Op Ed

'Notch Victims' one step closer to realizing some relief...finally!

In his letter to me and other 'Notch Victims,' Chairman George A. Smith, TREA Senior Citizens League, an affiliate of The Retired Enlisted Association, explains:"If You were born from 1917 through 1926 your Social Security checks are up to \$3,300 a year lower than other seniors — and you may be eligible for a \$5,000 Settlement."

If my Social Security checks were restored it would show that I'm getting at least \$200 less a month than other seniors who do not fall into the 'Notch Victim' payment plan.

When I moved back here in 1989 to be with my mother, sister and brother, is when I discovered from members of California State Employeesí Association (CSEA) that I was a 'Notch Victim' so I went to the library and got the names and addresses of all the newspapers in Kansas and wrote to them about it.

I can be thankful that this Notch misfeasance alerted me to the ineptitude that so many congressmen/ congresswomen have with math. And I thought I was a slow learner! It is difficult for me to believe that I'm being cheated out of \$200 a month in my Social Security checks but it is true! It is so unbelievable that it just looks like a lie.

A \$5,000 settlement is a mere pit-

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• Guest Commentary

tance for what I've been cheated out curity, you are a Social Security of. So, you can see why I've had the screaming meanies!

Thirteen years ago both AARP and the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare supported 'Notch Reform,' but later decided to direct their resources into just 'saving' Social Security and Medicare because they saw the recklessness of the Federal budget.

Over 13 years I figure \$780 was spent to help sustain TREA and in helping to get 'Notch Victim Reform.

I think that in itself that \$780 *Rapid Progress*. should be retroactively tax deductible, plus interest on it and interest on the restored unpaid part of Social Security payments. A\$5,000 settlement is cheap!

The following is information that will be of interest to 'Notch Victims' that I am copying from Chairman Smith's letter:

Dear Friend,

If you were born between the dates above and receive Social Se*Notch Victim' receiving LOWER* monthly benefits than OTHER recipients.

Because of this, you may be entitled to compensation of \$5,000 if Congress approves legislation currently before both the House and Senate.

You are therefore requested to add your name to our Notch Victim *Register, the nationwide listing of* 'Notch Victims' who want to be kept up to date on the Bill's progress.

Notch Victims Are Making

The Senate Minority Whip is leading the campaign for passage of the \$5,000 Social Security Notch Settlement in the United States Senate.

This is an important breakthrough for Notch Victims who now

have one of the most influential and problems with the formulas created prove that constituents like you respected Members of Congress playing a leadership role in this campaign.

And, the Bill's leading House sponsor and author, Representative Ralph Hall, has told us the improved economy means there is an excellent chance for passage of the Settlement this year.

Which is why I'm urging you to sign the attached \$5,000 Settlement Petition and return it to me.

In the last few months my staff and I have worked closely with dozens of Members of Congress. Many are strong supporters of the Settlement — some have even told us about their family members who are Notch victims.

84 House members have now formally signed on as official co-sponsors of the Settlement.

Noted economist Dr. John Haldi added new momentum to the campaign for Notch Reform when he recommended that Congress quickly remedy the situation. In his study, Dr. Haldi reported that Notch babies receive fewer benefits than Congress had intended because of

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in the 1977 Social Security legislation.

We believe Congress should fix what it errantly created when it passed the 1977 legislation.

If the \$5,000 Settlement seems fair to you and you agree Congress should act now and pass it into law, Iurge you to sign the enclosed petition form.

Then, use the enclosed envelope to send your petition and nationwide Notch Register Form back to me

The Register is a listing of over 3.5 Million Notch Victims who want to be 'on the record' in support of Reform.

Our legislative staff is using the Register to show individual Members of Congress, their staff, and ceive benefits on the account of government officials exactly how many of the Members' constituents support the \$5,000 Lump-Sum Settlement, and that Notch Victims want action NOW! We will be personally visiting Members of Congress during the coming weeks to dent and frequent contributor to the urge quick action.

Your signed petition will help me hatcher@st-tel.net

GOOD GOD;

WHO WOULD DO SUCH A

THING?

ARE YOU

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want prompt passage of the Bill.

If Congress approves the Settlement and this Legislation passes, you will be given a choice between two Settlement methods.

If you CHOOSE the \$5,000 compensation plan, you will receive four annual installments of \$1,250 if the Bill passes Congress and is signed into public law.

If you DO NOT CHOOSE the Settlement, your monthly Social Security benefit checks will automatically increase using a formula outlined in the Bill.

The exact amount of your monthly increase will be determined by your age, work history, and other factors.

Widows and widowers who re-Notch Victims may be eligible for up to 100 percent of the Settlement that would have been awarded their spouse.

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And God said...

GOD was sitting in heaven one day when a scientist said to Him, "God, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other words, we can now do what you did in the beginning.'

"Oh, is that so? Tell Me ... " replies God.

"Well," says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of you and breathe life into it, thus creating man."

"Well, that's very interesting ... show Me," God said. So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil into the shape of a man.

"No, no, no..." interrupts God, "Get your own dirt." -anonymous







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WEEKDAYS

MARCH 16 - MARCH 22

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC	News		Good Morning America		Mak- eover	Mak- eover	The View		Holly- wood	News		
KSNK/NBC 8 9	News Cor	nt'd	Today							Live With Regis and Kelly		ewart
KBSL/CBS	News				The Early	Show	The 700 C	lub	The Price	Is Right	The Young and the Restless	
K15CG 3	World News	Priscilla- Yoga	Body Electric	Caillou	Boohbah	Barney- Friends	Dragon Tales	n Lions Sesame		Sesame Street		Teletub- bies
WGN 13	Creflo A. Dollar Jr.			Hillbil- lies	Happy Days	Matlock			In the Heat of the Night		Rockford Files	
NICK (29)	Oddpar- ents	Rocket Power	Rugrats	Spon- geBob	Max & Ruby	Rubba- dubbers	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Little Bill	Maggie- Beast
FAM 30	Digimon- Digital	Bey- blade	Power Rangers	Digimon- Digital	Growing Living The 700 Club Pains the Life		lub	7th Heaven		Full House	Growing Pains	
USA (31)	JAG		Nash Bridges	Varied	Movie		-	Varied Pr	ograms			
TBS (37)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Movie				Dawson's Creek			Dawson's Creek		Saved by Bell
TNT (38)	The Lost	World	The Prete	nder	er Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy	
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Assignme Discovery			topher low	It's Christopher Lowell!		Rally Round the House	
A&E (47)	Varied Programs Poirot				Murder, She Wrote		he Wrote	Murder, She Wrote		City Confidential		
ESPN (49)	SportsCenter		SportsCe	nter	Sports- Varied Center		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sports- Center	Varied
HBO (7)	Movie Varied Prog Cont'd		ograms				Movie		Varied Programs			
DISN (17)	JoJo's Circus	Stanley	The Wiggles	JoJo's Circus	The Wiggles	Stanley	Rolie Polie	Rolie Polie	Out of the Box	PB&J Otter	Koala Brothers	The Wiggles
MAX (21)	Movie		Varied Pro	ograms	Movie		Varied Pr	Varied Programs			•	

WEEKDAYS

MARCH 16 - MARCH 22

	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC	All My Ch	ildren	One Life to Live		General Hospital		Dr. Phil		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC WId News
KSNK/NBC 89	News	Family Feud	Days of Our Lives		Passions		Inside Edition	Family Feud	Million- aire	Jeop- ardy!	News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS	News	Bold, Beautiful	World Trn	I Varied Guid		ight	The People's Court		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News
K15CG 3	Reading Rainbow	Mister Rogers	Varied Programs		-	George Shrinks	Beren. Bears	Liberty's Kids	Cyber- chase	Arthur	Zoom	Busi- ness
WGN 13	News			Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	Will & Grace	
NICK 29	Max & Ruby	Dora the Explorer	Rugrats	Rugrats	Varied Programs				Spon- geBob	Amanda	U-Pick	Sabrina- Witch
FAM 30	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	So Little Time	Full House	7th Heave	en	Switche- d!	Knock First	Full House	Full House
USA 31	JAG	Varied Pro	ograms		-				-		Walker, Texas Ranger	
TBS 37)	Cosby	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld
TNT 38	Law & Ore	Law & Order NYPD Blue				Blue Judging Amy			Angel	•	Charmed	
DSC (42)	Surprise t	oy Design	Surprise I	oy Design	Rally Rou House	nd the	Double A	gents	Varied Pro	ograms		
A&E (47)	American	merican Justice Poirot			•	Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		City Confidential		
ESPN (49)	Varied Programs				WTA Tenr	nis	Varied Programs		Around Interrup- the Horn tion		SportsCenter	
HBO (7)	Movie Varied Programs			Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs		
DISN (17)	JoJo's Circus	Stanley	Winnie- Pooh	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	Recess	Lilo & Stitch	Recess	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister
MAX 21	Movie Cont'd							Varied Programs				

THURSDAY

MARCH 18

	6 PM	6 :3 0	7 PM	7:3 0	8 PM	8:3 0	9 PM	9:3 0	10 PM	10 :3 0	11 PM	11 :3 0	
KLBY/ABC	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	Extreme Makeover: Extreme Makeover: Kiteme Makeover: (N) (CC)		lak eover	Primetime Thursday (CC)				Jimmy Ki (N) (CC)	mmel Live		
KSNK/NBC 89	News	Wheel of Fortune	Friends (CC)	s Will & The Apprentice A Grace Look Back (N) (CC)			ER Freefall (CC) Net		News The Tonig (N) (CC)		ht Show	Late Night (N)	
KBSL/CBS	College B Teams to I	asketball: 1 3e Annound	NCAA Tour ced. (Live) (nament Firs CC)	t Round		asketball: N Be Annound				News (CC)	Late Show	
K15CG 3	The News With Jim		Sunflower Journeys		Entertaini	ng the Tro	ops (CC)		BBC World	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		
WGN 13	Will & Grace	Home Improve.		Movie: Mad Dog and Glory ★ Comedy-Drama) Robert De Nil			News (CC))	Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Elimi- date (N)	The 5th Wheel	
NICK 29	Rugrats (CC)	Spon- geBob	Oddpar- ents	Brothers Garcia	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Rose - anne	Rose- anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	
FAM 30	7th Heaven I Hate Movie: Mr. Mom ★★½ (198 Michael Keaton, Teri Garr. You (CC) Michael Keaton, Teri Garr.					medy)	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		
USA 31	JAG Retreat, Hell Law & Order: (CC) Special Victims				Movie: Sa awakens lo	brina $\star \star \frac{1}{2}$ ove in a rich	(1995, Con workaholic	nedy) A ch . <i>Harrison</i>	auffeur's da F <i>ord.</i> (CC)	ughter	Movie: Drop Zone ★★½ (1994) (CC)		
TBS 37	Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: Wi Will Smith,	l d Wi l d W e Kevin Kline	st ★ (1999, e. (CC)	Western)	Movie: Money Talks (1997) A fugitive artist asks a TV newsman for protection				ve con tion. West ★ (1999) (CC)		
TNT 38	NBA Bask Continenta	te tba ll: Detr Il Airlines Ar	roit Pistons rena. (Live)	at New Jer: (CC)	sey Nets.		etball: Mini ours. SBC C			at San	Inside the (Live) (CC		
DSC (42)					Barbarian Roman En		tle for Rom	e The	Discovery	Quest	Barbarians: The Battle for Rome		
A&E (47)	American When a Cl			r's murder.		to solve	With Malice Models & Millionaires (CC)		Third Watch Snow Blind (CC)		Cold Case Files (CC)		
ESPN 49	Sports- Center	NHL Hock Maple Lea	e y: Region fs at Flyers	al Coverage	e Wild at	Bruins or	Timeless (N)		2003 U.S. Poker Championship		Sports- Center	Game- night	
HBO (7)	(5:00) Mov Doubtfire		Scooby- Doo 2	Movie: Ca scam artis	tch Me if Y t poses as a	ou Can **	★ (2002) A teenage eon and lawyer. (CC)		Hookers: 5 Years Later		Real Sports (CC)		
DISN 17	Sister, Sister	Lizzie McGuire	Movie: Mo Alana Aus	tocrossed	(2001, Adv argaret Hur	enture) nes. (CC)	Sister, Sister	Boy Mts. World	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	
MAX (21)	(5:45) Movie: She's the One ★★ (1996) Jennifer Aniston. (2003) Martin Lawrence. (C						Movie: Cradle 2 the Grave ** Mo (2003, Action) Jet Li, DMX. (CC) Sus				ovie: Basic ★★ (2003, uspense) John Travolta. (CC)		

FRIDAY

MARCH 19

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	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	George Lopez	Married- Kellys	Hope & Faith (N)	Life With Bonnie	The D.A. (Premiere)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kir (N) (CC)	nmel Live
KSNK/NBC 89	News	Wheel of Fortune	Dateline N	IBC (CC)			Crossing (N) (CC)	Jordan	News	News The Tonig (N) (CC)		Late Night (N)
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K15CG 3	The News With Jim I		Wash. Week	Wall- Fortune	Market- Market		ealing With I.D. Fulfilling		BBC World	Red Charlie Ro Green (CC)		ose (N)
WGN 13	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Movie: A Walk on the Moon ** (Drama) <i>Diane Lane, Liev Schreibe</i>			News (CC)	Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Elimi- date (N)	The 5th Wheel	
NICK 29	Rugrats (CC)	Spon- geBob	Jimmy Neutron	Teenage Robot	Oddpar- ents	Nick- toons TV	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
FAM 30	7th Heave Dare (CC)	n Truth or	Movie: Celeste in the City (2004, Romance-Comedy) Majandra Delfino. (CC)				Whose Line?					Paid Program
USA 31	(5:00) Touching Evil Pilot (CC)		Law & Order: Law & Order Special Victims Special Victi				Touching (N) (CC)	Evil Y Me	Law & Order: Special Victims		Touching Evil Y Me (CC)	
TBS 37	Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC)			orst That C artin Lawrei		Movie: What's the Worst The Happen? ★ (2001) Martin La				Movie: High Schoo High ★★ (1996)	
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DSC (42)	Monster House Roman House		The Report (CC)			American Hot Rod Alumatub 4 (N)		The Repossessors (CC)		American Chopper Mikey's Bike 2 (CC)		
A&E (47)	American	Justice	Movie: Dirty Harry *** (1971, Clint Eastwood, Harry Guardino.			Drama) (CC)	Airline (CC)			Third Watch Collateral Damage		ty Harry
ESPN 49	NBA Shoo (Live) (CC)				ton Celtics nter. (Live) (etball : Hou The Arena in			n State
HBO (7)	Real Sports (CC)		Real Time (Season Finale) (Live) (CC) Movie: Ghost Ship + Horror) Julianna Marg							(CC)	Movie:	
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