California is the most expensive state for a hospital stay. On average, by staying for 4.6 days, patients can expect to pay an astronomical \$18,441, equating to just over \$4,000 daily. Despite the high prices, the sunny state has various hospitals for residents to consider, including Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and UCLA Medical Centre. Each hospital is ranked nationally in multiple specialties with high-performing procedures and conditions.

Oregon is the second most expensive state for a hospital stay. It's a top visitor location known for its diverse landscape, scenic forests, and beautiful lakes. However, when it comes to its healthcare, Oregon is one of the most expensive states in the US, averaging around \$18,336 to afford a typical 4.6-day hospital stay. There are plenty of hospitals in and around the state, including OHSU Hospital, which has been described as Oregon's leading academic medical center, offering advanced treatments and expert care.

Washington state is also one of the most expensive places for a hospital stay. An average stay of just under five days in Washington can cost as much as \$17,753, equating to more than \$3,800

per day in hospital fees. If you are looking for specialized hospital care, Inova Fairfax Hospital and MedStar Washington Hospital Center have numerous medical specialties. From complex care to common procedures and conditions such as knee replacement and heart failure.

The most common reasons for hospital stays:

- 1-Septicemia
- 2-Heart failure
- 3-Osteoarthritis
- 4-Pneumonia (except that caused by tuberculosis)
- 5-Diabetes mellitus with complication
- 6-Acute myocardial infarction
- 7-Cardiac dysrhythmias
- 8-COPD and bronchiectasis
- 9-Acute and unspecified renal failure
- 10-Cerebral infarction

Septicemia, also known as sepsis, is the clinical name for blood poisoning by bacteria; surprisingly, it is the most common reason for hospital stays in the United States, with a shocking rate of over 2.2 million. Sepsis is a life-threatening infection that requires urgent medical treatment.

Another primary reason for hospital stays across the US is heart failure. This typically happens when the heart cannot adequately pump blood around the body, especially when it has become weak. In the United States, a staggering 1,135,900 hospital stays resulted from heart failure in 2018.

With more than 1.1 million hospital stays, osteoarthritis is one of the most common reasons for visiting the hospital in the US. The condition causes joints to become painful and stiff. It is also one of the most common types of arthritis. ★

# River Cats to Sponsor Divide Little League, Gold Country Girls Softball

*Over 250 Children and 20 Teams to be Provided Hats and Jerseys*



**Sacramento River Cats News Release**

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Continuing a dedication to youth sports, the Sacramento River Cats have announced they will be sponsoring two youth baseball and softball leagues for the 2024 season, providing jerseys and hats for both Gold Country Girls Softball and Divide Little League.

For the first time as an organization, the River Cats will be sponsoring over 250 children and 22 teams combined from both leagues, ranging from T-ball through age 14. All teams, coaches and players will be provided River Cats branded hats and jerseys, with all materials purchased directly through the respective local vendors in effort to keep all funds and efforts within the local community.

Additionally, the River Cats will be providing gift baskets to both Gold Country Girls Softball and Divide Little League for their respective opening day ceremonies, and Dinger, everyone's favorite River Cat, is also scheduled to be in attendance for the festivities.

"We are always looking for ways to give back to the community, specifically as

fields. This partnership will afford GCGS the opportunity to put that funding back into our teams by providing updated equipment and renovating our fields. As a board and as a community, we'd like to say, 'Thank you River Cats' for this amazing opportunity!"

Built of a small group of parent volunteers, Divide Little League spans the small towns of Pilot Hill, Cool, Greenwood, Garden Valley, Georgetown, Volcanoville, and Kelsey. Overall, the league is made up of 154 kids and 13 teams, with divisions ranging from T-ball to majors. Divide Little League does its best to keep registration fees as low as possible, but uniforms and fields are their largest yearly expenses. Despite the fields primarily being located on school district property, the local schools do not have baseball programs thus leaving Divide Little League responsible for field maintenance.

"This partnership means the world to us, as it has allowed us to buy much needed materials for field restoration all around the Georgetown Divide," said Luke Elliott, Divide Little League president. "Usually, we are forced to decide what we can do each year. Having uniforms covered means fields can finally get some work. In short, many thank yous!" ★

As an organization, Gold Country Girls Softball is so grateful for this partnership with the River Cats," said Sara Newman, Gold Country girls softball president. "We have always made it a priority to keep our registration affordable so that every girl can play but that has also come at a cost to our equipment and

# Matsui And Latta Urge Biden Administration to Evaluate All Options

**Office of Rep. Doris Matsui News Release**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - Today, House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology Ranking Member Doris Matsui (D-CA) and Chair Bob Latta (R-OH), sent a letter to National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Assistant Secretary Alan Davidson and Department of Defense (DoD) Chief Information Officer John Sherman, requesting the agencies outline their process for the studies of the lower 3 GHz band as required by the National Spectrum Strategy.

"Clearly articulating the processes your agencies will use to study this band will

help provide certainty for both federal and non-federal users," wrote the lawmakers.

The National Spectrum Strategy establishes a roadmap to enhance innovation and U.S. leadership in wireless technologies through careful planning and cooperation among government agencies and the private sector. Implementation of the Strategy will promote private-sector innovation and further the missions of federal departments and agencies.

The National Spectrum Strategy requires the NTIA and DoD to co-lead additional studies of the lower 3 GHz band to evaluate opportunities for private-sector access while ensuring vital federal mission capabilities are preserved. A comprehensive study of the lower 3 GHz

band will help maximize efficient use of our nation's spectrum resources.

"NTIA developed the National Spectrum Strategy consistent with its statutory role as the sole agency responsible for authorizing Federal spectrum use," the lawmakers continued. "For the lower 3GHz band studies, the NSS directs NTIA and DoD to jointly establish processes that promote the pillars and strategic objectives of the NSS, consistent with the guidance in the Presidential Memorandum."

As bipartisan leaders of the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, the lawmakers seek important clarification from the agencies on how this process will move forward. ★

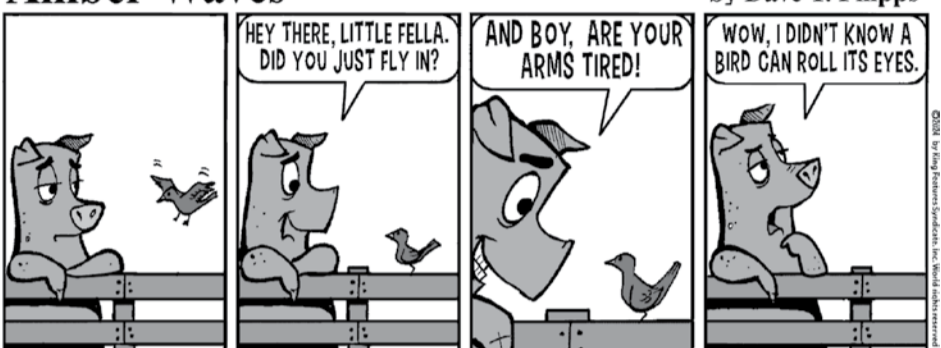
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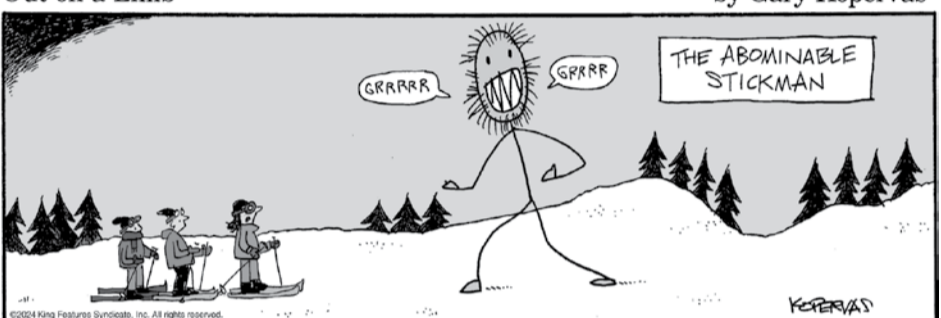
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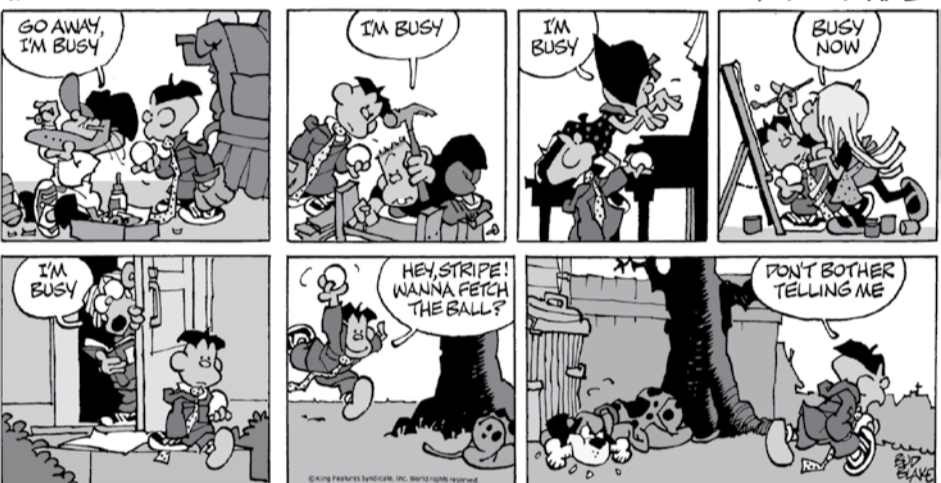
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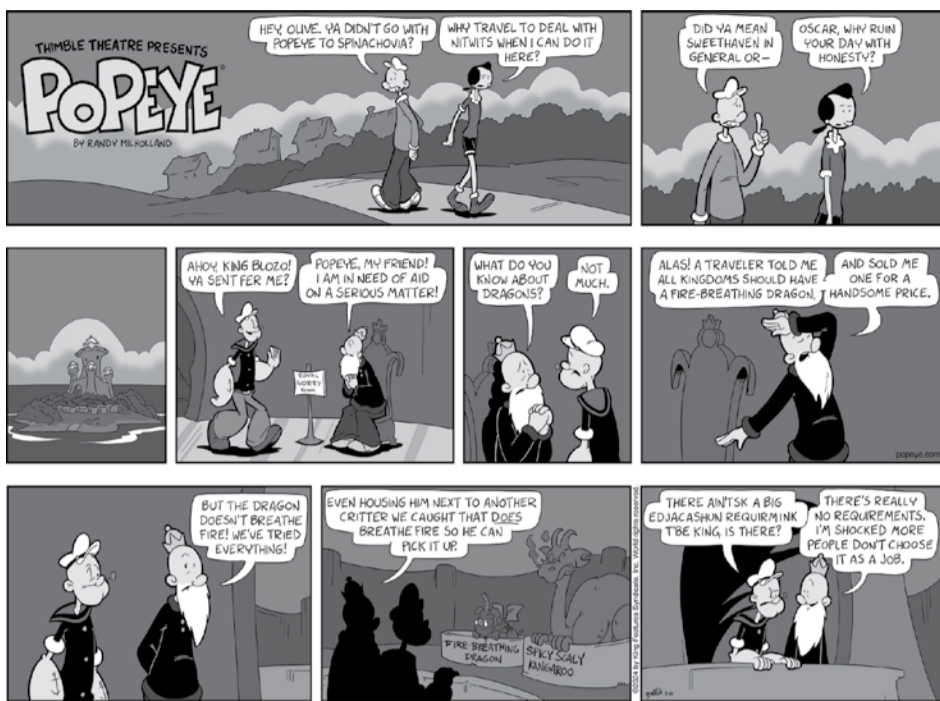


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**Kings Korner**  
 By V.G. Harris

**SACRAMENTO KINGS**

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. ★

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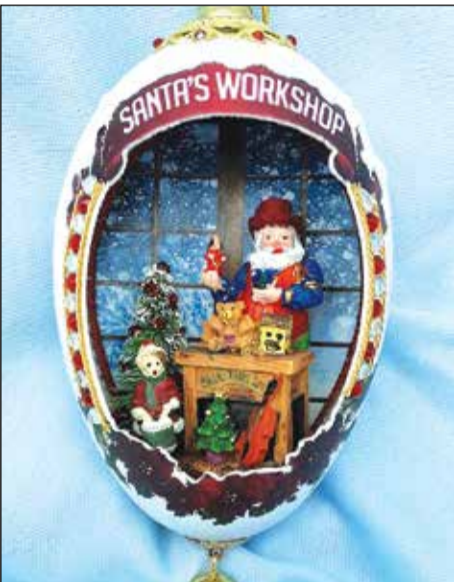
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**GO KINGS!**

# Egg Artists Raise Funds for Shriners Children's Hospital



These eggs and more will be featured in 11 classes on making egg art. Preregister for the classes at [www.norcaleggshow.com](http://www.norcaleggshow.com) or Northern California Eggstravaganza on Facebook. Photos courtesy of Diana Macias

By Carol Feineman

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Local fine artists are invited to be in the 32nd annual Northern California Eggstravaganza Egg 'N' Art Show and Sale that benefits the Shriners Children's Northern California hospital for children in Sacramento.

The show and sale runs from April 12 to April 14 in Elk Grove. All proceeds from the event go to the Shriners Children's prosthetic department.

The Northern California Egg Artists ran the show as a club activity for years and Diana Macias, a club member and a Wilton egg artist, now

organizes the show.

Macias expects that a few hundred eggs will be on exhibit from regional and national artists at the event.

"Some people have never seen egg art and they will be surprised and astonished to see what can be done with an egg and the types of art possible with eggs," Macias said. "It's not what you think when you think of dying eggs for Easter eggs; it's real fine arts. Everything that artists have done in art, all of those arts can be done on an egg. There's no limit to what you can do."

According to the Library of Congress, egg art is one of the oldest

decorative arts. In 2010, a University of Bordeaux (France) team led by Pierre-Jean Texier found etched ostrich eggs in South Africa dating back 65,000 years ago.

Each year, egg artists at the Northern California Eggstravaganza Egg 'N' Art Show and Sale donate artwork that will be raffled with all proceeds benefitting the children's hospital. Show genres include porcelain, carving, beading, jewels, miniaturists and sculpting.

Last year's show in West Sacramento included artists from Berkeley and New York, Texas, Washington and Idaho. This year's show will be in Elk Grove's SES

Hall, with artists from throughout the United States, according to Macias.

Public viewing hours will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 13 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 14. Admission is free. The SES Hall is at 10428 E. Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove.

While finding out more about egg art, viewers can also learn more about the Shriners Children's Hospital. Shriners volunteers will provide pamphlets and signage about the nonprofit hospital and answer questions.

Event attendees can also make egg art at a "learning table" for \$5 with all proceeds going to the Shriners Hospital. The learning table will be

open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 12 and April 13. Children at least 6 years old up to adults can work on the projects designed for beginners. All materials are supplied.

Eleven classes on making different types of egg art will also be offered April 12 to April 14. Class preregistration is required at [www.norcaleggshow.com](http://www.norcaleggshow.com) or Northern California Eggstravaganza on Facebook.

Artists and the public can contact Macias for more information about the upcoming Northern California Eggstravaganza Egg 'N' Art Show and Sale at [leggantdesigns@frontier-net.net](mailto:leggantdesigns@frontier-net.net) or at 916-230-9811. ★

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