

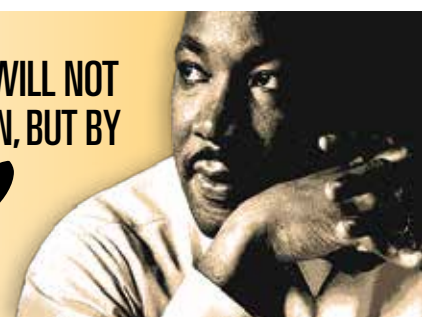


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# The Bling's the Thing



Above: Betty Bowles (left) receives her glitter prize from Carmichael Chamber of Commerce Executive Stephanie Young. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner. Right: Susan Maxwell Skinner's donated photograph of an American River eagle and baby sold at the fundraiser auction for \$300. Debra Robertson of Wilton, CA made a winning bid of \$300. Photo courtesy Carmichael Chamber of Commerce

Story by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Retired Government worker and history buff Betty Bowles has a new jewel to her crown. Venturing \$100 on raffle tickets, she won top prize in the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce's 2020 Person of the Year fundraiser.

The event was originally planned as a sit-down dinner for 200. Cancelled by COVID, the spring celebration became an online winter affair; it culminated with auction and raffle opportunities on New Year's Eve.

Author of a history book on her California hometown of Lodi, Bowles is a long-time Chamber supporter. Her lucky ticket bagged the mom-of-one a custom gold and diamond cocktail ring. Valued at \$1,500, the prize was donated by Carmichael diamond merchant, Sharif Jewelers.

"You don't have to be rich and famous," joked Bowles. "I'm quite happy to be little-known but lucky!"

Fellow Chamber member Barbara Safford won a 65-inch TV - which

she at once donated to a local non-profit. "I'm so happy to have won it," said Safford. "And I'm even happier to donate it where it's more needed."

Ring-winner Boles will keep her treasure, which features baguette-cut diamonds in yellow and chocolate-gold settings. "I don't own anything quite like this lovely piece, she rejoiced. "I'm going to enjoy wearing it."

The Chamber's online auction put 20 items up for bids. A Montana holiday, a San Francisco Harbor yacht cruise, a Lake Tahoe cabin getaway and a helicopter trip for wine tasting in Amador County were among experiences auctioned.

Like many non-profits, Carmichael's 73-year-old Chamber was dealt a rough go by the pandemic. Throwing in the towel on fundraising was never an option for its supporters. "We still hope to do an in-person event later



in 2021," said Chamber executive Stephanie Young. "In the meantime, COVID has taught us to pivot and make the most of things. We did right by our 2020 gala honorees with a beautiful YouTube production that details their community achievements. We also showed gratitude to our unwavering sponsors."

To view the video on the Chamber's 2020 VIPs (including humanitarian Marcy Friedman, Emigh Hardware store owner Rich Lawrence, River City Brewery co-founder Beth Ayres-Biro and volunteer Virginia Stone) go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5TfpVSLJ3M> ★

## Health Departments and Providers to Accelerate Vaccinations

California Department of Public Health

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The state issued vaccine recommendations to local public health departments and providers focused on accelerating the pace of COVID-19 vaccine administration. The recommendations clarify the state's vaccine prioritization process and that after appropriate efforts to reach highest priority groups, health departments and providers may offer doses to lower priority groups when high-priority demand subsides, or when doses are about to expire.

"California's health care providers have done incredible work thus far in vaccinating hundreds of thousands of Californians," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "On behalf of our state, I thank our hospitals, doctors, nurses, and others for joining us in this all-hands-on-deck commitment to safely and quickly Vaccinate All 58. When Californians join together, our spirit of resiliency and innovation always wins. By continuing to take the precautions we need to get through this surge, and by ramping up safe and equitable vaccinations, we can and we will get through this darkest part of the tunnel to the light."

To maximize vaccine administration and reduce the potential for waste, local health departments and providers should immediately administer COVID-19 vaccines to individuals in all tiers of Phase 1a. In addition to frontline health care workers, this includes a wide range of people in health care settings such as community health care workers, public health field staff, primary care clinics, specialty clinics, laboratory workers, dental clinics and pharmacy staff.

Local health departments and providers should make special efforts to administer vaccine to vaccinators and consider partnering with others to provide vaccinations for individuals in prioritized tiers. They may also allocate doses on the assumption that immunization will be accepted by some but not all who are offered the vaccine, and then continue to offer vaccinations in progressive priority tiers. For example, if a county has maximized use of the vaccine to administer individuals in Phase 1a, they should move to Tier 1 of Phase 1b while continuing to offer vaccines to those in higher priority groups.

To view the full state recommendation visit: [www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR21-008.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR21-008.aspx) ★

# East Area Rapist Wreaked Havoc on his Victims, Families and the Entire Sacramento Community

By Anne Marie Schubert, Sacramento County District Attorney

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Joseph De Angelo-the man now convicted of these horrific crimes in the East Area Rapist. He is the Golden State Killer. Beginning August 18, 2020 and ending August 20, 2020, De Angelo heard from his victims and their families. He was then sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

With the case now closed we have not forgotten the effect the East Area Rapist/Golden State Killer had on everyone who lived through the



Anne Marie Schubert

terror of his crime spree. Everyone has their own story, including me. I was raised in

Sacramento. I was 12 years old living in the Arden area with my parents and six siblings when the East Area Rapist started his reign of terror in 1976. In my family, my older sister was 16 and afraid to babysit for fear the "boogeyman" was coming. My mother slept with an icepick under her pillow. Years later, I learned my father bought a gun.

For those who lived here in Sacramento during this time, life as we knew it changed. For so many, the age of innocence vanished. Doors no longer remained unlocked; children couldn't play

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# Long Night's Journey into Day



What kept Janae Taj going? "The determination to find a place to lay my head down and properly take care of myself and be myself," she said. "It was a battle." Photo courtesy Sacramento County

## From Sacramento County

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - It has been a long journey for Janae Taj. It's taken her from months of living on the streets, to multiple hospitalizations for mental health issues, to living in room and board housing, to finally getting her own apartment and the independence that goes with it.

What kept her going? "The determination to find a place to lay my head down and properly take care of myself and be myself," she said. "It was a battle."

Taj, 28, was among Sacramento County's homeless population, which numbers more than 5,500 people on any given night, according to the 2019 annual count by Sacramento Steps Forward. But she was one of the lucky ones, finding the help she needed to begin turning her life around.

Taj's road to recovery began last February when Sacramento County linked her to Telecare ARISE, a

County partner and provider of supportive behavioral-health services, said program administrator Danielle Wirtz.

As a first step, Telecare arranged to move Taj into room and board housing. "We look to get as many folks off the street as we can; it's definitely a passion of ours," said Wirtz.

Telecare managers also navigated community resources for Taj and linked her to a payee service, which helped manage her funds and coached her on budgeting.

But her first housing situation hit a bump after six weeks, when Taj told Telecare her living conditions were intolerable, with "four to five people sleeping in the same room, and (irregular meal service)," Wirtz said.

Finding alternative housing was challenging, however; Taj is a transgender woman, and "some people are not comfortable with that," she said. "So Telecare had a hard time placing me because of my identity."

Fortunately, she qualified for a housing unit through Mercy

Housing, a national nonprofit group specializing in transforming former motels and hotels into housing for the homeless.

In this case, Sacramento County collaborated with Mercy Housing to transform a formerly crime-ridden hotel, a long term blight to the community – into housing.

On June 4, Taj was handed the key to her own apartment, which Telecare helped furnish. "She's living independently now, which is huge," said Wirtz.

Taj's new goal is to "find employment and get myself back into the world," she said.

What advice does she have for others? "If somebody offers you help, take it and go forward. Don't procrastinate. You have to be active and motivate yourself to function on a daily basis."

For more information on Sacramento County's Response to Homelessness, visit our website.

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# CHP Announces \$27 Million Available to Combat Impaired Driving

By Jaime Coffee, California Highway Patrol

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) announced the availability of nearly \$27 million in grant funds to help local communities combat impaired driving.

The funding is the result of Proposition 64, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act, which provided specified cannabis tax funding to the CHP to administer local grants for education, prevention, and enforcement programs regarding impaired driving. Funding for the grants comes from a tax on the cultivation and sale of cannabis and cannabis products sold in California since January 2018.

For the current grant cycle, the CHP's Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program will be awarding grants based on a competitive process to California law enforcement agencies and local toxicology laboratories meeting the eligibility requirements described in the 2021 Request for Application, available on the CHP website.

The CHP will hold a virtual workshop on January 6, 2021, to answer

questions from potential grant applicants regarding the application process, the 2021 Request for Application, administrative program regulations, and other general questions.

Applications will be accepted beginning January 7, 2021, through February 23, 2021, for programs beginning on July 1, 2021. These grants will enhance existing efforts to address impaired driving.

"These grants represent an opportunity for the CHP to work collaboratively with local traffic safety stakeholders to strategically address impaired driving issues while making California's roadways a safer place to travel," CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray said.

Those interested in this grant opportunity can learn more about the program, obtain workshop updates, and view the 2021 Request for Application by visiting the Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program page on the CHP's website, under the Programs and Services tab.

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## In Loving Memory of Michael McDowell

**Sacramento County Farm Bureau Press Release**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Michael McDowell was a dedicated Director of the Sacramento County Farm Bureau, local Delta farmer and avid agriculturalist. He passed away unexpectedly in early December, leaving behind his wife Amber and two young children, Sierra and Logan.

Michael operated his family's farm stand, Double M Farms, focusing on Bartlett and Bosc pears and many other specialty fruits from his orchard. Michael also created and managed McDowell Hunting preserve featuring pheasants, chukar and quail.

Michael was committed to protecting and promoting Delta agriculture, and was a founding member of the Sacramento River Delta Grown farm trail. He and his wife Amber were dedicated Farm Bureau members and always looked for ways to support youth in agriculture and our local community.

To support Amber and their children, a memorial fund has been established in Michael's name. Donations can be made at any F&M Bank branch or sent to our office at the address below:

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Our deepest condolences go out to Amber, their children, Ed & Eileen and the entire McDowell family.

Wishing you all peace, health and happiness in the New Year!

Sincerely,  
Lindsey Liebig  
Executive Director

## Felony EDD Fraud Charges Filed

**By Shelly Orio, Office of Sacramento County District Attorney**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On January 4, 2021, nine felony counts of EDD fraud were filed against Walter Lee Dawson in Department 62 of the Sacramento Superior Court.

Dawson was arrested on December 3, 2020, when Sacramento Probation Officers and Sheriff's Deputies conducted a probation compliance search and recovered a Glock style pistol with no serial number, multiple rounds of 9 mm ammunition, approximately \$58,000 in cash, approximately 3.8 pounds of marijuana, and packaging material consistent with marijuana sales. Dawson was arrested and charged with felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, and possession of marijuana for sales charges in Sacramento Superior Court case number 20FE019364.

During the search, nine EDD debit

cards issued in different names were also recovered as were approximately 20 additional EDD documents in various people's names. After Dawson's arrest, a joint investigation by the District Attorney, Probation Department, Sheriff's Office, and the California Employment Development Department Investigations Division revealed that approximately \$219,000 had been fraudulently acquired by Dawson when he obtained the nine EDD cards. Dawson, who has prior strike convictions for residential burglary and attempted residential burglary, was arraigned today on an amended felony complaint that added nine felony counts of EDD fraud. With the additional charges, Dawson faces a maximum sentence of 19 years, 4 months in state prison.

The Sacramento District Attorney will continue to investigate and prosecute EDD fraud, which cheats rightful recipients out of much needed assistance and costs Californians billions in lost tax dollars. ★

## Sac County Hosting Public Safety Workshop

**From Sacramento County**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) will host the first Assembly Bill 109 Public Safety Realignment Community Workshop (CCP Community Workshop) in an effort to educate the public about the CCP and to encourage community participation and input. The workshop will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 21 and will be cablecast live on Metro Cable 14 on the Comcast, Consolidated Communications and AT&T U-Verse Systems and webcast live via Metro Cable 14.

This workshop is in direct response to community requests to participate in the process. The CCP Community Workshop

will be conducted virtually to adhere to local and state public health mandates and guidelines.

The CCP, chaired by Sacramento County Chief Probation Officer Lee Seale, is responsible for the development of Sacramento County's Assembly Bill 109 Public Safety Realignment Plan (AB 109 Plan). The CCP advises the Board of Supervisors on specific programming needs to implement provisions of AB 109 legislation, including rehabilitative programming and alternatives to incarceration. The CCP is committed to updating the AB 109 Plan with input from the community and local stakeholders. The updated AB 109 Plan will include findings from research, ongoing evaluation and assessment of local programs. ★

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# NHTSA: Drunk Driving Deaths Reach Lowest Level Since 1982

**From the California Office of Traffic Safety**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Alcohol-impaired driving deaths reached the lowest point in the U.S. since 1982, according to recently released data by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

There were 36,096 traffic deaths in 2019, down 2% from 36,935 deaths in 2018, despite an increase in vehicles miles traveled.

The annual 2019 traffic fatality data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) showed additional declines in pedestrian, bicyclist and passenger deaths.

California was part of the nationwide trend, and saw a 5% decrease in fatalities (3,606) in 2019 compared to 2018.

However, the fatality data from last year comes after reported increases in risky

driving behaviors in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, and subsequent increase in the fatality rate during the first half of 2020.

According to NHTSA, 16,650 people died on roads from January through June 2020, a 2% drop from the same period in 2019, but traffic volume also dropped much more. As a result, more people died per mile traveled during the first half of 2020, 1.25 per 100 million miles, the highest rate since 2008.

"It is encouraging and promising news any time there are fewer lives lost on our roads," OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. "But we remain cautiously optimistic while we continue to work on moving the needle in the right direction."

One possible cause for the spike in the fatality rate is that open roads may have tempted speeders, leading to more severe crashes, NHTSA noted.

Between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2020, California Highway Patrol officers issued 4,851 citations for speeding in excess of 100 miles per hour, a 93% increase when compared to the same period last year.

NHTSA also released a special supplementary report for the first half of 2020 on monthly traffic deaths and fatality rates, which showed a projected increase in the number of deaths occurring in rural areas, among younger people 16 to 24 years old, as well as passengers in older vehicles that were at least 10 years old.

"2020 is hopefully an anomaly, but it's important that we practice what is tried and true, embrace technology as a tool to reduce injuries and deaths, and establish a culture that values safe driving," Director Rooney said. ★

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Family & Friends,

I hear it every day ... I'm sure you do as well. "I wish this year was over." 2020 will certainly not go down as a banner year for most. Even though we are all in it together we can't even agree on the facts. We scramble to find those that think like us to make sense out of it. In a time where we need to pull together, divisiveness and loneliness prevail. We have really made a mess of this.

But instead of throwing this year away like I hear so many want to do, I refuse to think in those terms. I dig in harder and try to reach out and help those who are affected by things more than I. Think of what it is like being in a care home isolated, knowing that if you do get sick, your chances are not as good as the rest. And if you do fall ill, it will be a long journey.

You see, there is one thing we can't throw away and that is time. It is the most precious thing we have. No one in their final days wishes they didn't have more. I know those who have died alone in the hospital over this pandemic have only wished for more

time with their loved ones.

Time is everything. It's developing memories, enjoying family and friends. It's more time to reflect, enjoy nature or your favorite hobby. It's our most limited resource. Don't throw it away and ignore what is in front of you. As they say, "life is too short."

The "Greatest Generation", of which my generation had the privilege of looking up to and learning from, had it right. They took some of the worst times that I can imagine and learned from them. They became great leaders, scholars, teachers....you name it. They held that difficult time close to them and blossomed from it. They became great!

Don't turn your back on it....hold on to it. Learn from it. Become more understanding, more compassionate, more loving. As humans in this together, not only just as a country but a world, put down the political rhetoric, reach out and spend some time with those that need you. It's not time to look within for self-gain, but to look around you and help to heal those whose who need you.

Craig Diez

# CA State Parks to Allocate \$37 Million for Recreational Infrastructure Enhancements

**By California State Parks**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) announced \$37 million in allocations to 30 agencies under the Proposition 68 Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement (RIRE) Grant Program. This non-competitive grant program provides funding to local government agencies that passed local ballot revenue enhancement measures between Nov. 1, 2012, through Nov. 30, 2018, aimed at improving and enhancing local or regional park infrastructure. RIRE funds are proportionally allocated based on the population of the voting area.

"These funds continue to address California's historic underinvestment in recreation facilities," said California State Parks Director Armando

Quintero. "State Parks looks forward to working with communities to create new and improved recreational opportunities all across California."

In 2018, California voters passed the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), which directed a total of \$650.2 million in funding to California State Parks for competitive grants to create new non-state parks and enhance recreational opportunities for all Californians. This is the state's largest investment in grant funding history targeted for underserved communities. Recognizing the need to encourage local investment and to have access to outdoor recreation facilities, the bond also provides funds for new parks that will help attract new and diverse visitors.

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# Employment Development Department Another Name For Titanic Disaster



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters

“Rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic” is an overworked cliché, but it certainly applies to California’s Employment Development Department.

The name itself is a farce. There’s no evidence that EDD ever developed any jobs, other than employing thousands of bureaucrats to pay out unemployment insurance benefits – and that’s been a titanic disaster.

This week, EDD suspended payments to many Californians in its latest effort to deal with massive fraud that erupted when Congress pumped many billions of dollars into the unemployment insurance system for workers who lost jobs due to COVID-19.

“As part of ongoing efforts to fight fraud, EDD has suspended payment on claims considered high risk and is informing those affected that their identity will need to be verified starting this week before payments can resume,” the agency tweeted on Sunday.

The suspensions were ordered a few days after EDD’s much-criticized director, Sharon Hilliard, abruptly retired – whether voluntarily or otherwise – and Gov. Gavin Newsom replaced her with veteran

apparatchik Rita Saenz.

The fraud scandal is doubly embarrassing for Newsom because the agency was already on the hot seat for failing to deliver timely payments to hundreds of thousands of legitimate claimants and still has a massive backlog of unprocessed claims.

The Los Angeles Times, in a lengthy examination of the fraud scandal, pointed out that EDD had failed to adopt “precautions implemented in other states, including using sophisticated software to identify suspect applications, keeping Social Security numbers out of official mail and cross-checking benefit claims against personal data on state prison inmates.”

The agency had a contract with a firm, Pondera Solutions, that had successfully used publicly available data to flag potentially fraudulent claims, but cancelled it when federal funds for the fraud-prevention program expired.

So EDD fell hugely behind on legitimate unemployment claims and approved billions of dollars in fraudulent claims. What else could possibly go wrong?

Two years ago, state Auditor Elaine Howle advised the Legislature that EDD was exposing people to identity theft by placing Social Security numbers on mail. The volume of such mail has exploded during the pandemic but EDD ignored the warning and “has continued to place Californians at risk of identity theft,” Howle said in a recent letter to Newsom.

Finally, the surge of unemployment claims has created a gigantic debt. California borrowed more than \$10 billion from the federal government to pay benefits during the recession that began in 2007. The feds hiked taxes on California employers to pay off the debt and by the end of 2019, a year of low unemployment, the unemployment insurance fund had a \$3.3 billion balance. However, during 2020, the state paid out more than \$100 billion in benefits, about a quarter in employer-financed regular benefits and the rest in emergency federal aid. The state unemployment fund was more than \$20 billion in the red at the end of 2020 and, EDD projects, will end 2021 with a negative balance of nearly \$50 billion.

When state unemployment funds dry up, benefits continue with federal loans that states must repay. California’s previous \$10 billion debt took years to repay, and it now could face a \$50 billion debt. The state may hope for loan forgiveness, but if it’s not forthcoming, employers will be saddled with new taxes that would make recovery from recession even more difficult.

If there’s a political price to be paid for EDD’s seemingly endless crises, it will fall on Newsom, especially if a pending recall drive places his career on the ballot later this year.

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

# East Area Rapist Wreaked Havoc

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outside after dark. Gun sales skyrocketed. Hardware stores sold out of window locks. Women took self defense classes. The impact the East Area Rapist had on the Sacramento community was overwhelming.

Understanding the magnitude of this case and the fact that the East Area Rapist became prolific and sadistic serial rapist and killer, drove so many in the law enforcement and the public safety profession to seek the truth. It was through passion and persistence and DNA that the needle in the haystack was ultimately found.

With the arrest, prosecution and sentencing of Joseph DeAngelo complete, I wanted to give a voice to all those affected by the East Area Rapist, so I asked those who lived in Sacramento in the mid-1970’s to email their stories to our office.

The response was overwhelming. We received several hundred emails from men and women who recounted their experience at different ages and stages of life during that time-as children, teenagers, young adults and parents. Every single response was read with great reverence for the time, thoughtfulness and courage it took for some to revisit that terrifying time.

Some examples of what was shared about how the East Area Rapist changed lives and instilled fear include: a family slept on their roof; a young mother packed her babies into the car and slept in the parking lot of her husband’s work while he worked the night shift; several people nearly

shot their spouse or children who entered the house unexpectedly; a 74 year old woman with memory loss still thinks of the East Area Rapist when she “puts the stick in the window”; parents armed their kids with guns and knives; a woman practiced dialing the full police number in the dark as 911 did not exist during that time; a woman piled clean laundry on top of her bed to become invisible and hide while she slept on it; and one woman described the dear she felt battling cancer paled in comparison to her fear of the East Area Rapist. The impact of the East Area Rapist crime spree is undeniable, affecting generations of people who lived in Sacramento.

Although the stories were all unique, consistent theme and patterns emerged. People described intense feelings of vulnerability and fear that impacted their lives. Where they lived, how they raise their children were all impacted by the pervasive fear the East Area Rapist inflicted on Sacramento County. This book provides a platform for people to share their experiences and voice their feelings. As you will see, this was a shared community experience that forever changes Sacramento and the lives of people who lived through it.

To those who lived through the horror, especially to the survivors of his crimes. I hope that his capture and conviction brings you peace. To those who shared their stories, I hope the process was cathartic. TO those who will read these stories, I hope that you remain ever vigilant to the constant struggle between good and evil. ★

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## Ask Toni

### Does Medicare Pay for a Long-Term Care Need?



Toni King

Toni:

Recently my older sister had a stroke and needs extra care at home. I was told from friends at church that Medicare will help to pay for her at-home

care. I cannot find any information about Medicare paying for at-home care in the Medicare and You Handbook and have heard that she could use Medicaid or even receive help from home health agencies.

Please help me understand what her options can be because she does not qualify for a long-term care policy and now her savings is being eaten up and her family is having to sell her house. ~ Thanks, Cindy from Bellaire, TX

Great question, Cindy:

As you are aware Cindy the cost of long-term care has gone through the roof. Today the average cost in a nursing home nationwide is \$93,000 for a semi-private room or \$105,000 in a private room. In Texas, where I live the average cost is \$60,000 to \$77,000 depending on either a semi-private or private stay. This is what your sister is experiencing.

On page 51-52 of the Medicare & You handbook, it states that “What’s not covered under Parts A and B and that you will have to pay for long-term care yourself. Also states on page 52 is that “one may be eligible for care under Medicaid or by purchasing a private long-term care insurance.”

Let’s discuss a few of the myths surrounding choosing one’s long-term care insurance options which keep America confused. These myths leave someone like your sister without a long-term care insurance plan and then must pay 100% out of pocket.

• Myth #1: A government program will help take care of my LTC needs when it happens. It is not easy to qualify financially for a government program for a long-term care need. Medicare, Medicaid, and certain VA programs may help to pay

for some illness needs in certain circumstances. Each program has specific rules and qualifications for that program. It is important to note that government programs are generally qualified based on financial resources. The more assets one has the less likely to qualify.

• Myth #2: Don’t need LTC because I have a health policy that takes care of my medical. Medical insurance plans such as group or individual health insurance, Medicare supplement or Medicare Advantage plans only take care of your medical needs. Long-Term care plans take care of one’s activity of daily living such as bathing, dressing, continence, or moving around which are caused by chronic illnesses, accidents or advanced aging and cognitive impairments over time.

• Myth #3 LTC plans are only for nursing home care. LTC benefit plans let you design how you wish to receive your help for daily care whether at home, in an assisted living facility or a skilled nursing facility. Without a LTC plan, most needs are provided at home by unskilled family members. LTC benefits can provide caregiver training, care coordination, respite care and even hospice care in end-of-life situations.

• Myth #4: My family will take care of me. An individual does not realize the emotional and financial burden that taking care of an ill family member creates on the whole family whether it is the wife or husband taking care of their spouse or the family members who take care of their elderly parents.

Take your time and explore what you, your spouse’s, or elderly parent’s LTC options are. Waiting too long may keep one from qualifying due to health issues. **2021 Confused about Medicare Zoom** webinars begin Thursday, January 28 th at 4:00 PM.

Visit [www.tonisays.com](http://www.tonisays.com) to sign up for Toni’s new event.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF MARC PHILIP BRATMAN Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court of California, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826, and deliver pursuant to Section 1215 of the California Probate Code a copy to Maureen Bratman a Trustee of the Maureen and Marc Philip Bratman Trust, dated July 29, 1999, as amended and restated, wherein the decedent, Marc Philip Bratman, deceased, was the settlor, c/o Ashley E. Felton, Esq., at 5454 W. 110th St., Overland Park, KS 66211, within the later of four (4) months after January 8th, 2020 (the date of the first publication of notice to creditors) or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, sixty (60) days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested. Publish: January 8, 15, and 22, 2021 1-22-21

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 34-2020-00282283 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: ESTATE OF TRAYVIS WILLIAMS; the Testate and (Intestate Successors of TRAYVIS WILLIAMS, Deceased, AND

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NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING Case No. 20-TP-13 STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, GREEN COUNTY IN THE INTEREST OF: Girl Child TO: Jeremy Grossman, Physical Description of alleged parent: Brown hair, brown eyes, facial hair (usually

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# California Company Settles Allegations about Use of Facial Recognition

By Juliana Gruenwald, Federal Trade Commission

WASHINGTON, DC (MPG) - A California-based developer of a photo app has settled Federal Trade Commission allegations that it deceived consumers about its use of facial recognition technology and its retention of the photos and videos of users who deactivated their accounts.

As part of the proposed settlement, Everalbum, Inc. must obtain consumers' express consent before using facial recognition technology on their photos and videos. The proposed order also requires the company to delete models and algorithms it developed by using the photos and videos uploaded by its users.

"Using facial recognition, companies can turn photos of your loved ones into sensitive biometric data," Andrew Smith, Director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection, said. "Ensuring that companies keep their promises to customers about how they use and handle biometric data will continue to be a high priority for the FTC."

Everalbum offered an app called "Ever" that allowed users to upload photos and videos from their mobile devices, computers, or social media accounts to be stored and organized using the company's cloud-based storage service. In its complaint, the FTC alleges that, in February 2017, Everalbum launched a new feature in the Ever app, called "Friends," that used facial recognition technology to group users' photos by the faces of the people who appear in them and allowed users to "tag" people by name. Everalbum allegedly enabled facial recognition by default for all mobile app users when it launched the Friends feature.

Between July 2018 and April 2019, Everalbum allegedly represented that it would not apply facial recognition technology to users' content unless users affirmatively chose to activate the feature. Although, beginning in May 2018, the company allowed some Ever app users—those located in Illinois, Texas, Washington and the European Union—to choose whether to turn on the face recognition feature, it was automatically active for all other users until April 2019 and could not be turned off.

The FTC's complaint alleges that Everalbum's application of facial recognition to Ever app users' photos was not limited to providing the Friends feature. Between September 2017 and August 2019, Everalbum combined millions of facial images that it extracted from Ever users' photos with facial images that Everalbum obtained from publicly available datasets to create four datasets for use in the development of its facial recognition technology. The complaint alleges that Everalbum used the facial recognition technology resulting from one of those datasets to provide the Ever app's Friends feature and also to develop the facial recognition services used to its enterprise customers; however, the company did not share images from Ever users' photos or their photos, videos, or personal

information with those customers.

According to the complaint, Everalbum also promised users that the company would delete the photos and videos of Ever users who deactivated their accounts. The FTC alleges, however, that until at least October 2019, Everalbum failed to delete the photos or videos of any users who had deactivated their accounts and instead retained them indefinitely.

The proposed settlement requires Everalbum to delete:

The photos and videos of Ever app users who deactivated their accounts; All face embeddings – data reflecting facial features that can be used for facial recognition purposes – the company derived from the photos of Ever users who did not give their express consent to their use; and any facial recognition models or algorithms developed with Ever users' photos or videos.

In addition, the proposed settlement prohibits Everalbum from misrepresenting how it collects, uses, discloses, maintains, or deletes personal information, including face embeddings created with the use of facial recognition technology, as well as the extent to which it protects the privacy and security of personal information it collects. Under the proposed settlement, if the company markets software to consumers for personal use, it must obtain a user's express consent before using biometric information it collected from the user through that software to create face embeddings or develop facial recognition technology.

The Commission voted 5-0 to issue the proposed administrative complaint and to accept the consent agreement with the company. Commissioner Rohit Chopra issued a separate statement.

The FTC will publish a description of the consent agreement package in the Federal Register. The agreement will be subject to public comment for 30 days after publication in the Federal Register after which the Commission will decide whether to make the proposed consent order final. Instructions for filing comments will appear in the published notice. Once processed, comments will be posted on Regulations.gov.

NOTE: The Commission issues an administrative complaint when it has "reason to believe" that the law has been or is being violated, and it appears to the Commission that a proceeding is in the public interest. When the Commission issues a consent order on a final basis, it carries the force of law with respect to future actions. Each violation of such an order may result in a civil penalty of up to \$43,280.

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**Ex-Capitol Police Chief Says Pelosi, McConnell’s Sergeants at Arms Refused Security Measures While New Timeline Proves ‘Trump Incitement’ Claims Bogus** | 11 Jan 2021 | The *Washington Post* has reported that the outgoing Capitol Police Chief, Steve Sund, believes his efforts to secure the premises were undermined by a lack of concern from House and Senate security officials who answer directly to Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate leader Mitch McConnell. The National Pulse can also report the *Washington Post’s* timeline proves it was impossible for Trump speech attendees to have made it to the Capitol in time for the breach. In addition to the fact that Trump openly called for the “cheering on” of Congressman, and “peaceful” protests, the timeline as established from numerous, establishment media reports simply doesn’t stack up.

**IT Expert and Global Defense Contractor Testifies in Italian Court That He and Others Rigged Machines to Switch Votes to Biden in US Election** | 06 Jan 2021 | An employee of one of the world largest defense contractors, Leonardo SpA, has sounded the alarm and provided a shocking deposition detailing his role in the most elaborate criminal act affecting a US election. Arturo D’elio outlined the scheme that proved successful in using Leonardo computer systems and military satellites located in Pescara, Italy. Recent reports of a hack at Leonardo now appear to have been an orchestrated cover to mitigate blowback on the corporation which is partially owned by the Italian government. A press release by Nations In Action revealed details:

*Nations In Action, a government transparency organization, partnered with the Institute of Good Governance to thoroughly investigate and research the election irregularities which yielded the long awaited proof that a flawless plot to take down America was executed with extraordinary resources and global involvement. Americans and elected officials now have proof that the election was indeed stolen. This provides the mechanism for each state to recall their slate of electors immediately or face lawsuits and request all federal government agencies to lock down all internal communications, equipment and documentation from the Rome Embassy. “Make no mistake, this is a coup d’etat that we will stop in the name of justice and free and fair elections,” stated Maria Strollo Zack, Chairman of Nations In Action.*

**Rasmussen: Trump’s Approval Rating Rises After DC Protests** | 08 Jan 2021 | The Rasmussen poll, one of the most accurate polls of the 2020 election, finds President Trump’s approval is actually rising after Wednesday’s protests. As Democrats move to impeachment and some establishment Republicans call for the 25th Amendment to remove Trump, the poll finds 48% approve of the President’s job performance. A source close to the polling firm tells Newsmax that the rolling survey saw Trump’s approval soar to 51% on Thursday night. Trump’s approval has been up overall, jumping from 45% just before Christmas.

**Federal Prosecutor Opens Excessive Force Investigation Into the Death of Ashli Babbitt - Report** | 09 Jan 2021 | Michael Sherwin, acting U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, said that his office has started a federal, excessive force investigation over the shooting and killing of former U.S. Air Force veteran Ashli Babbitt in the Capitol on Jan. 6. Sherwin confirmed the investigation with CBS News. His civil rights section will lead the prosecution, which is being investigated by D.C. police and the FBI. ★



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ACROSS

- \*Timothy Q. Mouse’s friend, in Disney classic
- River in Germany
- Bridle parts
- Whatsoever
- Like tuna tartare
- Forearm bones
- Plural of #3 Down
- Hardware store
- “Gladiator” setting
- \*Ferb Fletcher’s stepbrother
- \*Mr. White’s unfortunate student
- Welcome spot for weary traveler
- It shall, for short
- Cul de \_\_\_\_
- Young herring
- Dieter’s cuisine, for short
- Gator’s cousin
- French “place”
- Chunk of iceberg
- St. Louis monument
- Like new TV set
- Front of ship
- Singular of loci
- Additional
- Reality TV’s Spelling
- \*Assistant to regional manager Michael Scott
- Missing a limb
- More, in Madrid
- Like acne-prone skin
- Pimple fluid
- \*Shirley’s roommate and fellow bottle-capper
- \*Rory Gilmore’s mom
- Make an effort
- Legal org.
- Long stories
- Scottish valleys
- Doctor Dolittle, e.g.
- \*One of The Carpenters duo
- Bone-dry
- Opposite of WSW
- Red or orange announcement

DOWN

- Slightly wet
- \*Malone and Stockton of the \_\_\_\_ Jazz
- Skirt length
- Shrovetide dish
- \*Mary-Kate and Ashley
- Geologists’ studies
- \*\_\_\_\_ and cheese
- Moved under the rug
- \*All \_\_\_\_ no bite\*
- Footnote word
- \*Amy Poehler’s comedic partner
- Welsh alternative to Siobhán
- Was almost out of gas, e.g.
- Source of indigo dye, pl.
- \*\_\_\_\_ Be Home For Christmas\*
- In the best possible way
- Coffee burn, e.g.
- \*Bow and \_\_\_\_
- Spherical bacteria
- \*Corona’s main squeeze?
- What willow did
- Read-only chip
- Greek bazaar
- \*Clark’s fellow traveler
- College party chant
- Celestial bear
- Dancer’s beat
- Daisy dukes, e.g.
- \*Wizard of Oz’ man
- Archimedes’ exclamation
- Furlough
- Flower part
- Frog delicacy
- Wheel shaft
- Swerve
- European sea eagle
- \*David and Paul on the “\_\_\_\_ Show”
- Italian currency, pl.
- Maple genus
- Negative contraction
- \*Jerry’s fellow treat-maker

#### Crossword Puzzle Solutions on Page 9

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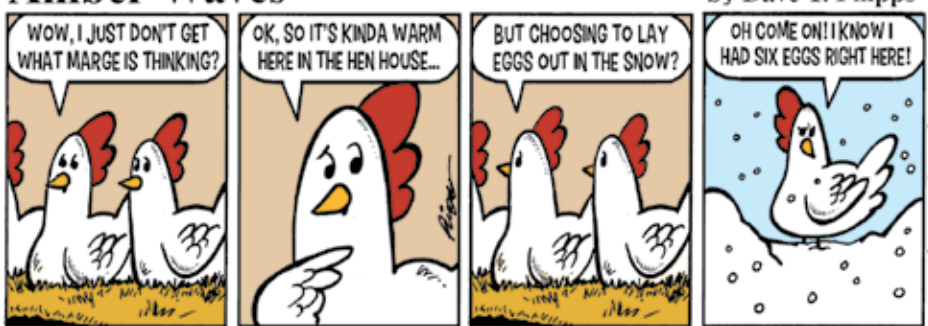
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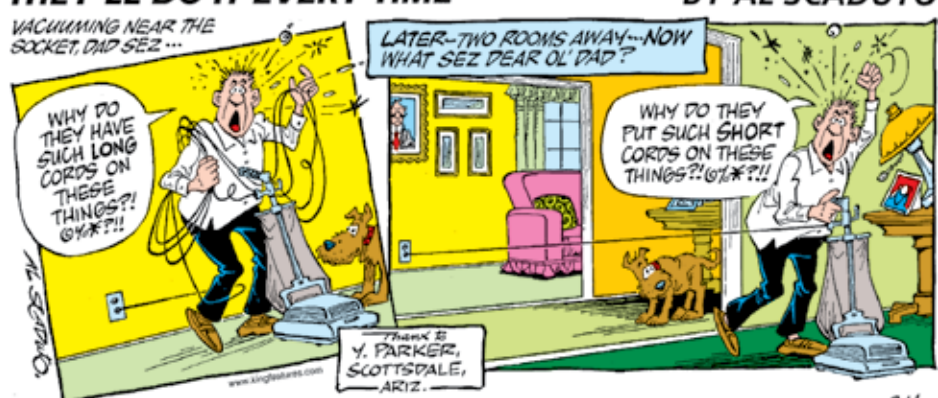
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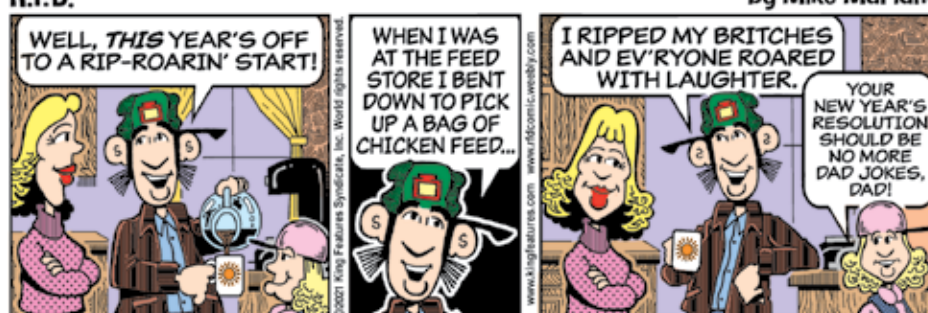
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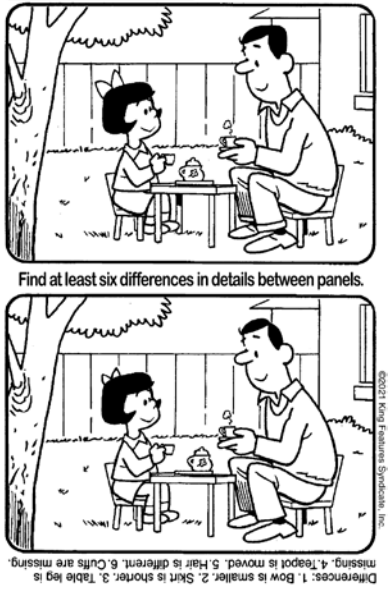
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# Sacramento Librarian Receives I Love My Librarian Award

By Macey Morales, American Library Assoc.

CHICAGO, CA (MPG) - Adilene Estrada-Huerta, bilingual outreach youth services librarian at Sacramento (California) Public Library, is a winner of this year's I Love My Librarian Award. Recognized by the American Library Association (ALA) for her outstanding service to Spanish-speaking families, Estrada-Huerta was selected from 1,865 nominations from library users across the country.

Estrada-Huerta's accomplishments include developing an innovative model for bilingual programming, which empowers librarians to offer storytimes in languages they themselves don't speak. In the model, librarians partner with a staff member who knows the target language to read a story aloud together. Estrada-Huerta has trained countless colleagues in this programming format, greatly expanding the library's capacity to offer high-quality storytimes in Spanish as well as Russian.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Estrada-Huerta has drawn on her extensive technological skills to adapt library programming to a virtual format. Online storytimes feature engaging graphics, animations and lyric slides, as well as closed captioning whenever possible to make the videos accessible to all.

"Equal parts creative, technologically savvy, keenly knowledgeable of cultural trends, a generous mentor, evaluator and analyst, and community convener, Adilene has raised up not just Spanish language services, but also helped

so many others throughout this library system to be impactful with their work," her nominator shared. "She shows up each day for families and co-workers, ready to bring to reality the best promises of excellent library services."

Estrada-Huerta and this year's nine other honorees will each receive a \$5,000 cash prize, a \$750 donation to their library and complimentary registration to ALA's 2021 Virtual Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits. The virtual award ceremony will take place during the conference at 2:30 p.m. CT on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021 and will be available to stream live at <https://www.youtube.com/user/AmLibraryAssociation>.

Since the award's inception in 2008, library users have shared more than 20,000 nominations detailing how librarians have gone above and beyond to promote literacy, expand access to technology and support diversity and inclusion in their communities. Information regarding previous award winners can be found on the I Love My Librarian website at <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/lovenylibrarian>.

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