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## Bryte Park Gets Funding



West Sacramento community leaders and staff gather to receive a check for \$1.5 Million to improve Bryte Park. City of West Sacramento Councilmember Chris Ledesma; Councilmember Quirina Orozco; Mayor Martha Guerrero; Assemblyman Kevin McCarty; Senator Richard Pan; and Councilmember Norma Alcalá. Bryte Park is the busiest and most used outdoor recreation location in the city and is definitely worth the investment. Photos: City of West Sacramento



### City of West Sacramento

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The City of West Sacramento's Parks and Recreation Department has received \$1.5 million dollars in funding that will help pay for improvements at Bryte Park, the City's busiest and most used outdoor recreation location.

The funding was secured by

Assemblyman Kevin McCarty and Senator Richard Pan in the state budget.

The two lawmakers presented a giant check to City leaders Sunday, September 19, 2021 during the Family Festival at Bryte Park.

In addition to necessary ADA upgrades, this funding will support other important improvements outlined in the Bryte Park master plan:

The City's first all-weather sports field with lighting; Renovated tennis/pickleball courts available for use by Riverbank students and the community; The Bryte/Broderick neighborhood's first dog park; A new restroom located near the playfields; Improved parking along Riverbank Road; Age-friendly walking loops; Amenities and public art. ★

## Yolo County's Dedication to Legal Reform

By Michele Townsend

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - As of January 1, 2018 the legislation of AB2942 became effective. This legislation gives prosecutors the authority to petition the court to reduce the state prison sentences that are no longer serving the interest of justice. Yolo County was one of the first counties in California to initiate a Resentencing Pilot Project. The Yolo County DA's Office partnered up with "For the People" and the UCD King Hall Law program to create a sentencing clinic course in which the students, under the direction of Professor Chin, assess individual cases to determine their eligibility for consideration of sentence reduction. Those cases found eligible are presented to the DA's office with the recommendation of consideration.

The DA's office then reviews the findings of the King Hall students and the DA's office investigates. The court has a "broad discretion" to grant a recall case upon receipt of those recommendations, as well as the discretion to resentencing the defendant "as if he or she had not previously been sentenced." In addition, it reads the Court has authority to resentence "for any reason rationally related to lawful sentencing", not simply to correct a disparate (essentially different in kind; not allowing comparison) sentence.

The resentencing considers; (1) which term of imprisonment should be imposed (2) whether any enhancements charged should be stricken (3) for multiple charges, whether a sentence should be run consecutively or concurrently. If laws have since changed, they are taken into consideration. They cannot extend a defendant's sentence.

Because of the extensive time put into each recall case, and of course limited resources, only a small number of cases can be reviewed each year. "For the People" requested funding for the Resentencing Pilot Project as part of the 2021-2022 California state budget. Of the \$18 million allotted for this program, Yolo County DA's office will receive \$717,000 and the Public

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## Yolo County Begins Administering Pfizer Booster to Eligible Residents

### Yolo County News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - Yolo County will begin administering Pfizer booster doses after the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recommended members of certain population groups receive a booster dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after receiving their second Pfizer dose. Booster doses are currently only available for those who received Pfizer vaccine. Residents who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines will have to wait for

these boosters to authorized and made available.

A booster (third) dose is recommended for individuals in the following groups who completed their 2-dose primary series of Pfizer vaccine at least 6 months ago:

Age 65 years and older or residing in a long-term care facility, or age 50 through 64 years with underlying medical conditions.

Booster doses have also been authorized for those who completed their 2-dose series of Pfizer vaccine at least 6 months ago and are either age 18 through 64 with underlying medical conditions, or age 18 through 64 and at increased risk of COVID-19 exposure and

transmission because of occupational or institutional setting. There is less evidence to support the need for boosters in these groups, and individuals are encouraged to discuss with their health care provider whether they would benefit from a booster at this time. Occupations at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission include:

First responders (health-care workers, firefighters, police, congregare care staff); Education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers); Food and agriculture workers; Manufacturing workers; Corrections workers; Postal workers; Public transit workers; Grocery store workers

"Pfizer boosters are now available, but there is no need for everybody to rush out to get a booster vaccine," said Yolo County Public Health Officer Dr. Aimee Sisson. "Two doses of the Pfizer vaccine still protect very well against severe disease, hospitalization, and death in most people. We have seen some drop in the protection against hospitalization in older adults over time, which is why we are recommending a booster for those over 65. While booster doses add protection for those already vaccinated, we are continuing our efforts to vaccinate the unvaccinated. Getting more people their first and second doses of vaccine is



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## Yolo County's Dedication to Legal Reform

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Defender's office will receive \$415,000. Of course, there are a lot of conditions that go with that money, but it's a start.

Yolo County District Attorney, Jeff Reisig said in part, "Public Safety is our main priority. However, if an individual has undergone rehabilitative efforts such that they no longer pose a threat to public safety, it is right and just to review that sentence", by today's standards. The pilot begins on September 1, 2021 and ends on September 1, 2024. The DA's office has already chosen 2 cases for recall sentencing (Joseph Sisneros and Jose Duran).

Summarizing the event that put him in prison, Joseph Sisneros was 19 years old when he spent the day fishing and drinking with four friends. Joseph and his friend were intoxicated and parked in Lowe's parking lot. They saw a man sitting in his car eating. They initiated an argument with the man resulting in Joseph reaching into the car and stealing the man's iPod. The group of teens began punching the man through the open car window. They demanded his keys and wallet. The man saw one of them

with a knife and complied. During the assault one of the teenagers yelled "Los Norstros!" in reference to the Nortenos gang.

A Lowe's employee came out of the store and saw what was happening. He headed towards the assault, while calling the police. The group then assaulted the employee. Joseph was convicted in a jury trial and sentenced 22 years - life. From there Joseph turned his life around. Joseph presented the following records during the recall investigation (for the purpose of this article I will not list the examples of each of these categories):

A) Limited Disciplinary record. B) Record of Rehabilitation that demonstrates suitability for resentencing. C) Circumstances have changed. He showed that if released HE WOULD HAVE: i Reliable housing, ii Addiction and recovery support; iii Access to transportation; iv Employment and financial support; v Significant community support.

Jose Duran's story is very similar to Joseph's story. Both men provided documentation showing why they were prepared to re-enter society successfully. ★

## Sac Brews and Brains Fundraising for United Way Digital Equity Program



Guests enjoy beer and trivia at United Way's Young Leaders Society Brews and Brains fundraiser in 2019. The event will take place again on Oct. 14 at SacYard Community Tap House. Photo: Thébaud Communications

By Kristin Thébaud, Thébaud Communications

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Local residents can enjoy independent craft brews and trivia in an urban Biergarten at United Way's 7th annual Brews and Brains fundraiser on Oct. 14, hosted by United Way's Young Leaders Society and sponsored by Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Tickets are on sale for the outdoor event at SacYard Community Tap House that also will include a raffle, commemorative pint glass, food and entertainment to raise funds for United Way's work to create digital equity across the region. Tickets are expected to sell out. To purchase, visit [YourLocalUnitedWay.org/YLS-Brews-Brains](http://YourLocalUnitedWay.org/YLS-Brews-Brains).

"Brews and Brains is one of the most anticipated trivia nights of the year," said Eric Grabin, chair, United Way's Young Leaders Society. "What can be better than trivia, brews and food while supporting the ongoing effort of United Way's Digital Equity program and Young Leaders Society?"

United Way launched its three-year digital equity partnership with the City of Sacramento, SMUD,

City of Rancho Cordova and community nonprofits in July to close the local digital divide - unequal technology and internet access - that has expanded during the pandemic. Building on its pilot project with the City of Sacramento in fall 2020, United Way and its partners are working to address the issue of digital equity long-term both inside and beyond the city limits. The program will provide internet access for up to 1,000 households a year, refurbished desktop computers for up to 500 people per year and digital literacy training through online resources and classes.

With more than 24 million unconnected households nationwide, the digital divide disproportionately affects minority and low-income populations. According to the Federal Communications Commission, 35 percent of adults who do not use broadband at home are older, poorer, less educated, more likely to be a racial or ethnic minority, and more likely to have a disability than those with a home connection. In Sacramento, there are neighborhoods where 25 percent of households have no internet access. To learn more, visit [YourLocalUnitedWay.org/Digital](http://YourLocalUnitedWay.org/Digital).

"The digital divide is not new, but it has expanded rapidly with the pandemic when so many parents began working from home and kids began learning remotely," said Amber Lovett, interim president and CEO, United Way California Capital Region. "We need to address this issue immediately. We are grateful to United Way's Young Leaders Society for recognizing that this is a critical program for achieving equity across the region, and for selecting this program for their fundraising work this year."

United Way's Young Leaders Society creates opportunities for young professionals who live or work in the California capital region to connect with peers and community leaders and give back through acts of service and volunteering. For more information or to join, visit [YourLocalUnitedWay.org/YLS](http://YourLocalUnitedWay.org/YLS).

For nearly 100 years, United Way California Capital Region has brought local people together to make community change happen. With a mission to build stronger, healthier and more compassionate communities, the local United Way starts at square one: helping every family succeed so their community can too. Serving Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties, the local United Way is working to meet its 20-year commitment to significantly reduce poverty in the region by building capacity in undervalued communities, creating meaningful partnerships, seeking equity in education and making social justice investments in families. For more information or to make a donation, visit [YourLocalUnitedWay.org](http://YourLocalUnitedWay.org). ★

## Yolo County Recruiting Volunteers for Fall/Winter Vaccine Clinics

Yolo County News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)**

- In anticipation of regulatory approval of COVID-19 booster shots and vaccines for children, the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency is looking for volunteers to assist with vaccination clinics this fall and beyond. Volunteers will assist with set up, take down, registration, screening, vaccination, traffic control, translation, medical observation and overall

management of the vaccination clinics. Anyone sixteen years of age and older can volunteer and community service certificates can be issued for volunteer hours upon request. Food and drinks will also be provided during volunteer shifts.

Volunteers must complete the "Medical Points of Dispensing (MPOD)" course at <http://yolo-podclasses.org>. Upon completion of the class, individuals will be given the option to submit a volunteer application to Yolo County. For questions

about volunteering, contact the Yolo County Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer.coordinator@yolocounty.org](mailto:volunteer.coordinator@yolocounty.org).

Volunteers have played a critical role in the COVID-19 vaccination rollout to date and Yolo County looks forward to ongoing community member participation in the process of protecting residents against the threat of COVID-19.

Follow Yolo County on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/YoloCounty](http://www.facebook.com/YoloCounty) or Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/YoloCountyCA>. ★

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# Reunion in the Making West Sacramento Teacher Named Yolo County Teacher of the Year

By Michele Townsend

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - River City High School is not the first High School in West Sacramento. Prior to River City, the High School was called Washington High School. Washington High was located where Riverbank Elementary School is currently located and the first graduating class of that school was in 1965. In the first four years of Washington High's existence, just under 500 students graduated.

Classmate Diana Lindsay Macias is planning a class reunion for Washington High's classes 1965-1968, and is looking for former classmates, whether they graduated or not (this would be people aged 70-75). This is the third class reunion that she has arranged, the first in 1981 and the second in

1995. She is running into the problem of locating many former classmates, especially the female classmates, as many have married (some more than once).

Diana is looking for help in locating her classmates. She knows that many have remained in the Sacramento area and is asking that anyone who has family or friends (or if you, yourself) that was in school, in West Sac, some 56 years ago, to please contact her. So far she has 220 alumni interested in attending. These people are coming from AZ, ID, WA, MO, MI, NV, OR, and NY. Diana also knows that 120 people from those classes have passed away.

The reunion will be on April 23, 2022 at the Elks Lodge in Sacramento. It will include dinner and "oldies" music. She is currently looking for a DJ that has an oldies

library in their collection, but is confident she will have one by then. There will also be veteran and memorial displays set up. Dianna does not yet have the cost to attend the reunion, as she doesn't have a total of costs for the reunion yet. However, she wanted her former classmates to be aware of the event so that they have time to take advantage of travel discounts.

If you are interested in attending the reunion, or if you have information about or contact information for Washington High School alumni from that time, please contact Diana at flitdlm@frontiernet.net or call her cell phone at (916) 230-9811. Please be sure to leave a message if you call her, because she doesn't usually answer for numbers that she doesn't know. She will be sure to call you back (probably right away). ★

By Anthony Volkar, YCOE News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - On Monday, September 27, the Yolo County School Boards Association (YCSBA) announced its 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year. This year's honor goes to Betsy Erickson, a physical education teacher, assistant swim coach and AVID site coordinator at River City High School in West Sacramento. Erickson has worked for the Washington Unified School District since 1992.

Erickson was selected from among the teachers nominated from the five school districts in Yolo County and the Yolo County Office of Education. Her selection was announced at the annual 'Excellence in Education' awards ceremony on Monday evening.

In her nomination materials, school leaders credit Erickson with finding and creating opportunities for students to be physically active – both in and outside the classroom. During distance learning last year, she introduced yoga to her physical education classes. In 2020, she completed a fitness challenge to walk 2,020 miles by December 31, 2020 and invited her students and colleagues to join her.

Erickson will now go on to represent Yolo County in the statewide



Betsy Erickson was announced as Teacher of the Year 2022 by Washington Unified school leaders during a September ceremony at River City High School. Photo: WUSD

California Teacher of the Year Program through the California Department of Education.

Next school year will mark Erickson's thirtieth year of teaching in the same West Sacramento school district where she first started her career. After earning her teaching credential from Sacramento State in 1991, she started as a substitute teacher in the district and then was hired full-time at Golden State Middle School. She also taught at Elkhorn Village Elementary School before transferring to River City High School in 2017.

Erickson was selected by a nominating committee who reviewed the submitted nominations for Teacher of the Year. Each candidate was evaluated on their contribution to the success of operations, student achievement, and the provision of support to

other professionals in their respective districts.

In her nomination materials, school and district leaders also shared their enthusiasm for selecting her as Teacher of the Year.

"Ms. Erickson is an asset to the students and faculty of River City High School," said Principal Brittony Billingslea. "She most certainly needs to be rewarded for the amount of time, compassion and effort that she spends honing her craft and servicing the West Sacramento community."

"Her skills, devotion to students, and work ethic have made a huge impact with our students and staff," said Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Stan Mojsich. "Ms. Erickson has always stepped up to challenges to help her students."

Asked about her teaching philosophy, Erickson states, "Education is a multifaceted career and is always evolving. Each new group of students is an opportunity to refine my teaching practices."

The Yolo County School Boards Association works to increase public awareness and appreciation of educational efforts in Yolo County. For more information on the Yolo County School Boards Association, visit the YCSBA's webpage on the YCOE website at: www.ycoe.org. ★

## MEMORIAL NOTICE

### Oral Washington

September 14, 1939 to September 1, 2021

Oral passed away gently following a brief ordeal with throat cancer. Oral graduated from High School in San Antonio, TX in 1958. He was in ROTC and was proud of being an Eagle Scout. He was a member of the National Honor Society and later joined the National Guard and moved to L. A. where his state career began in January of 1959. He was methodical, organized, kind, generous and thoughtful. His accomplishments with the Dept. of Social Services included installing one of the first Xerox machines (1964), voicemail and touch tone phone systems (1968), and first security badge systems (1978). He was also a very good baker, a talent that will be greatly missed. He was a man of many talents, one of which was his ability to type 55 words per minute (on a manual typewriter no less). His name is recorded on documents



signed by a Pope, a US president, and MARTHA STEWART! Oral leaves behind a brother Gerald, many nephews, nieces and cousins; godchildren Charlie, Christopher and Catrina. Oral adored their children Lucas, Elena, Ella, Henry. He will be missed by dear friends Bill, Dan, Ali, Gilbert, Renoir, Reinald, Tippy, Vince, Carrie, Iris, Melody, Jack, Doug, John, Sona, Joyce, Michelle, Elosia, Carol, Bob and Pat. He joins in memory his parents George and Ethel Washington; many brothers and sisters including John, Luther, Alvin, Darnel, Morrell, Darnel, Maynard, Henry, Terry, Melva, Gerard, and Gerald; lifelong friends Milber Jean and Dorothy both who followed him to Sacramento from San Antonio, TX. A private celebration of his life is being planned by his godchildren.

## MEMORIAL NOTICE

### Daniel Robert Martinez, Sr.

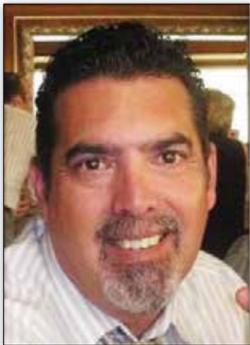
August 20, 1961 to September 19, 2021

Daniel Robert Martinez, Sr. of Lincoln passed away on September 19, 2021 at the age of 60 after a brave battle with COVID.

Dan (Danny to many of his family and friends) was born in Sacramento, the 1st child of Fidel and Judie Martinez, on August 20, 1961 and was raised in West Sacramento. After graduating from UOP McGeorge School of Law, he began his law practice in West Sacramento in 1987.

Dan married Kari in 1991, combining their young families to make a lively bunch of six. The family eventually landed in Lincoln in 1995 where Dan could live his dream of farm life in wide open spaces knowing it would be the best place to raise his family.

Dan is survived by his wife Kari; sons Josh (Analisa) and Danny Jr.; daughters



Amber (Brett) and Morgan (Mike); as well as his two beautiful granddaughters, Addie and Emma, who were the apples of their Grandpappy's eye; mother Judie; sister Erin (Rob); brother Rick (Sly).

Dan's greatest joys were spending time with his family, coaching his kids in all sports, hosting big gatherings at his cabin, playing golf, and hunting. With a generous heart and a strong sense of community, Dan always found pleasure in helping those in need. To know him was to love him.

A Catholic Memorial Mass and service will be held on Friday, October 1st at 11am at Holy Cross Parish 1321 Anna Street, West Sacramento. Reception to follow. Masks will be required.

## MEMORIAL NOTICE

### Carole Sue Heavin

June 28, 1940 - September 3, 2021

It is with great sadness that we have said good-bye to our mom, Carole Heavin, for the last time.

She was a very strong-willed woman and those that knew her, knew that she had had several severe accidents and overwhelming health issues. Her soul was at peace and her body was tired. She is in God's arms, but always in our hearts.

Carole was born on June 28, 1940, in Marfa Presidio, Texas to Eldon Henderson Hamblen and Herlinda Olivia Pinney. Her family came here and never looked back. She graduated from Marshall High School in 1958. Attended Sacramento State College while raising two daughters. She was very involved in politics and was never quiet or bashful about her position or opinions. She had worked several jobs till she found her true passion in education. She was one of the first bilingual teachers in the state. She spent 39 and a half years (as she would like to say) teaching for

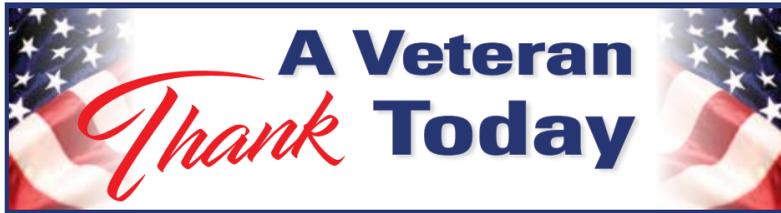
the Washington Unified School District. Her students and parents loved her.

She is preceded in death by her mom and dad, Herlinda (Liva) and Donald (Jerry) Pinney, brother Robert (Bobby) Hamblen, son Christopher Lance Heavin and father, Eldon Hamblen.

Carole was a loving grandmother, mother, sister, friend, and mentor. She will truly be missed.

She is survived by her brother David Hamblen, Sister Carrie Buchmiller, Daughters Lori and Kelly Heavin, Grandchildren, Amber Jaurequi, Nicholas Pyle, John and Zachary Brenner and seven Great Grandchildren who called her "Grammy".

Services were held at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in West Sacramento on September 29, 2021, at 11:30 am. A Celebration of Life followed at the VFW Hall in West Sacramento. Cremation arrangements entrusted to River Cities Funeral Chapel.



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# Biden Proposal Could Benefit High-income Californians



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters

Congress is tied up in knots over the scope and financing of President Joe Biden's \$3.5 trillion basket of enhanced social, educational and medical benefits.

Although Democrats control – on paper – both houses, their majorities are paper-thin and their leaders are being buffeted by competing demands from the White House, their party's left wing and moderates whose votes are needed for any final product.

As the nation's most populous state, California obviously has a major stake in what the ultimate package will contain, if there is one. But the state has another, less obvious stake in how it's financed because of something called SALT.

It stands for "state and local taxes" and four years ago, a Republican-controlled Congress and GOP President Donald Trump, as part of a major tax overhaul, imposed a \$10,000 limit on how much SALT could be deducted on personal income tax forms.

In a tradeoff, the 2017 tax legislation doubled the standard deduction. The two actions had the effect of increasing federal taxes on high-income residents of high-tax states such as

California while lowering the federal bite on low- and middle-income taxpayers. A 2018 state study found that it cost high-income Californians an extra \$12 billion a year in federal taxes.

The Washington-based Tax Foundation, which analyzed federal income tax data from 2018 returns county-by-county, reported recently that the SALT limitation had its greatest impact on taxpayers in high-income counties in high-tax states such as California, New York, Maryland and Virginia.

In California, that meant San Francisco and other Bay Area communities such as Marin, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. In Santa Clara, for instance, the average tax return with itemized deductions reported outlays of \$46,817.53 in state and local taxes, but could deduct just \$8,931.28 due to the SALT limit.

When the SALT limit was enacted, leaders of the most affected states howled, claiming that Republicans were punishing them because of their Democrat-leaning politics. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo complained the loudest, worrying aloud that the SALT limit would encourage the rich to relocate to low-tax states such as Florida and Texas.

There's no evidence, at least yet, of a massive out-migration of high-income Californians, although there have been specific moves, such as Tesla's Elon Musk to Texas, which has no income tax.

Nevertheless, Senate Majority Leader Charles

Schumer of New York and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California have been trying ever since 2017 to undo the SALT limit, and California Gov. Gavin Newsom has publicly supported repeal. That's why California has a big stake in how Biden's "human infrastructure" package would be financed.

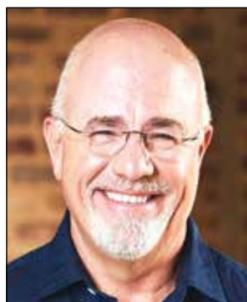
The White House wants an array of tax increases on corporations and high-income taxpayers and SALT ceiling foes see it as an opportunity to undo it.

But how? Politically, it's a tricky issue for Democrats, who want to change the limit without appearing to provide a windfall to the wealthy.

Putnam Wealth Management has published a monologue on the potential ways the SALT limit could be modified or repealed, one of which would place an income limit on restoring deductibility so that those with the highest incomes would not benefit. Other alternatives include doubling or tripling the limit or changing the Alternative Minimum Tax.

The situation is another reminder that there is no right or wrong when it comes to tax policy at any level of government. What is taxed – whether income, sales or property – and at what level are purely arbitrary decisions that reflect the politics of the moment, not the higher moral purpose that politicians often claim.

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



## Dave Ramsey Says

### The Zero-Based Budget

I have a good job and make pretty good money, but I'm tired of always worrying about my finances and being strapped for cash at the end of the month. I've heard you talk about getting out of debt and living on a zero-based budget, but what exactly is a zero-based budget?

– Edward

Dear Edward,

The concept of a zero-based budget is simple: income minus outgo equals zero. If you bring home \$4,000 a month, you want everything you spend, save, give and invest to equal \$4,000. That way, you know where every one of your dollars is going. Not knowing where the money's going is what kills lots of people's financial dreams. They think they know how much they're spending and where it's going, but they really don't.

Here's how you do it. List all your income sources for the month. Your income should include paychecks, small-business income, side jobs, residual income, child support and so on. If it's money that comes into your household's bank account, write it down and add it up.

Next, list every single expense you have each month. Rent, food, cable, phones and everything in between. Your expenses vary from one month to the next, and this is why you make a new budget each month. Your giving budget might be high in December when Christmas rolls around. The car budget will spike during months when you pay insurance or renew your tags. Focus on one month at a time.

Now, subtract your expenses from your income. Ideally, this number will be zero. It might take a few months of practice, so don't worry if it doesn't balance out immediately. If it doesn't, it just means you need to do something to bring one of the numbers up, the other one down – or both. If you're spending more than you make, you need to make some cuts in your spending. If you need to generate more money, get a part-time job or sell a bunch of stuff.

The deal with a zero-based budget is this: every dollar must have a name. That means every dollar has a designated job to do. If you fill out every item in your budget and come out \$100 ahead – meaning you have nothing for that \$100 to do – you haven't finished your budget. You have to find a job for that \$100. It's your decision what it does, but if you don't give it a name and purpose, you'll end up blowing it and wondering where it went.

Good luck, Edward!

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# Renewed Tax Credit to Hire Workers Yolo County Begins Administering Pfizer Booster to Eligible Residents

## IRS Special Announcement

**WASHINGTON** - With many businesses facing a tight job market, the Internal Revenue Service reminds employers to check out a valuable tax credit available to them for hiring long-term unemployment recipients and other groups of workers facing significant barriers to employment.

Legislation enacted in December extended the WOTC through the end of 2025. This long-standing tax benefit encourages employers to hire workers certified as members of any of ten targeted groups facing barriers to employment. With millions of Americans out of work at one time or another since the pandemic began, the IRS noted that one of these targeted groups is long-term unemployment recipients who have been unemployed for at least 27 consecutive weeks and have received state or federal unemployment benefits during part or all of that time.

The other groups include certain veterans and recipients of various kinds of public assistance, among others. Specifically, the 10 groups are: Temporary Assistance

for Needy Families (TANF) recipients, Unemployed veterans, including disabled veterans, Formerly incarcerated individuals, Designated community residents living in Empowerment Zones or Rural Renewal Counties, Vocational rehabilitation referrals, Summer youth employees living in Empowerment Zones, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients, Long-term family assistance recipients, Long-term unemployment recipients.

To qualify for the credit, an employer must first request certification by submitting IRS Form 8850, Pre-screening Notice and Certification Request for the Work Opportunity Credit, to their state workforce agency (SWA). Do not submit this form to the IRS.

Normally, Form 8850 must be submitted to the SWA within 28 days after the eligible worker begins work. But under a special relief provision, a Nov. 8, 2021, submission deadline applies to two groups of new hires - qualified summer youth employees living in

Empowerment Zones and designated community residents living in Empowerment Zones. To qualify for the Nov. 8 submission deadline, eligible employees must start work on or after Jan. 1, 2021, and before Oct. 9, 2021. Other requirements and further details can be found in Notice 2021-43 and the instructions (.pdf) to Form 8850.

Eligible businesses claim the WOTC on their federal income tax return. It is generally based on wages paid to eligible workers during the first year of employment. The credit is first figured on Form 5884, Work Opportunity Credit, and then is claimed on Form 3800, General Business Credit.

Though the credit is not available to tax-exempt organizations for most groups of new hires, a special rule allows them to claim the WOTC for hiring qualified veterans. These organizations claim the credit against payroll taxes on Form 5884-C, Work Opportunity Credit for Qualified Tax Exempt Organizations.

For more information about the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, visit IRS.gov/WOTC. ★

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the most important step to ending this pandemic. We are taking steps to ensure the unvaccinated can easily get vaccinated even as booster demand increases, including through our home vaccine delivery program and without an appointment at County vaccine clinics.”

Pfizer booster doses are available at several locations in Yolo County, including retail pharmacies (Costco, Walmart, Walgreens, Rite Aid, and CVS) and primary care provider offices and clinics. Yolo County offers doses for those without other access to booster vaccines. Appointments for booster doses can be scheduled using the State’s MyTurn system. To receive

a booster dose at a Yolo County clinic, residents need to bring proof that they received two Pfizer doses at least 6 months before and are asked to bring their white paper vaccine card so that it can be updated. Individuals who are 65 or older or unable to leave their homes can have a booster vaccine delivered to them through Yolo County’s call-to-order vaccine program. To schedule an appointment to have vaccine delivered, residents can call (530) 902-3230. To schedule an appointment in Spanish, call (530) 379-3465. To schedule an appointment in Russian, call (530) 902-0721. The program delivers vaccine between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and will continue beyond September.

The Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are highly effective at preventing infections, hospitalizations, and death resulting from COVID-19 infection. Residents 12 and older who are not vaccinated are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

For more information about Yolo County’s COVID-19 vaccine program and opportunities to get vaccinated, visit [www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-vaccine](http://www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-vaccine). Residents can also call Yolo 2-1-1 for related information and resources. For additional updates follow Yolo County on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/YoloCounty/> or Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/YoloCountyCA>. ★

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# Society for the Blind in Sac Receives \$10K to Teach Braille

By Kristin Thébaud, Thébaud Communications

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Society for the Blind recently received \$10,000 from Golden 1 Credit Union to provide Braille literacy for children in Sacramento and across Northern California who are blind or have vision loss.

“Today, less than 10 percent of children with vision loss are literate,” said Shari Roesler, executive director, Society for the Blind. “They are not learning Braille and are unable to read, write and comprehend. By third grade they are significantly behind their sighted peers, and 50 percent of high school students who are blind drop out before graduating. Literacy is key to improving academic outcomes and pointing these children toward college and careers. We are grateful to Golden 1 Credit Union for helping us fill this gap so children with vision loss can be successful and independent when they grow up.”

The grant will allow Society for the Blind to provide Braille literacy classes, instruction materials and training in assistive devices for up to 100 new children who are blind or have low vision in elementary through high schools across the region. Through Society for the Blind’s After-School Academy for children from first grade through high school, students will learn Grade 1 Braille, including the alphabet, spelling, numbers, reading and writing. Middle and high school students



A student learns Braille at Society for the Blind. The organization just received a grant from Golden 1 to help youth with vision loss learn Braille. Photo: Thébaud Communications

who pass Grade 1 Braille will learn Grade 2 Braille, which includes shortened or contracted words as well as the Nemeth Code-Braille for math and science.

Students also will receive subject-based tutoring based on an initial assessment upon entering the program.

“As we continue to learn more about the

short- and long-term educational impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our vulnerable populations, we know it is especially important to provide support to organizations that enrich the minds of future generations,” said Erica Taylor, vice president of communications and community relations. “Golden 1 is inspired by the mission of Society for the Blind, and we are honored to help them continue to serve their community.”

For 67 years, 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 nearly 6,000 youth, working-age adults and seniors experiencing vision loss each year. For more information or to donate, visit SocietyfortheBlind.org.

The Golden 1 Credit Union Community Grant Program funds nonprofits serving communities in the Sacramento and Central valleys that are working to address children’s literacy and transition-age foster youth. In 2021, the program awarded grants to 33 nonprofits in California. For more information, visit Golden1.com. ★

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The following person(s) is doing business as: B&B Commercial Wholesale, 3364 San Salvador Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691, County of Yolo.

B&B Commercial Wholesale LLC, 3364 San Salvador Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/24/21

/s/ Sajjad Mansuri  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 09/24/2021.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
By: kquam, Deputy  
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10-15-2021

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File No. F20210798  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Affordable Dispatching Services, 216 Jackson Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691, County of Yolo.

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/s/ Vinh Le  
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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

##### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

#CV2021-1504  
Zoe Elizabeth Hicks has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Zoe Elizabeth Hicks to Zoe Elizabeth DeMars.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on October 7, 2021, in Department 10, Room: Zoom and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: August 19, 2021  
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: September 10, 17, 24 & October 1, 2021  
HICKS 18010 10-1-21

#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

##### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

#CV2021-1645  
Manuel Holguin Corrales has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Manuel Holguin Corrales to Manuel Anthony Corrales.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on November 24, 2021, in Department 9, Room: TBD and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: September 14, 2021  
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021  
CORRALES 1801 10-22-21

#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

##### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. CV2021-1501  
Superior Court of California, County of Yolo Petition of: CLAUDIA CORRALES ZEVADA for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CLAUDIA CORRALES ZEVADA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: CLAUDIA CORRALES ZEVADA to KLAUDIA ZEVADA-ROMERO

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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DANIEL M. WOLK  
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ZEVADA 18010 10-1-21

#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

##### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

#CV2021-1478  
Ana Duran has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Christian Carrillo to Christian Carrillo Duran.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on October 7, 2021, in Department 10, Room: Zoom and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

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Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court  
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DURAN 18010 10-1-21

#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

##### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

#CV2021-1540  
Claire Joann Bellis has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Claire Joann Bellis to Claire Joann Kenyon.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on October 26, 2021, in Department 10, Room: Zoom and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: September 7, 2021  
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: September 24 & October 1, 8, 15, 2021  
BELLIS 18010 10-15-21

#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

##### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

#CV2021-1645  
Manuel Holguin Corrales has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Manuel Holguin Corrales to Manuel Anthony Corrales.

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CORRALES 1801 10-22-21

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- ACROSS**
- Locker room infection?
  - Vow at #41 Across
  - Smoke plus fog
  - Veranda in Honolulu
  - Salmon on a bagel
  - Hindu religious teacher
  - To the left, on a boat
  - Hula dancer's necklace
  - Cheryl Strayed on the Pacific Crest Trail, e.g.
  - \*Winningest World Series team
  - \*Infield shape
  - Acronym, abbr.
  - Make or break, e.g.
  - Repellent brand
  - Minimal distortion
  - Loathes
  - Make children
  - Low-\_\_\_\_\_ diet
  - Cry of the Alps
  - Swarm like bees
  - Location of #6 Across
  - Tiny piece
  - Lack of intestinal movement
  - Siren's song
  - Buffalo lake
  - Makes sense, 2 words
  - \*Aid and \_\_\_\_\_
  - \*Game, \_\_\_\_\_, match
  - Like time with Bill Maher
  - Road, in Rome
  - \*Current baseball champions
  - \*Won in NLCS or ALCS
  - Mode of communication
  - \*\_\_\_\_\_ Now or Never
  - Styluses
  - \*\_\_\_\_\_ Martin, 5-time World Series champion
  - Bad-mouth
  - Upright in position
  - Let it stand, to proofreader
  - Is, in Paris
  - Rodeo rope
- DOWN**
- Kill
  - Spanish appetizer
  - Any minute, arch.
  - Winter cover
  - Of advanced technology, colloquially
  - Bad wishes
  - Buck's partner
  - Nitrous \_\_\_\_\_, a.k.a. laughing gas
  - Sink or this?
  - Type of shark
  - Damien's prediction
  - To put a girdle on
  - Showing signs of wear and tear
  - Writer \_\_\_\_\_ Jong
  - Retirement plan acronym
  - Like a Zoom session
  - Port of old Rome
  - \*\_\_\_\_\_ of dreams?
  - Let out of jail
  - \*\_\_\_\_\_ Classic
  - \*Runner's destination
  - Frankincense and myrrh, but not gold
  - Adjust, as laces
  - Between rain and snow
  - Outback birds
  - Prickle on a wire
  - \*"Super" Christopher
  - Definitely
  - p in mpg
  - Glittery decoration

**Crossword Puzzle Solutions on Page 7**

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10	11	12	
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- Digression
- Bone hollows
- Young female socialites, for short
- Fail to mention
- Earnhardt of racing fame
- Coating of aurum
- Attention-getting sound
- Pirates' affirmatives
- \*ALCS counterpart
- \*Nickname of Red Sox manager who won two World Series
- \*\_\_\_\_\_ the season ...

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**Sudoku Puzzle on Page 7**

3	6	5	9	4	8	2	7	1
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5	8	6	3	9	2	7	1	4

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9/16 Burbank Varsity won in 3  
9/21 McClatchy Fr 0 McC 3 / JV 2 McC 1 / RCV 0 McC 3

**Girls Tennis**  
9/14 Kennedy RC 8 Kennedy 1  
9/16 Pioneer RC 9 Pioneer 0

**Boys Water Polo**  
9/17-18 Jesuit Tournament RC Boys won 2 and lose 2

**Girls Water Polo**  
9/17-18 26th Annual Sierra RC Girls won 2 and lose 2  
Shootout Tournament/  
Chuck McCollum Tournament

**X Country**  
XC Invitational

Season Records	League	Overall
Football		0-5
Girls Tennis	2-0	7-1
Girls Volleyball	1-1	2-4
Boys Water Polo		4-4
Girls Water Polo		5-2

**River City Weekly Sports**



**Game Dates 10/1 to 10/7**

**RC Sports**

**Friday 10/1**  
Girls Water Polo @ Granite Bay Tournament All Day  
Girls Tennis @ Vanden 4:00 p.m.  
Football @ Laguna Creek JV/V 5/7:15 p.m.

**Saturday 10/2**  
Girls Water Polo @ Granite Bay Tournament All Day  
X Country @ Tom Laythe Invitational 9:00 a.m.  
(Willow Hills Reservoir)

**Tuesday 10/5**  
Water Polo vs Kennedy Girls 4:00/Boys 5:00  
Girls Volleyball @ Kennedy FR/JV/V 4/5/6  
Girls Tennis @ Laguna Creek 4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday 10/6**  
X Country @ Center Meet 3:30 p.m.  
(North Laguna)

**Thursday 10/7**  
Water Polo vs Florin Boys 4:00/Girls 5:00  
Girls Tennis vs Kennedy 4:00

**Game Times**

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Fri 8:30 a.m. at OLG school during school year  
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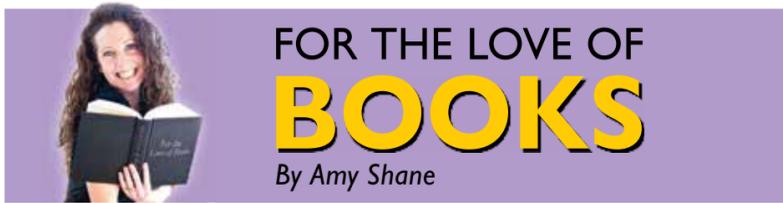
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# Halloween Laughs and Thrills for Young Readers

**If You Ever Meet A Skeleton**  
by Rebecca Evans Katrin Dreiling

It's almost Halloween, and do you know what you would do if you met a Skeleton? *If you Ever Meet A Skeleton*, will have everyone all prepared if the moment should arise. Even though skeletons might look spooky, if you knew the truth about them, you wouldn't be scared at all. Skeletons don't have brains to help them think or muscles to help them run, they can't play hide and seek, and they believe it's rude to bite their friends. So, when you see a skeleton, and you think you want to run, remember this story of how they really just want to have fun.

This darling story will have readers giggling in excitement and ready to make to make a new friend. Katrin Dreiling's illustrations are enjoyable and hilarious, making this a new Halloween favorite.

**Hardly Haunted**  
by Jessie Sima

What would you do if you thought you were haunted? That's exactly what this one little house thinks. She is dusty, full of cobwebs, creaks, squeaks, and rattles, and no one lives there. The more she worried, the more she believed she was haunted. Even though she tried with all her might to be very calm and very quiet, nothing would work. Will this house ever find someone to move in, or will she always be lonely and haunted?

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**Vampenguin**  
by Lucy Ruth Cummins

The Dracula's are out for a fun day at



the zoo. They check out all their favorite exhibits and visit every animal, but the Dracula family is so busy trying to beat the crowds that they don't notice what happens in the penguin exhibit.

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by Kelly Leigh Miller

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# Riley Reviews

## "CRY MACHO" A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY FOR AN OLD COWBOY

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"CRY MACHO" RATED PG-13

At the age of 91, Clint Eastwood is not just an institution but an actor and director, performing double duty in his latest film "Cry Macho," with an apparent desire to outlast all of his contemporaries.

We should not begrudge Eastwood's wish to keep working; instead, his work ethic is something to be admired. While he will never play Dirty Harry again, nor appear in a spaghetti western, his characters will likely be more like the ones in "Gran Torino" and "The Mule."

The artwork for the film's poster features an iconic pose of Eastwood that suggests a throwback to his early Westerns, but "Cry Macho" is not the story of a righteous gunslinger roaming the range.

"Cry Macho" is the right fit for him at this point in his career. Eastwood's Texas cowboy Mike Milo is a former rodeo star and has-been horse breeder who, in 1979, reluctantly takes an assignment from his old boss to venture south of the border.

Wealthy rancher Howard Polk (Dwight Yoakum), a year after firing Mike as his horse trainer, comes to him for the dubious task of retrieving his estranged teenage son Rafo (Eduardo Minetti) from the care of his crazy Mexican ex-wife Leta (Fernanda Urrejola) in Mexico City.

While Mike has no particular fondness for his old boss, he feels obligated to return a favor to the person who gave him a job after a severe injury ended his riding career, which was followed by the loss of his wife and son.

One senses that the long drive on the dusty roads all the way to Mexico City presages a rockier trip back home after arriving at the destination of Leta's mansion where the boy's decadent and alcoholic mother is protected by menacing bodyguards.

Leta warns that Rafo is a delinquent who has a passion for entering his prize fighter rooster named "Macho" in illegal cock-fights. Rafo could be involved in other illicit affairs, but mama seems not to care.

When Mike resists a drunken advance in her bedroom, Leta is no longer hospitable, and at this point it's also fairly evident that she will become vengeful and task one of her henchmen in pursuit back to the border.

As the kid survives on the streets of the big city, Rafo is quickly found at a cock-fight and proves reluctant at first to go with Mike to Texas until a tentative bond is formed with the promise of having his own horse on a ranch.

What happens next is a journey through the backroads where delays occur because

of transportation difficulties and pursuit by the federales and Leta's thug, the latter discovering that the aging Mike still has a nice right hook.

That the nonagenarian still has a few moves, as unlikely that may be in the romance department, becomes part of the story when Mike and Rafo stumble upon a desert small town where the cantina is run by the widowed Marta (Natalia Traven).

Enjoying the hospitality afforded by Marta, a woman about half the age of Mike who is also raising her orphaned granddaughters, the two travelers decide to hang around the village for a while, even camping out on the benches of a small church.

Perchance, Mike enjoys the flirtation that blossoms with the cantina owner. Other things bind him to the village. Mike finds purpose with helping a local to tame some wild horses, and pretty soon he becomes a Dr. Dolittle by helping others with their sick pets and farm animals.

The chemistry between the veteran cowboy and the kid may seem perfunctory but it revolves around the trust that comes from overcoming shared adversities on the road, and with Mike imparting occasional wisdom such as saying "the macho thing is overrated."

With Mike and Rafo spending so much time together, conversation turns to forming a bond where the two learn something from each other. When the kid claims Mexicans ride horses better than gringos, Mike quickly reminds him that he's half-gringo.

The heart of the film is most moving and satisfying during the sojourn in the small dusty town, where Mike connects easily with people who don't even speak English or when he communicates with one of Marta's deaf grandchildren through sign language.

Other than a thug trying to tangle with Mike or suspicious federales poking around, "Cry Macho" is devoid of gun-fights, brawls, exciting car chases and other staples of an action film.

Clint Eastwood has directed a slow-paced trip through the picturesque desert terrain that would be fitting for a Western, but it's a sentimental journey of redemption and second chances for both the cowboy and the kid.

The wisdom of "Cry Macho" comes when Mike says to Rafo, "You think you have all the answers, but then you get older and realize you don't have any. By the time you figure it out, it's too late." Let's hope it's not too late for Eastwood to turn out more films. ★

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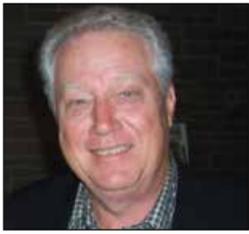
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# Social Security Matters

## Is My COLA Increase Based on My Current SS Benefit?



**By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor**

**Dear Rusty:** I started collecting SS when I turned 70 to maximize my income. One factor that is never mentioned is that the annual cost of living increase appears to be based on the previous year's payment. I've talked to others who are about my age (77) and we talked about how much of an adder we will receive. Those who collected earlier always get much less than I do. So, it appears that the annual increase is based on previous year's payment and not on the original payment from when I started collecting, so it has a compounding impact. Frequently the increase received by those who collected early covers the Medicare increase plus a small adder, whereas I have been getting a much larger increase. Can you comment? **Signed: Wondering**

**Dear Wondering:** I'll be happy to clarify this for you. The annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for next year is determined by comparing this year's Consumer Price Index for the 3rd quarter (July-September) to the same period last



year. If there is a difference (which there usually is), the percentage of difference becomes the COLA increase percentage for next year. The COLA is applied annually starting with everyone's December benefit (paid in January).

Everyone gets a different amount of COLA money because everyone's Social Security benefit payment is different. Your COLA dollar increase is more than most of your friends because you waited until you were 70 to claim and, thus, have a higher benefit. Your friends who claimed earlier will have a smaller benefit and therefore get a smaller dollar amount as a cost of living increase. COLA is a percentage increase and, since the 2021 COLA increase was 1.3%, applying that percentage to each person's SS benefit amount results in a different dollar increase for each. And you're correct; since the percentage of increase is applied to your current benefit amount and not your original benefit amount, COLA increases are, indeed, compounded.

To further complicate matters, Social Security's "hold harmless" provision sometimes results in beneficiaries paying less than the standard Medicare

premium amount. If someone is now paying less than the monthly Medicare premium (\$148.50 for Part B (outpatient services)), any COLA increase awarded is used to bring their Medicare Part B premium up to (or closer to) the standard premium for that year. That means that sometimes the full amount of COLA dollars aren't reflected in each person's net Social Security payment, further confusing people when they see that their total SS payment didn't increase by the announced COLA percentage.

So, as you can see there are reasons why everyone COLA looks different, but your basic point is correct - COLA is applied to your current SS benefit amount, not the SS benefit you were awarded when you claimed.

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# Resident Passes Away While Serving Sentence

By Michele Townsend

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Long-time West Sacramento resident, 74-year-old Ronald J. Mehler, and the love of his life, Nellie, lived in his house on Beardsley Dr. for over 50 years. Many of his neighbors knew him pretty well due to the fact that they, too, have been in their homes for decades. According to neighbors, Ron was gruff and straight forward, some say grumpy. He wasn't known to put up with much from people that caused problems, but if he let you into his heart, it was a big one. Neighbors say that Ron was a veteran and a former West Sacramento firefighter (though neither one of these were able to be verified).

Life takes time and time takes a toll on our bodies. Over the years Ron developed Diabetes. He was nearly blind and was

hard of hearing. His health was deteriorating. His wife Nellie also suffered from medical problems. Nellie had progressive dementia. Because of the dementia, and Ron's poor health, Nellie's sisters had Power of Attorney over Nellie and her care.

Nellie's sisters had moved Nellie out of her house to better care for her and filed for divorce. On October 10th, 2018, Nellie's sisters and Nellie showed up to Ron's to collect some of Nellie's things. While Nellie stayed in the backyard, her sisters began to pack things and take them out of the house. Nellie's sisters did not much like Ron.

While Ron sat in a chair, on the front lawn, unable to see what the women were taking out, Nellie's sisters continually made comments to Ron that they were going to take everything Ron had... including his house. The badgering continued

until Ron was so worried that he shot his sister-in-law, 53-year-old Jennifer Meyers, dead. His plan was suicide by cop, but a neighbor came over and was able to calm Ron down.

Ron agreed that "once the cops got there he would put the gun down." WSPD arrived and took Ron and his neighbor into custody. They later released the neighbor. Ron was scheduled to go to trial on May 22, 2019, but before that time came Ron pled guilty to second degree murder. He was given a sentence of 21 years.

On August 20, 2021 Ron was scheduled to have a special health related parole hearing, but on August 12, 2021 the Yolo County District Attorney's office notifying them that the hearing was cancelled. Ronald James Mehler had passed away. His death was not criminal, and was not COVID related. ★

# California Farm Bureau President Praises Nomination of Elaine Trevino

CFB Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson today applauded President Joe Biden's decision to nominate Elaine Trevino as his top agricultural trade negotiator.

Trevino, who is from California's Central Valley, is president of the Almond Alliance of California. She previously worked on international trade programs as deputy secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture under former governors Gray Davis and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Johansson is urging her swift confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

"California's farmers and ranchers are extremely pleased with Elaine

Trevino's appointment as chief agricultural trade negotiator for the United States Trade Representative," Johansson said. "She brings a real-life understanding of California farm communities and served in key leadership positions for both Democratic and Republican administrations. Her experience in the top agricultural production and export state in the nation gives her deep knowledge of how our nation should best navigate trade issues for the benefit of farm producers across America."

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