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## I Spy with my Bird's Eye



Naturalist David Rose and Bird and Breakfast supporters watched nesting California wood ducks and hummingbirds at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. Photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

By Susan Maxwell Skinner

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - Avian species provided a plumed pageant for the Effie Yeaw Nature Center's recent Bird and Breakfast fundraisers.

During two events, more than 100 nature-lovers viewed many nesting critters. A red-tailed hawk hauled twigs to a eucalyptus nest; a hummingbird patiently incubated her clutch; woodpeckers checked acorn pantries. Forty or more feathered species inhabited the Nature Center's 100-acre preserve.

Audubon Society-guided forays were favored by weather - even after a wet start on the final Saturday. "Kids love to splash in puddles and see foot

tracks left on paths by animal passersby," said a nature Center volunteer. "Nature's guestbook isn't so visible on dry trails."

The events have been a sell-out hit at the center for 32 years. On spring mornings, house-hunting wood ducks provide harlequin interludes. Close to the American

River, killdeer moms are belly-down on flood-plain nests.

Nesting above a walking trail last weekend, a hummingbird nursery was a rarer - usually invisible - treat. "We saw the hen incubating on her tiny nest," explained the volunteer. "She



seemed used to people walking nearby and wasn't fazed by tourists. It's amazing to view something so seldom discovered. Audubon people combed the area in previous weeks and observed nests being built. Such secrets of nature are what our Bird and Breakfast event offers every year."

Event sponsors included: Fred and Betsy Weiland; Wild Birds Unlimited (Roseville).

Learn about Effie Yeaw Nature Center events at [www.sacnaturecenter.net](http://www.sacnaturecenter.net) ★

## Now the Innocent Can Protect Themselves

Commentary by Randy Thomasson, [SaveCalifornia.com](http://SaveCalifornia.com)

If home invaders, hellbent on rape and murder, kicked down your door, would you want to have more bullets than they had?

What a great victory for innocent families in California!

A federal judge in San Diego has ruled as unconstitutional a 2016 voter initiative limiting ammunition to 10 rounds in the magazines of handguns, shotguns, and rifles.

On March 29, U.S. Judge Roger Benitez, an anti-communism, Cuban-born, constitutional judge - who President George W. Bush nominated in 2003 - has ruled that the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America defeats the bad law passed three years ago by foolish or anti-family California voters.

Benitez ruled that in response to "a few mad men with guns and ammunition," California's law "turns millions of responsible, law-abiding people trying to protect themselves into criminals." Benitez wrote that "Individual liberty and freedom are not outmoded concepts."

The judge also said that Proposition 63 "hits at the center of the Second Amendment and its burden is severe."

Prop. 63's path to the ballot was led by Democrat Governor Gavin Newsom, who raised money and collected signatures statewide. His unconstitutional heart must be aching over his unexpected defeat. He must hate that this constitutional judge got here to California!

What's next? You can expect that uber-liberal California Attorney General Xavier Becerra will appeal this just and constitutional ruling to the full Ninth Circuit federal appeals court. But win or lose, I expect this issue to ultimately go to the U.S. Supreme Court and win for family protection nationwide.

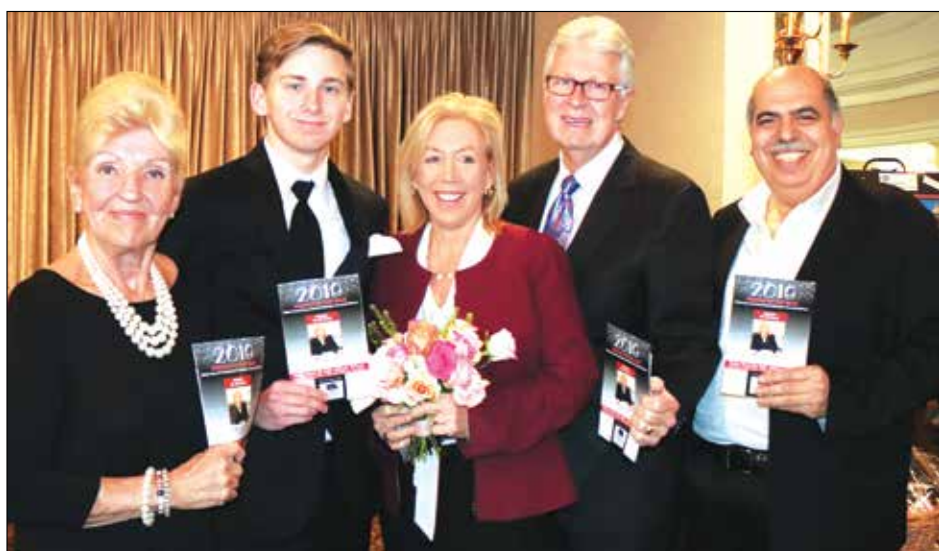
Personally, I'm relieved that I can keep my 15-round magazines that go with my home-defense handgun without fearing that firing it to save innocent lives could result in me going to jail for a year under Prop. 63. What nonsensical tyranny Gavin's initiative is and was! ★

## Chamber Awards Honor DA and Business Leaders

Story and Photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - Carmichael Chamber of Commerce has chosen Anne Marie Schubert - in her second term as District Attorney - as Carmichael Person of the Year. A recent awards dinner saw Schubert and other community leaders honored. Shriners Hospitals of Northern California was named Non-Profit of the Year.

More than 250 chamber supporters attended the sold-out fundraiser at Arden Hills Resort. Program emcee was Good Day Sacramento anchor Tina Macuha. Presenters



Sacramento DA Anne Marie Schubert (third left) was named Person of the Year at the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce gala. She was joined by jeweler Mahmud Shariff (left), realtor Ron Greenwood, Connor Pexa and Rosemarie Martell.

included former Sheriff John McGinness.

While protestors against

Schubert's recent decision not to charge police officers in the 2018 Stephon

Clark shooting gathered in the street, the DA's indoor  
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# Find and Follow Your Passion, Celebrating Women in Aerospace

Story and Photo by Trina L. Drotar

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Aerospace Museum of California Executive Director Tom Jones invited five women from across STEM careers to share their real world experience with young people, their families, and other interested parties in a STEM Education Day event, Celebrate Women in Aerospace. The morning kicked off with activities throughout the museum for children and their families which included a scavenger hunt, photo challenge, phonetic alphabet activity, but the most popular was the paper airplane table situated between some of the indoor display aircraft.

The weather also provided opportunities to view outside exhibits and look into some of the airplanes, including the FedEx classroom plane used by Sacramento City College Aviation students. Docents were on hand to share stories and history, and Warren Searles and his crew were helping aviators in training in the museum's Flight Zone.

The event's highlight was the panel talk which kicked off with keynote speaker, Rear Admiral Bonnie Potter.

"I don't fly," said Potter, but that did not hinder her distinguished career which includes becoming the first female physician in the US Navy to be selected for flag rank.

"My parents encouraged me to do anything I wanted to do."

She wanted to be a veterinarian, a desire shared by



Capt. Carola List - Tom Jones - Rear Adm. and Bonnie Potter.

panelist Chelsea Engberg, CEO and founder of Aviatrix LLC. Potter's road led her to the US Navy where she received a scholarship through the US Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program. She quickly learned that Title 10 prevented her from serving her residency on a ship, as a flight surgeon because she would not be permitted to land on any ship, or on a submarine.

"How you think is everything." She was determined to become the best doctor she could be. In 1990, she was assigned to the USNS Comfort, a 1000 bed floating hospital that was deployed in support of Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. Part of her responsibility was to set up the hospital, which meant unpacking crates, improvising when parts were not available, and developing an evacuation plan. She became certified as a Life

Raft Commander.

"You can't just wait for things to come to you. You have to go out and look for them," she said. "Take chances. Test your ability."

These words and phrases were echoed by the panelists who highlighted their careers, challenges, and successes.

"Live your life with honesty and integrity," she said, reminding them that "the wrong post can keep you from getting the job you want," referring to social media.

Following Potter's address, Jones asked the panelists questions beginning with who their greatest supporters were or still are.

Captain Carola List, US Coast Guard Commanding Officer Air Station Sacramento, credited the support of Chief Petty Officers and her lifelong interest in flying.

"If you don't know your passion, try many things," she said. "Don't be afraid

to fail."

Chelsea Engberg said that the film, Top Gun, was a huge inspiration.

"I wanted to be a fighter pilot." She wrote many unanswered letters to President Reagan asking why she could not be a fighter pilot.

"I fell deeply in love with physics."

She also fell in love with flying and earned a master's degree in aeronautical science. Her parents purchased her one hour of flight time with Sean Tucker, and that was the start of a lifelong career, leading to her becoming the school's COO.

"Don't give up. It's all about the journey."

She is a tough woman, even by military standards, having spent fifteen hours in centrifuges. She is a flight instructor, aviation safety expert, movie and television consultant, and aerobatic pilot.

She also credits the strong women in her life and a flight to Europe as a child when she was invited to sit in the cockpit with the pilot.

"The journey will take you where it's going to take you. Don't close the door on finding your passion."

She dreams of solo hiking the John Muir Trail.

Sarah O'Meara is currently a Ph.D. student at UC Davis and intern at the Johnson Space Center focusing on human-robotics integration and physiology, and she is a Link Foundation Fellow who uses all aspects of STEM in her research.

"Math is an everyday thing," said the quiet young woman who dreams of someday ice diving in Antarctica.

She created, with several classmates, SOAR (STEM Outreach for Academic Reinforcement) Mentorship program.

"I guess our parents all

went to the same camp," she said when asked about mentors. Her mother had a Ph.D. and encouraged her to follow her dream, with a twist. O'Meara was directed to pursue engineering for her undergraduate degree. After that, she was free to study whatever she wanted.

"Stop being a perfectionist," she said, adding that enjoying the process and not being afraid to share ideas are important.

Shannon Sanders Swager owns Sanders Aviation in Ione and has her master's degree in business administration.

"I've got a pacifier in my pocket," she said, a reminder that she is also a mom who, like many women, wears many hats. She also credits her grandmother as a role model and many of the men she encountered on the journey which took her from possible history teacher to working at Disney and returning to college.

"Don't let people tear you down," she said. "Look to people who build you up."

She advised students to enjoy life because they never know where it will lead.

"Don't be afraid to try. If you don't try, you may never find your passion," she said.

Upcoming events include Rocket Appreciation Day on Saturday, March 30 and ACE Career Expo 2019 on Saturday, April 6 where interested students and others can learn about STEM career pathways and meet professionals in all of the STEM areas.

For additional information on Aerospace Museum of California, visit: <https://aerospacemuseum.org>. ★

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# Chamber Awards Honor DA and Business Leaders



Former Sheriff John McGinness joined Carmichael Chamber directors Kelli Foley, Virginia Stone, Barbara Stafford and Dr. Gabrielle Rasi. Photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner



Watercolorist David Peterson donated his portrait of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center to the fundraiser. Businessman Peter Tateishi made the winning bid. Photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner



Jeweler Mahmud Sharif (center) donated a \$2000 diamond ring for the fundraiser raffle. Happy winners were Cricket and Tom Arjil. Photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner



Good Day Sacramento anchor Tina Macuha was event emcee. She posed with Chamber of Commerce President Jim Alves, artist David Peterson and Assemblyman Ken Cooley. Photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

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reception was notably warmer. Attendees greeted her introduction with a standing ovation.

The gala also recognized greengrocer Rosemarie Martell as 2019 businesswoman; jeweler/philanthropist Mahmud Sharif was named top businessman; realtor and community activist Ron

Greenwood took volunteer laurels. El Camino High School student Connor Pexa was lauded for volunteer work with seniors.

With her two young sons on hand, Anne Marie Schubert reflected that she – and predecessor DA Jan Scully – both were raised in Carmichael and attended Loretto High School. She reflected that if her youth

was a halcyon time, her recent times as DA have been harrowing. “2018 was a very tough year,” she said. “There were tremendous highs and lows for my department but we will always be about justice. The (Chamber of

Commerce) award means so much to me because I grew up in this neighborhood as one of seven kids. It warms my heart when people come up to me and say they worked with my dad. I’ll always be proud to come back to this

community.” Among auction items offered at the fundraiser, a painting of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center by Carmichael artist David Peterson sold for \$700. A group breakfast tour at Good Day Sacramento with

Tina Macuha raised \$450. Alpha One Ambulance owner Tom Arjil won a \$2000 diamond ring donated by Sharif Jewelers. Event sponsors included SMUD, Dignity Health, Golden 1 Credit Union and SAFE Credit Union. ★

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# Local Golfers Compete in Liberty Mutual Invitational

By Jeanie Griggs, LMI

**BOSTON, MA (MPG)** - Local golfers will be among 250 amateurs who will be competing in the Liberty Mutual Insurance Invitational National Finals at Pinehurst Golf Resort in Pinehurst, North Carolina, April 3-7, 2019. Matthew Filer (Rancho Cordova), Phil Oates (Carmichael), are two of those who qualified for the national event by winning their local Liberty Mutual Insurance Invitational held at Sequoyah Country Club in Oakland on October 15, 2018, which supported Northern Light School.

The Liberty Mutual Insurance Invitational National Finals is the culmination of a series of more than 70 charity golf tournaments around the country in 2018 hosted by Liberty Mutual and local and national charitable organizations that raised more than \$9 million for charity.

"These foursomes were among more than 12,000 amateurs across the country who generously supported national and

local charities by playing in the Liberty Mutual Insurance Invitational," said Nicole Guidara, Senior Vice President & Manager, Enterprise Brand & Communications, Liberty Mutual Insurance. "We sincerely appreciate these players' efforts and look forward to celebrating their invaluable contributions to their communities."

Two-time U.S. Open Champion and World Golf Hall of Famer Curtis Strange, honorary chairman of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Invitational, will interact with players during the four-day tournament. "I am proud and honored to be a part of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Invitational," said Mr. Strange. "In just eight years, this annual tournament for amateurs has raised over \$63 million for so many worthwhile charities and the people that they serve."

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Members of winning foursomes will receive great prizes from Liberty Mutual Insurance, Cobra PUMA Golf, Bridgestone Golf, Under Armour, Blank Label and The Experience - St. Andrews. Leaders from the community, business, and charitable organizations run and promote the local tournaments with support from local Liberty Mutual employees. Winning foursomes from each local tournament are invited to play in the four-day Liberty Mutual Insurance Invitational National Finals the following spring. For more information about the Liberty Mutual Insurance Invitational, please visit [www.libertymutualin- vitational.com](http://www.libertymutualin- vitational.com); follow on Instagram and via #lmigolf. ★



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Randy was stricken with complications of Parkinson's disease and left this earth on February 27, 2019 at the age of 71. He was born on November 18, 1947 in North Platte Nebraska to Stanley and Carolyn Wiens of Madrid Nebraska. Those he left behind were his mother, Carolyn, of Fawnskin, California, his brother and sister-in-law Michael and Sherry Wiens, his niece Valerie Robinson and his great nieces Larissa and Kaitlyn Vanata. Others left behind were his uncles and aunts, Shirlee Wiens, Ducey and Betty Wiens, Calvin and Irma Young and Wendell Young. He was preceded in death by his dad Stanley in 2001 and his brother Brian in 2014.

Randall served in the United States Special Forces known as the Green Beret. He graduated top of his class and was a medical specialist, his group was assigned and focused on the Middle East and Africa. Randy graduated from McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California and



established his own law firm specializing in civil litigation. Randy was gifted in music and played the piano since age 10 as well as approximately a dozen other instruments for shorter periods of time. He was a licensed pilot with both instrument and commercial ratings. He enjoyed golfing, scuba diving and traveled to many places in the world.

Randy visited the Big Bear area often as a child spending time with his family and friends in Stanley and Carolyn's cabin. As an adult he would spend Christmas and the first part of July in Big Bear celebrating Fourth of July and the birthday of his Mom and great niece, Larissa, on July 6th.

Randy's military memorial and interment will be held at Gold Mountain Memorial Park in Big Bear City, California in May.

Randy will always be remembered, loved and missed. The love of his family and friends will keep his spirit alive forever.

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# Providing a SAFE Space for Sacramento County Youth

By Andrea Hansen, Sacramento County

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY (MPG)** - To reduce the stress and trauma experienced by children who are victims of sexual abuse and violent crimes, Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services; local law enforcement agencies; and the District Attorney's Office team up at the Sacramento County Special Assault Forensic Evaluation (SAFE) Center.

The SAFE Center is an accredited member of the National Children's Alliance and provides a safe and comfortable place for a child to be interviewed by a specially trained social worker, called a Forensic Interview Specialist.

"The SAFE Center conducts a thorough forensic interview in the least intrusive way possible, and the child only has to be interviewed once, rather than being questioned multiple times by different agencies," said Michelle Callejas, Sacramento County Director of Child, Family and Adult Services. "Since the Center opened in 1991, we have conducted 12,000 interviews and last year alone we provided a safe space for over 350 children and youth."

To reduce the stress on the child, the Forensic Interviewer is the only other person present in the room during the interview. The Forensic Interviewers have many hours of specialized training and years of experience talking with children about difficult subjects. They also use interviewing techniques that preserve the integrity of the investigation. The interviews



The Safe Team from left to right Darla Garcia, Faith Whitmore, Darby Geller, Sarah Leatherby and Kandyce Seely.

are conducted in a room with a one-way mirror so law enforcement, the District Attorney's office and Child Protective Services staff can observe.

The SAFE Center interviews are an efficient way to investigate child abuse cases and are core to identifying new leads and gathering evidence in a case. Although the interviews cannot be used in lieu of testimony and children may still have to testify in court, this approach greatly reduces the trauma of having to repeatedly talk about the abuse they have endured.

The SAFE Center moved in February of 2018 to 3701 Power Inn Road to join services and co-locate with the Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center. The co-location has enabled the SAFE Center and the Department's Adult Protective Services program to have a stronger working relationship with the Family Justice Center in serving the community.

"We could not be more excited about our new location and collaboration with the Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center," said Darby Geller, SAFE Center Director. The Center now acts as a multifunctional place for families to receive services

pertaining to abuse, counseling, safety planning and so much more. I'm proud to see how the program continues to grow, evolve and become such an important asset to the community."

The partnership with Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center allows the SAFE Center to offer new opportunities in 2019 which include on-site therapeutic crisis intervention, assessment, psycho-education and ongoing therapeutic treatment through the addition of a trauma-informed mental health clinician. These additional services were made possible through a grant funded by the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and will be provided by the UC Davis CAARE Center, a long-standing partner in providing trauma-informed services for children and families in Sacramento County.

To learn more about the SAFE Center, please visit the Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services Resource Family web page. If you are interested in donating new toys/comfort items for youth visiting the SAFE Center, contact Darby Geller, SAFE Center Director. ★

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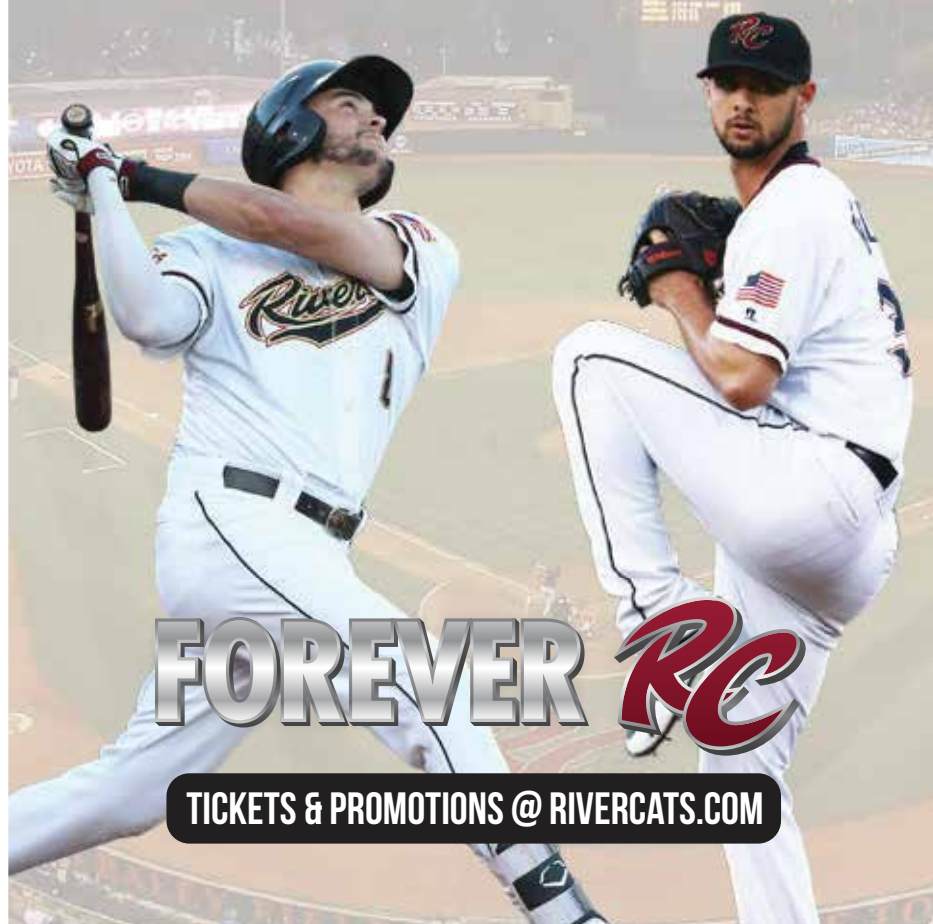
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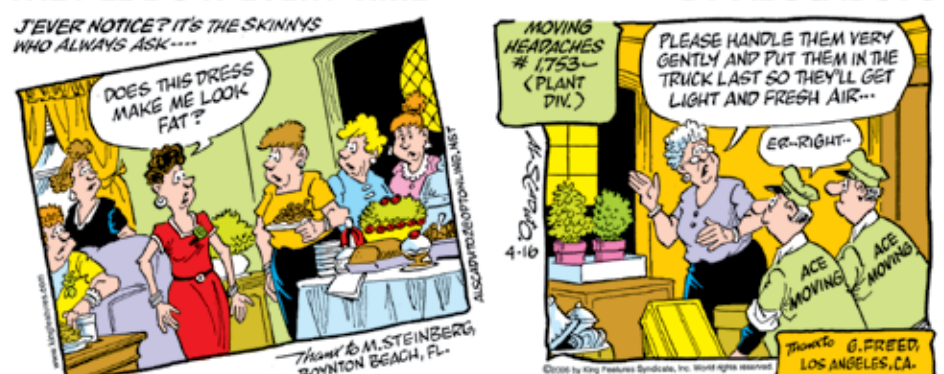
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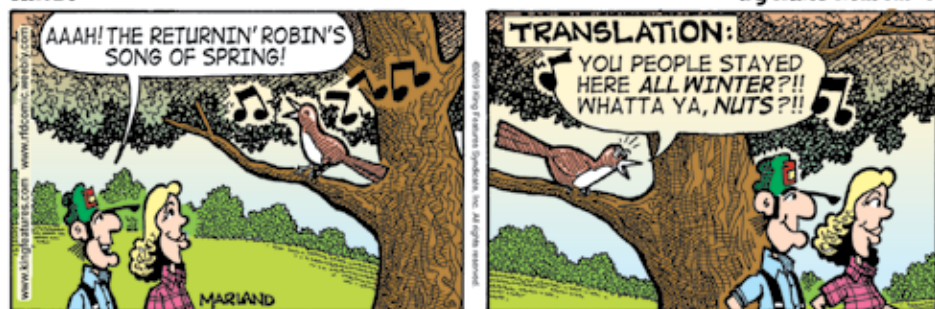
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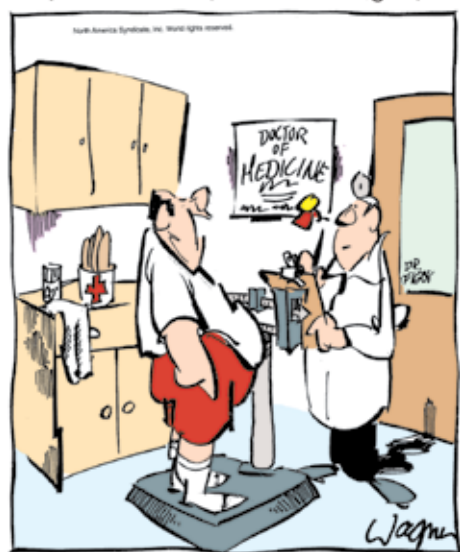
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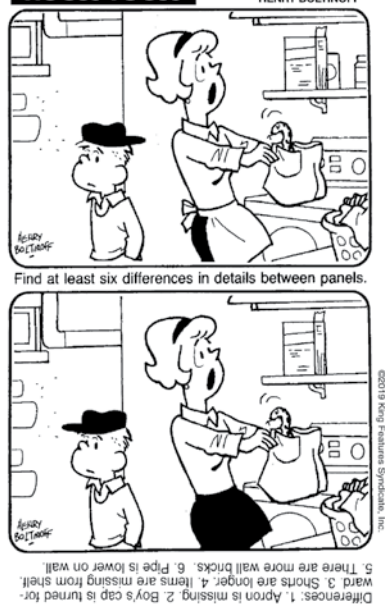
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# CHEERS & JEERS

By Damian Holbrook

**Cheers to NBC**  
for rebuilding its comedy brand. Between *Superstore*, *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, *Will & Grace* (pictured), *The Good Place* and *A.P. Bio*, it's safe to say that Thursday nights are a Must-See buffet the Peacock Network can be proud of.

**Jeers to Aunt Becky with the Bad Rap**

After being busted in the college - admissions scam (along with Felicity Huffman), TV-movie queen Lori Loughlin was fired from her Hallmark shows, including the *Garage Sale Mysteries* series, and the final season

of Netflix's *Fuller House*.

**Jeers to Shameless**  
for giving Fiona a bum's rush. Yes, Emmy Rossum's decision to exit the Showtime dramedy left the writers in the lurch, but surely they could have come up with more than a forced twist that saw Fi leaving Chicago to basically find herself.

**Cheers to Colton Underwood**

for sticking to his guns. *The Bachelor* took ABC's long-running franchise into real virgin territory by foregoing the usual finale to preemptively end things with Tayshia and Hannah G. before winning back Cassie (pictured, with



It's safe to say that Thursday nights are a Must-See with *Will & Grace*.

Colton), the woman he really loved. Glad to see he was here for the right reasons. ★

## ASK MATT

BY MATT ROUSH TV Guide Senior Critic

**What's The Best Role For Nathan Fillion?**

**Question:** I haven't seen any talk about Nathan Fillion's talent for comedy. Anyway, I cringe to watch him as *The Rookie* when he was so perfect in the role of *Castle*.

I know that actors don't want to be typecast, but I feel he's not showing his potential in this *Rookie* role. Your opinion? -Granny

**Matt Roush:** I get where you're coming from, and

there's no question that the lighter touch required on *Castle* suited his considerable comedy chops better than this more earnest procedural. But I also feel that there's an innate likability and vulnerability to the way Nathan Fillion plays *Rookie's* John Nolan, as he tries to start over at middle age with the cards stacked against him. Shows end and an actor's career goes on, and it's understandable that you'd prefer one role to another, especially

if the aspects of his talent you enjoy most aren't fully on display here. When the time comes for him to put his badge away, maybe he'll go back to comedy and you'll be more satisfied.

**Question:** On the March 11 episode of *Magnum P.I.*, was the barber played by the original T.C.? -William

**Matt Roush:** Yes, good catch. That was Roger E. Mosley playing John Booky, a Vietnam vet who offers advice along with his cuts. Don't know if we'll see him again, but that was a nice callback to the show's origins.

To submit questions to TV Critic Matt Roush, go to: [tvinsider.com](http://tvinsider.com) ★

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# Crowds Gather to Enjoy the 57th Annual Gem Show

Story and Photos by Shaunna Boyd

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society held their 57th annual Gem, Jewelry, Fossil, and Mineral Show at the Roseville Fairgrounds on March 23 and 24. The show featured educational exhibits, a kids' junction, and more than 60 vendors.

With crystal, lapis, amethyst, agate, jasper, opal, jade, amber, fossils, fluorescent minerals, and more, visitors were dazzled by the wide variety of displays.



Crowds of people explored the 57th annual Gem, Jewelry, Fossil, and Mineral Show, which featured educational exhibits, a kids' junction, and more than 60 vendors.

Shannon, explaining that Herkimer diamonds are very difficult to mine. Shannon has been collecting gems

other kids to the hobby now.

Jeff and Cindy Chastain recently opened JC Crystals and More in Roseville, and Cindy shared that her favorite mineral is chrome chalcedony, a green and gold mineral mined in Turkey. "No matter where you turn it, it has these beautiful sparkly crystals," she said.

At the StarStruck Meteorites booth, Michael Santos and his wife Charlotte Stewart introduce visitors to the wonders of meteors. Santos has been collecting for more than 40 years.

Stewart said Santos' grandfather took him to a meteor crater in Arizona as a child and "he never got over it."

Nancy Nagle of N.C. Nagle Gemstones displayed strands of gemstone beads. She said, "The earth made these, and the miner found them." Now she sells them to people who want the fun of creating their own jewelry. ★



The Gem Show featured a display of dazzling spheres made from amethyst, quartz crystal, obsidian, and fluorite.

Kids enjoyed gem hunts and gold panning while their parents marveled at the various demonstrations throughout the show.

Lorraine Waite offered a faceting demonstration, showing how the abrasive grit on her diamond-embedded flat lap turns a rough stone into a brilliant gem.

Karla Shannon showed off some of her fluorite minerals, which can sometimes form in perfect octahedrons. She also showcased Herkimer diamonds, a rare type of double-terminated quartz that forms in an extremely hard matrix. "My uncle dug these," said

and minerals for 20 years. When she was a kid, her father used to take her on field trips to hunt for gems, and she loves introducing



An amateur gem hunter hopes to uncover an emerald in her tray of sand.

# Society for the Blind Receives \$25,000 from M&M Whitmire Family Foundation

By Kristin Thébaud

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Society for the Blind recently received \$25,000 from M&M Whitmire Family Foundation in Roseville to provide classes and training for seniors with vision loss and blindness. The grant will fund the group's Senior IMPACT Project that empowers people age 55 and older with alternative, non-visual techniques and skills that enable them to perform day-to-day tasks and activities so they can maintain or increase independence.

"One out of four seniors in Sacramento is struggling financially, and most seniors in California do not have retirement accounts," said Shari Roeseler, executive director, Society for the Blind. "As this rapidly growing population begins to lose their vision, programs like the Senior IMPACT Project can help these seniors achieve their goals and gain skills that allow them to stay independent. Thanks to this vital funding from M&M Whitmire Family Foundation, hundreds of seniors with vision loss can enjoy life to the fullest."

The Senior IMPACT Project includes an eight-day retreat offered monthly at Society for the Blind that gives seniors an immersion experience where they learn alternative techniques and skills to travel

safely, efficiently and independently. They practice alternative techniques and use adapted tools to perform tasks of daily living including cooking, cleaning, shopping, home maintenance, organization, personal finance and more. They learn how to use the latest in assistive technology to operate computers and mobile devices for home, school and work, and they learn Braille.

Participants receive individualized attention from instructors and mentors who are blind or low vision, and they have the opportunity to join in discussion groups with peers on issues around vision loss and participate in community activities. For those unable to attend retreats, Society for the Blind sends instructors to their homes to teach skills and offer resources. The Senior IMPACT Project includes monthly peer support groups for English and Spanish speakers and workshops throughout the year.

"We are extremely honored to work with Society for the Blind on the ongoing support, programs and tools they provide to individuals and families with a wide variety of vision impairments," said Jessika Cano, director of senior outreach, M&M Whitmire Family Foundation. "The Senior IMPACT Project is such a unique program that is much needed in our

community, so we are humbled to be able to donate to such a program. Individuals with little to no vision have so much to offer our community and we are so glad that Society for the Blind is here locally to facilitate such training and support for individuals to maintain their independence and have their families keep flourishing in our community."

Celebrating its 65th anniversary this year, Society for the Blind has created innovative ways to empower individuals living with low vision or blindness to discover, develop and achieve their full potential. Society for the Blind has grown from a dedicated group of volunteers to a nationally recognized agency and the only comprehensive rehabilitative teaching center that provides services for a 27-county region of northern California.

The nonprofit provides low-vision eye care, life and job skills training, mentorship, and access to tools to maintain independence for more than 5,000 youth, working-age adults and seniors experiencing vision loss each year. For more information or to make a donation, visit SocietyfortheBlind.org. M&M Whitmire Family Foundation's mission is to assist children in need and senior care within the Sacramento area. ★

# Sacramento County DA Reports



## Defendant Sentenced for First-Degree Murder of Wife

DATE: March 26, 2019

CASE: Joshua Childers (Case #17FE005883)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Scott Schweibish, Career Criminal Prosecution Unit

The Honorable Ernest Sawtelle sentenced Joshua Childers to 50 years to life in prison. On January 31, 2019, a jury convicted Childers of the first-degree murder of Victoria Vasquez. The jury also found true a use of firearm enhancement.

On March 28, 2017, a Placer County 911 dispatch received a call from a man reporting he had shot his wife and she could be found in a mobile home park in South Sacramento. A record check of the phone number used to call 911 located an address associated with the phone number. Officers responded to the residence and found a deceased woman in a bedroom. Law enforcement then located Childers by pinging his phone and he was taken into custody the same day.

## Early Prison Releases:

March 2019 Update

Since 2015, 374 inmates sentenced from Sacramento County have been granted early prison release by the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) as of March 29, 2019.

Many of the offenders who are granted early prison release have violent and lengthy criminal histories. District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert feels it is important for the public to be aware of the so-called "nonviolent" offenders being released early from prison into our neighborhoods. Press releases are issued to provide the public with a sampling of recent noteworthy offenders, including:

**Inmate Convicted of Shooting, Paralyzing Victim & 25+ Year Criminal History (Julio Luna - Case #15F01091)** - Julio Luna has a prior 1993 strike conviction for assault with a deadly weapon. In that case, Luna and his friends got into an argument with the victim. Luna ended up shooting the victim at close range. The bullet lodged in the victim's spinal cord resulting in

paralysis. This level of violence and the seriousness of the resulting injury makes this a highly aggravated crime. Since this strike conviction, Luna has been paroled nine times and has returned to custody on nine separate occasions due to violations and new offenses. He continued committing crimes including assault with a firearm, making criminal threats, felony evasion from police, various kinds of theft and larceny, illegal gun and ammunition possession and domestic violence. In his current commitment offense, Luna and a friend went into a store and tried to buy six Best Buy gift cards with a fraudulent credit card. When employees attempted to detain Luna, he pulled out a knife. The employees let Luna leave, but reported his license plate number to law enforcement. When officers located Luna in his vehicle, he fled. In the process of the evasion he ran three red lights, several stop signs and ran into a curb. He continued his evasion after his vehicle got a flat tire, and officers had to use a PIT maneuver multiple times before they could eventually detain him. Luna endangered the store employees, other drivers and the pursuing officers. He was convicted of identity theft and evading officers. The Board of Parole Hearings found this inmate to be a nonviolent offender who does not pose an unreasonable risk of violence to the community and granted release on March 13, 2019.

The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office takes an active role in evaluating NVSS and NVPR cases. For inmates who appear to pose a danger to the public, the office writes opposition letters to BPH with an overview of the inmate's criminal history and current commitment offense, and an opinion on the public safety risk if an inmate is granted early release. NVPR cases are especially concerning since prosecutors are denied access to records of the inmate's behavior behind bars, which is critical to rehabilitation, and do not have a right to appeal an early parole decision.

Information about more of these inmates can be found on the Early Prison Releases webpage at [www.sacda.org/early-prison-releases](http://www.sacda.org/early-prison-releases). ★



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# IRS Provides Various Payment Options for Taxpayers Who Owe But Can't Pay in Full

By David A. Tucker II

**INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, WASHINGTON** - As the 2019 tax filing season gets into full swing, the Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers who owe of the many easy payment options.

The IRS anticipates that most taxpayers will be affected by major tax law changes. While most will get a tax refund, others may find that they owe taxes, many of whom may qualify for a waiver of the estimated tax penalty that normally applies. See Form 2210, Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals, Estates and Trusts, and its instructions for details.

“The IRS understands there were many changes that affected people last year, and the new penalty waiver will help taxpayers who inadvertently had too little tax withheld,” said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. “We encourage people to check their withholding again this year to make sure they have the right amount of tax withheld for 2019.”

The IRS urges people with a filing requirement and a balance due to file by the April 15 deadline even if they cannot pay in full. Taxpayers in this situation should pay what they can and consider a payment plan for the remaining balance.

Taxpayers who are unable to pay their taxes in full should act quickly. Several payment options are available including:

**Online Payment Agreement** - Individuals who owe \$50,000 or less in combined income tax, penalties and interest and businesses that owe \$25,000 or less in payroll tax and have filed all tax returns may qualify for an

Online Payment Agreement.

Most taxpayers qualify for this option, and an agreement can usually be set up in a matter of minutes. Online applications to establish tax payment plans, like online payment agreements and installment agreements, are available Monday – Friday, 6 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.; Saturday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, 6 p.m. to midnight. All times are Eastern Time;

**Installment Agreement** - Installment agreements paid by direct deposit from a bank account or a payroll deduction will help taxpayers avoid default on their agreements. It also reduces the burden of mailing payments and saves postage costs. Even taxpayers who don't qualify for a payment agreement may still pay by installment. Certain fees apply;

**Delaying Collection** - If the IRS determines a taxpayer is unable to pay, it may delay collection until the taxpayer's financial condition improves;

**Offer in Compromise** - Certain taxpayers qualify to settle their tax bill for less than the amount they owe by submitting an offer in compromise. To help determine eligibility, use the Offer in the Compromise Pre-Qualifier tool.

In addition, taxpayers can consider other options for payment, including getting a loan to pay the amount due. In many cases, loan costs may be lower than the combination of interest and penalties the IRS must charge under federal law.

The IRS urges all taxpayers to check their withholding for 2019, especially those who made withholding adjustments in 2018 or had a major life change. Those most at risk of having too

little tax withheld from their pay include taxpayers who itemized in the past but now take the increased standard deduction as well as two-wage-earner households, employees with non-wage sources of income, and those with complex tax situations.

To help taxpayers allocate the appropriate withholding to their paychecks throughout the year in 2019, an updated version of the agency's online Withholding Calculator is now available on IRS.gov. It's never too early to check your withholding. While it's a good idea any year, starting early in 2019 is particularly important as most tax filers adjust to the revised tax rates, deductions and credits.

The IRS urges taxpayers to take advantage of the many tools and other resources available on IRS.gov. Taxpayers have a variety of options to get help filing and preparing their tax returns on IRS.gov, the official IRS website. Taxpayers can also find answers to their tax questions and resolve tax issues online. The Let Us Help You page answers most tax questions, and Publication 5136, IRS Services Guide, links to these and other IRS services.

Taxpayers can go to IRS.gov/account to securely access information about their federal tax account. They can view the amount they owe, pay online or set up an online payment agreement; access their tax records online; review the past 18 months of payment history; and view key tax return information for the current year as filed. Visit IRS.gov/secureaccess to review the required identity authentication process. ★

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