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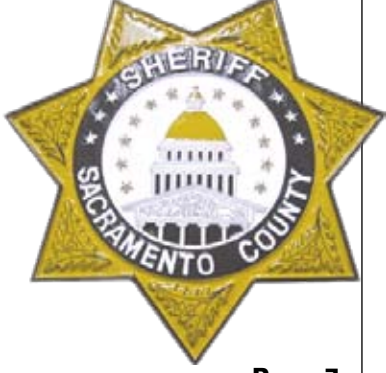
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Ian Harris Earns Eagle Scout Award



Ian Harris, 18, belongs to Troop 107 and Venture Crew 107 of the Golden Empire Council, Boy Scouts of America. Ian served as patrol leader, troop scribe, venture crew vice president, and senior patrol leader, and now attends California State University, Sacramento to study computer engineering. Ian received his Eagle Scout designation, which was presented at a Court of Honor at First Baptist Church of Fair Oaks, on Saturday, October 25th.

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On August 26, 2014, Ian Harris of Arden-Arcade received his Eagle Scout designation, which was presented at a Court of Honor at First Baptist Church of Fair Oaks, on Saturday, October 25th. Friends, family, neighbors, fellow scouts, and honored guests attended, including parents Donald and Jennifer Harris, and California State Assemblyman Ken Cooley.

Assemblyman Cooley made a special presentation to Harris, Troop 107's seventy-third Eagle Scout, citing the lifelong benefits of scouting and his family's

longstanding involvement in Boy Scouts.

Ian, 18, belongs to Troop 107 and Venture Crew 107 of the Golden Empire Council, Boy Scouts of America, led by outgoing Scoutmaster Greg Pritchard and incoming Scoutmaster Rob Champe. Ian served as patrol leader, troop scribe, venture crew vice president, and senior patrol leader, and now attends California State University, Sacramento to study computer engineering.

His Eagle Scout project consisted of pouring a 14-foot by 14-foot concrete pad that will serve as the base of an outdoor

welcome center at First Baptist Church of Fair Oaks where Troop 107 meets. Livingston's donated five cubic yards of concrete, and over twenty volunteers assisted during the three-day project.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program, and fewer than five percent of Boy Scouts nationwide attain this rank. In addition to completing an extensive service project, Eagle Scout requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating ideals of service and leadership.

Source: Jennifer Harris

Get Out and Vote!

By Paul V. Scholl, Publisher

On November 4th, Election Day across the United States, we will be deciding if we are heading in the right direction for our county and especially our great state of California. Higher taxes and ever-growing burdensome laws are crushing small businesses, costing Americans millions of jobs. Out-of-control spending by the federal government means tightening everyone's belt—except theirs. It is not a question of higher taxes and fees. It is a question about whether or not they will tell us what they are doing with all the new legislation "before they pass it." We cannot just let them continue pretending to be transparent

On a statewide and local level, we are voting on many ballot measures and propositions. We are also choosing our leadership on many levels of local and state government. Ask yourself this, "Am I tired of working harder and harder and keeping less and less of my own hard-earned money?"

Leading Republicans, Independents, and Democrats are hoping voters turn out in huge numbers at polling places to cast their votes on some of the most controversial propositions and candidate races that have been seen in, well, almost two years.

It is time for some leadership and some real answers. Americans have faced another stress-filled two years of a failing economy and a horrible lack of leadership on a national and state level. The general public is being fed more than we need to know about areas we care little about, and very little of what we need to know. Guard the borders, keep the country safe, and rebuild the infrastructure.

As legal, voting Americans, we go to the voting booths in our

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Party animals. Above: Bulldog Chloe-Marie (left), huskie Burt, and St Bernard-mix Ya-yah (and owners Michelle Reneau, Morna Stephens and Karl Hutton) contested the big dog fashion stakes. At right: Bee-bee (left) shared fashion tips with super mutt Odie. The pair was among contestants in the small dog costume category.

Howl-O-Weiner Fun for Pooches

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Already the area's most dog-friendly reserve—with off-leash play areas enjoyed by 4000 pets per month—Carmichael Park achieved more canine kudos last weekend. The second annual "Howl-o-ween" festival proved a hit with hounds and humans.

Small or large, pure-

bred or mutt to the bone, doggies came dressed to impress. A costume parade, hot-dog dunking, and obstacle courses were hotly contested. While an English bulldog called Chloe-Marie won all hearts in a pink ballet tutu and bowler hat, Chihuahua Libbie's food-hound appetite caused a small sensation in hot dog-bobbing trials. Painted in skeletal stripes, a black German shepherd called Kuma galloped around the agility course like a horse from the apocalypse. She took first prize in 29 seconds.

The pre-Halloween dog day out is sponsored by Carmichael Park District. Learn about other park events at www.carmichaelpark.com.



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Patriots Park Wall of Honor

Heroes Honored Saturday



Families of the fallen gather by the Wall of Honor at Patriots Park.

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - In a Saturday morning remembrance ceremony, local families and the Carmichael Park District will honor fallen sons.

Central to Patriots Park (6825 Palm Avenue), a Wall of Honor bears plaques naming local men who died in service to community or nation since the Carmichael Park District began. While there is provision for more names, no new plaques were added to the monument this year. The November 1st ceremony will recall the sacrifice of 12 Carmichael and Fair Oaks' sons.

Beginning at 10 a.m., the event will include a flag raising and words of tribute from County Supervisor Susan Peters. Names of all 12 honorees will be read. Anyone may attend.

To some families, the Wall of Honor serves as a symbolic grave stone. During Operation Desert Shield, US Navy fighter pilot Lt. David Warne was lost in the Mediterranean Sea. Though he is

honored at Arlington National Cemetery, his body was never recovered. David's father, Vietnam Silver Star recipient Col Evans Warne, says the Wall of Honor "provides comfort that my son's sacrifice is recognized by people who come to this park."

Plaques represent men who wore uniforms of the U.S. Army, Marines, Air Force, and Navy. CHP, Sheriff's Department, and Firefighters are also represented.

"In some ways, it's a wall of healing," said Jim Byrnes, whose brother Robert fell in Vietnam. "It enables us to talk about our loved ones and keep their memory alive."

Carmichael Park District allows more names to be added to the Wall of Honor each fall. Conditions apply. For information, call (916) 485-5322.

Footnote: Several of the Wall's honorees are also named on Carmichael's Vietnam War Memorial. Situated in the Earl Koobs Nature Area (5325 Engle Rd), the memorial will host Veterans' Day observances on November 11th at 11 a.m. Anyone may attend. ★

Carmichael Elks Hoop Shoot

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - The Elks National Free Throw Contest, the Elks Hoop Shoot, is the largest and most visible of the many youth activities sponsored by Elks lodges throughout the country. Over 3,000,000 boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 13 will participate this year. From the millions of youngsters who participate, six champions are named; one boy and one girl from three categories: ages 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13. The winners each receive a trophy and their names are inscribed at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA.

The Elks Hoop Shoot has served to highlight the Elks

national commitment to youth. It started originally as a local Elks activity in Corvallis, OR, in 1946. Out of that local program grew the national program, now in its 43rd year.

The competition to become a champion is tough. At each level, contestants take a total of 25 free throws. Families participate with contestants throughout the competition. The parents of finalists on the state, regional, and national levels attend the competitions as guests of the Elks.

The Elks Hoop Shoot has been effective not only in developing champions but character as well. Educators and parents

have endorsed the program. One parent wrote, "It teaches a person how to win in good grace and how to accept the moment of defeat without bitterness."

The Hoop Shoot will take place on Saturday, November 8th, at Faith Lutheran Church, 4000 San Juan Avenue in Fair Oaks. You can sign up for the event at 11 a.m., and Hoop Shooting starts at noon and ends at 2:30 p.m. The event is free for girls and boys aged 8-13 as of 4/1/15: birth certificate required.

For more information, contact Carmichael Elks Lodge at (916) 489-2103.

Source: Diane Bristow ★



Announcements & Events

11/1 Wall of Honor Event at Patriots Park

10am, 6825 Palm Ave. in Fair Oaks
All members will be recognized.





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- Teri Berke, San Juan Teacher of the Year

"Student success was always Mr. Paulo's top priority. As a result, students responded positively and worked with vigor."
- Tom Irwin, Retired School Administrator

"Our three boys benefited from the lessons they learned from Greg Paulo in both the classroom and in athletics. His ethics & character will serve him well as a school board member."
- Sharon Lukehart, Parent

"Greg has a proven track record in both the public and private sector when it comes to leadership, team building and getting the job done."
Karen and Larry Marietti, Owners MMG Technology

As an experienced teacher with a passion for education, Greg understands the requirements for academic success. Retired, he possesses the time and energy to devote to the many challenges faced by our school district. Greg offers reasoned, thoughtful perspectives and ideas to address the serious issues that confront San Juan Unified School District. As a leader in his community, he focuses on solutions. Greg asks the tough questions and demands answers and accountability.

- Taught (History & Government) and Coached in San Juan schools for 38 years**
- District Master Teacher, Athletic Director, Department Chair**
- Recognized in Who's Who of American High School Teachers**
- Twice received the San Juan District Professional Excellence Award**
- Received the Schools Financial Credit Union Excellence in Education Award**
- Achieved BA in history, MA in school administration, life teaching credentials in elementary and secondary education**
- Managerial positions with Del Monte Foods, Oroweat and MMG Technology Group**
- Past President Gold River Community Association**
- President Parke Place Homeowners Association**

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For San Juan School Board

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Dear Friends,

My experience as a teacher, parent of a current San Juan student, and my work in teacher development and school improvement provides me with a unique set of skills that I would like to apply in this district as we face a pivotal time for this district and all our children. My experience in classrooms as a teacher and a parent volunteer has taught me what it takes to engage students in their learning. My work on San Juan Advisory Boards and School Site Councils has taught me how this district functions. My years of management and oversight of large budgets at the state level has taught what it takes to be a careful steward of public funds. My work and research on school improvement and teacher development has helped me understand what needs to be in place for high quality schools and teachers to flourish and create conditions where students expand their intellect, find their purpose and their passion, and explore their God-given talents. I understand the challenges confronting this district; I want to be part of the solutions. I ask for your vote.

Yours Sincerely,

Mike McKibbin

- ★ **CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE**
 - Parent Volunteer - 11 years
 - Elementary, High School, and College Teacher - 15 years
- ★ **COMMUNITY SERVICE**
 - Rotary International
 - Big Brother Program
 - Sacramento Book Drive
 - Relay for Life
 - Peace Corps Volunteer - India
- ★ **SCHOOL & DISTRICT GOVERNANCE**
 - School Site Councils (2 schools)
 - Curriculum and Instruction Committee - 8 years
 - Strategic Planning Team
- ★ **EXPERIENCE WITH BUDGETS**
 - Managed 1/4 Billion Dollar Budget over 15 years
- ★ **EXPERIENCE WITH EDUCATION POLICY & INNOVATION**
 - Created pathways into teaching for former military and second career professionals
 - Worked with teachers in 26 states develop engaging curriculum

If elected, I pledge to work to:

- ★ Create conditions where we produce students that are career and college ready, are well experienced in solving problems and have opportunities to demonstrate what they have learned.
- ★ Effective use of taxpayer funds to maximize resources, and allocate resources as close to the classroom as possible.
- ★ I believe that at the heart of improving schools and helping every student reach their potential is a lively, engaging curricula, and teachers who are engaged in the never ending process of encouraging their students.
- ★ Ensure that all students have access to high quality, technologically advanced materials to prepare them for the 21st century workforce.
- ★ I believe that we can provide better services to our special needs students including more focused services to our students on the autism spectrum, better transitions for students moving into regular classrooms, and better integration of career, social and life skills for all students.
- ★ To have safe and secure schools where every parent and community member feels welcomed, and are willing to contribute their time and their talents to create a community of learners.
- ★ In addition to assuring that all students have the foundational skills that they need, I want assure that our students have opportunities to solve problems and explore their creative talents.

VOTE FOR A SAFE, RELIABLE AND AFFORDABLE SOURCE OF WATER

California is facing a historic drought of enormous proportions; just take one look at Folsom Lake or the American River. As a water attorney and small business owner, I understand that the failure to have reliable and affordable water threatens our economy, jobs and home values.

I am committed to ensuring a safe, reliable and affordable source of water, both now and for future generations. Thank you for your consideration.

Brenda DAVIS

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Why I'm the Best Candidate for San Juan School Board

By Greg Paulo

Why should you cast your vote for Greg Paulo to be reelected to the San Juan Unified School District Board of Education? I'm running to continue to ensure that students receive a quality education and teachers receive the support the need to make this happen. San Juan graduates must be prepared for their future whether it be college, career, the workplace and to be contributing citizens. Thirty-eight years in the classroom, coaching interscholastic athletes in both boys and girls sports and eight years in the boardroom has provided me with the insight necessary to continue to represent the children in our school district. I was endorsed by the Sacramento Bee in two previous elections,

and based on my contributions to the district have received The Bee's endorsement again. According to the Bee "Retired teacher Paulo ... knows the district". "...incumbent Greg Paulo bring(s) the strong educational background and continuity the district needs." This is a non-partisan position and as such I've not sought the endorsement of local political figures. Consult the League of Women Voters Smart Voter site and my website www.gregpaulo.com to see the broad mix of former students, parents, business leaders and education experts who've endorsed my reelection candidacy. The San Juan Teachers Association, retired superintendents Ray Tolleson, Dr. General Davie, Jr., Dr. Patricia Jauregui, Executive Director of San Juan

Professional Educators Coalition Charley Berger, Executive Director of Visions in Education Dr. Jody Graf and current board member Saul Hernandez all endorse and support my reelection bid. Former San Juan Teacher of the Year Teri Berke said "Greg instilled in students a desire to become active participants in society." I also have the support of former district teacher of the year Ann Whitford and past California State Teacher of the Year Shannan Brown. Former Mira Loma student Mandy Buchanan Tanberg remarked "The fact that you have chosen to serve the San Juan district as a board member is a gift to all of us." With your vote on November 4th, together, we can continue to move our excellent school district forward. ★

My Vision for Sacramento Suburban Water District: Safe, Reliable & Affordable Water

By Brenda Davis

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - As a candidate for Sacramento Suburban Water District, Division 5, I am committed to delivering ratepayers a safe, reliable and affordable source of water.

One look at Folsom Lake or the American River and we can clearly see that California is facing a historic drought of enormous proportions. Failure to have reliable and affordable water threatens our economy, jobs and home values. If elected, I will work diligently to ensure that facilities are properly maintained and improved.

We need the means to store more water for times of drought and maximize the benefits of conservation efforts. This failure of leadership is why we do not have sufficient water supplies and face higher water bills. Ratepayers need to be assured that they are getting the best value and services.

Who you elect to this important post does matter. As a water lawyer and small business owner, I have 35 years of experience in private practice and public service working as a California Deputy Attorney General, a water board member and a federal/state water contract negotiator to assist in the management of our cherished resources. Having worked with local, state and federal agencies, I know the importance of overcoming political barriers and challenges.

I will use my experience and relationships to advocate for more reliable water supplies, better maintenance and management and, when necessary, improvements to reduce costs so that our current and future water needs are addressed every day, come rain or drought.



We need the means to store more water for times of drought and maximize the benefits of conservation efforts. Photo courtesy of Brenda Davis

I have a vision, and I have the experience, both of which I can put to work for you. Please visit www.BrendaDavis.net to learn more about my vision of a safe, reliable and affordable source of water. I look forward to hearing from you and learning how I can best represent ratepayers.

Thank you for considering me on Election Day, November 4th. ★

Why Mike McKibbin is Running for San Juan School Board

By Mike McKibbin

I have been blessed to hold a collection of great jobs over the years starting with serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in India teaching villagers how to raise chickens. I worked with schools and teachers in 26 states helping them redesign their schools and implement innovative, engaging curricula. For 27 years I worked for California's teacher licensing agency. For my last 15 years there, I created and administered a program that brought into teaching nearly 60,000 persons who don't usually become teachers such as second career professionals, retiring military personnel and former teacher's aides to work in some of California's most challenging schools. I want to take the lessons of my lifetime to help the children of San Juan School District and improve the opportunities for learning in our community.

As a school board we must create conditions where the talents of the members of our learning community (students, parents, teachers and support staff) can flourish as we utilize all of our resources smartly and prudently. We do this by being careful stewards of our operating budget and of our bond funds. There are five issues that our district faces that, if we address them responsibly, can present opportunities to become a greater district that thrives and builds a dynamic community of learners.

Improving the Curriculum

The Common Core Curriculum changes the way that students in our district and across California learn. We can talk all day about emphasizing problem solving, critical thinking and applying what you learned, but Common

Core actually puts these ideas into practice. Common Core is about learning how to learn, not just simply what to learn. However, Common Core is a huge step into complex learning. I will advocate on the school board achieving its lofty goals while urging patience as we move toward mastery.

Better Utilizing Parents

Parents have so much to give to our district, but we seldom ask them to share their talents. Parents are frequently great assets assisting teachers, grading papers, tutoring students and helping teachers with day to day tasks. But why can't we take the next step and use the talents of our parents and community members? Each parent has a unique background, and I think that our district would benefit greatly if we develop ways to utilize all of the assets in our learning community.

Dealing with Lower Enrollments

San Juan District now has slightly over 40,000 students. Though the number of students seems to have stabilized, this is about 20% fewer students than the district had in its peak. Many of our school buildings are aging. Having experienced the closing of my son's elementary school facility and being moved to another site, I know the emotional toll of leaving a school that we have known as our kids' second home: their school. I think that we can use this challenge as an opportunity to right size our schools, and focus the mission and educational delivery system to make each school powerful, exciting places to learn.

Helping Students Reach Their Potential

We must find ways to help all of our students reach their potential.

In the jargon it's called closing the achievement gap. The gap is particularly wide for those emerging from poverty, those whose first language is not English, and those with a learning disability. It is my experience that every student has a "hook," i.e., something that will cause them to engage in their own learning. For many it is as simple as getting students to start asking questions. For others what worked is modifying our teaching methods to meet student needs, more opportunities for project-based, career learning such as internships with small businesses and industries.

Supporting and Assessing Teacher Performance

There has been a good deal of information in newspapers and other sources about tenure and seniority and the pending lawsuit that would greatly alter these protections currently in place. If the rule changes related to tenure and school placement of teachers based solely on seniority are upheld by the courts, our district and the bargaining unit will have a great opportunity to reorganize our support and performance review system to help teachers more effectively help students reach their potential in all of the sections of our district. I was proud to be part of the team that developed support and performance assessment systems. I think that we have an opportunity to implement ways to support, assist and review novice teachers, mid-career and the most experienced teachers that will benefit both the teachers and their students in our district.

In summary, over the past years I have worked to understand the challenges that face students, teachers and school districts, I ask to your vote as I try to be part of the solutions. ★

Event Raises Funds for Free Medical Services for Pregnant Women and Teens

Dinner and Auction Tickets on Sale

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - More than 600 local residents will celebrate the Sacramento Life Center's free medical care, counseling, and education for pregnant women and teens at the organization's annual fundraising dinner on November 8th. The Salute to Life Dinner and Auction will begin at 5 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom in Sacramento and will include a gourmet dinner, auction, raffle and stories of people who have received help from the Sacramento Life Center. Last year's event raised \$350,000.

To purchase tickets, visit www.saclife.org. For sponsorship information, contact Marie Leatherby, executive director, at (916) 451-4357 or mariel@saclife.org.

"We rely on this event for the funding to continue the work we are doing, and last year we saw nearly double the number of women and teens that we expected," Leatherby said. "With help from the community, we can continue to reach even more women and teens who feel scared and alone and instead provide them with a support system."

The Sacramento Life Center's mission is to offer compassion, support, resources and free medical care to women and couples



Tickets are on sale for Sacramento Life Center's Annual Salute to Life dinner and auction. More than 600 local residents will celebrate the Sacramento Life Center's free medical care, counseling, and education for pregnant women and teens at the organization's annual fundraising dinner on November 8th.

facing an unplanned or unsupported pregnancy. The center's licensed Sac Valley Pregnancy Clinic includes a primary clinic and two mobile clinics, all providing free services including well woman exams, pregnancy tests, STD tests, ultrasounds, counseling for men and women, education and resource referrals. The Sacramento Life Center also offers a school-based teen

education program, a 24-hour hotline, and a program for women seeking support after having an abortion.

For more information about the Sacramento Life Center's Sac Valley Pregnancy Clinic, visit www.svpcclinic.com. For more information about the Sacramento Life Center, visit www.saclife.org.

Source: Kristin Thébaud Communications ★

Involved Parents Make Great Schools, and Great Schools Make Better Communities

By Michael Miller

One of the first things families look at when buying a new home is the quality of local schools. That's why my parents moved to here back in 1976, and why my wife, Ashley, and I chose to live and send our children to local schools.

We are products of San Juan Unified Schools (I graduated from Del Campo, Ashley from Rio Americano). Now my own children attend San Juan Unified schools. My wife teaches as a substitute in the district, as do almost a dozen family members. We've dedicated countless hours supporting art and music programs, sports teams, and school fundraisers. We teach, coach and volunteer for our schools and community.

I am proud of this district, and believe passionately in the power of education. But I am concerned about falling enrollment and test

scores, rising dropout rates, and the growing number of students and families who do not feel connected to our schools.

To meet the challenges our schools face today, we need more accountability and creativity; we need to upgrade and modernize campuses - and the District needs to a better job listening to parents.

We know at the household level that engaged parents boost student achievement. I've seen it at the school-level while serving as Chair of parent-run Detering Resources for Education Arts & Music (DREAM), where parents led efforts to restore art and music programs eliminated by budget cuts.

We need engaged parents at the District level as well.

Engaging parents means more than asking them to help with another fundraiser. It means listening to them, and empowering them to make decisions about the

direction of our schools.

Parents understand their schools, they know what works, and often they offer amazing solutions.

Parents in Citrus Heights from Carriage Drive and Citrus Heights Elementary schools are engaged, working to save their schools. The condition of the Sylvan campus are not the result of a sudden disaster - the problems have been known for years. The district should have engaged parents and the Citrus Heights community a long time ago, and worked with them to explore options the would cause the least displacement of students and families as possible.

I'm a small business owner. I know how to hold people accountable and balance a budget. But more than that, I'm a parent with kids in San Juan Schools. I understand WHY we have to do better. And I think it starts by really listening to parents. ★

F-Rated Fiscal Records For U.S. Governors, Including Brown

Commentary from Taxpayer Education Foundation

The Cato Institute released its 12th biennial fiscal report card earlier this month regarding the budget records of America's governors from January 2012-August 2014. The governors of Minnesota, Oregon, Delaware, Washington, Illinois, Massachusetts, Colorado, and California received F ratings as America's most egregious taxing-and-spending chief executives, with the records of Quinn (IL-D), Patrick (MA-D), Hickenlooper (CO-D), and Brown (CA-D) rounding out the bottom of the list of the forty-eight administrations.

Reviewing the records of short-term taxing and spending trends helps taxpayers gain insight into the anticipated direction of their state's long-term fiscal solvency and how the state's policies affect the economy.

Gov. Brown (CA-D) has the distinct dishonor of earning the lowest F rating among the eight failing governors. Gov. Brown has consistently pushed for numerous hefty tax increases during his tenure, including his 2012 plan to swindle California taxpayers out of an additional six billion dollars annually, which included a hike in the individual income tax rate to 13.3 percent. Gov. Brown's spending record is equally poor, proposing increases that average 6.8 percent annually in the last three years, more than twice the national average during that period. Like his peers, Gov. Brown has supported many



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

questionable spending projects, including a corporate welfare scheme disguised as a viable high-speed rail system. All of this does not even include the skyrocketing of California's general fund spending from an austere eighty-six billion in 2012 to an unbelievable one-hundred and seven billion by next year.

Considering that these eight states still have massive debt problems and billions amassed in unpaid bills, it is not farfetched to presume that their legislatures will continue their ill-advised plans to expropriate more wealth from the taxpayers if they do not face fervent resistance. Short-term proposals by government officials are simply delusional political ploys whereby bureaucrats essentially set taxpayer dollars on fire to perpetuate the state's game of smoke and mirrors, all in a desperate attempt to reinvent basic economics by trying to tax and spend their way to prosperity.

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Get Out and Vote!

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own neighborhoods, vote alongside our neighbors, and try to make the best decisions we can that will affect our families for years to come. If it really is about "the children," why doesn't the government act that way?

With what limited truthful information we have available to us, we try to do what is right. It is not only a right of most Americans to vote, it is a civic duty. Whatever your ideology, Get Out and Vote. ★



THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

The Self-Indulgent Triviality of the Ferguson protests

It wasn't so long ago that Ferguson, MO., was supposed to be an American morality tale of racism, the militarization of police and all manner of other evil. For a few weeks in August, the attention of the national media focused on the suburb of St. Louis, and MSNBC practically broadcast nothing else.

While the media long ago moved on, the protests have persisted, entering their late, decadent phase of self-indulgent triviality. Cornel West got arrested last week, and Al Sharpton is heading back to Ferguson at the end of the month to pump up attention for what styles itself a movement, although it is more tinny by the day.

A hallmark of August was pointlessly

destructive civil disorder, and it's only gotten more pointless. In late September, the makeshift memorial to Michael Brown on the street in Ferguson burned down. This set off minor rioting, including the vandalizing of a beauty salon that has been hit multiple times for the offense of operating a business in a town where protesters are so committed to justice.

In nearby St. Louis a few weeks later, an off-duty cop working as a private security guard shot to death a teen who had fired at him with a Ruger 9 mm. It turned out the gun had been stolen two weeks earlier, and the teen, monitored with an ankle bracelet, had been awaiting trial on a felony concealed-weapon charge. Protesters took the streets to demonstrate against what would strike most people as a legitimate act of self-defense, chanting the inapt "Hands up, don't shoot!"

A grand jury is still considering the evidence in the shooting of Michael Brown, which protesters long ago concluded is a case of murder in the first degree. It's not possible for anyone who wasn't there to know what happened on that day, when Brown's friend said Brown was attacked by Officer Darren Wilson and shot while running away.

An anonymous witness who saw the entire incident from beginning to end told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that after an initial scuffle in the car, Officer Wilson didn't shoot Brown until he turned back toward him. Brown kept coming toward Wilson despite orders to stop, and was 20-25 feet away when the last shots were fired. According to the witness, Brown did not raise his arms in the gesture of surrender that is the iconic symbol of the Ferguson protests. Although the witness believes Wilson didn't have to kill Brown, his version is more complicated than the one taken as a given by the protesters.

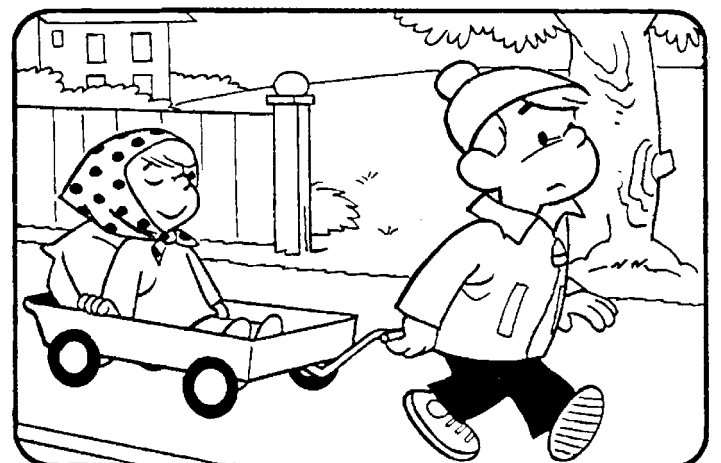
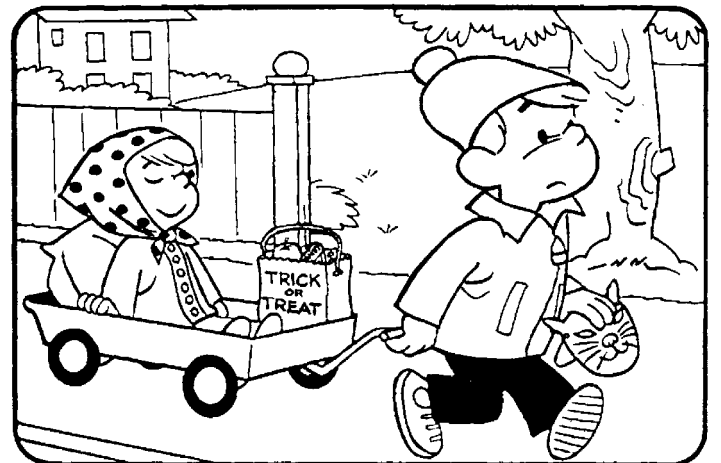
The New York Times has reported that Darren Wilson told investigators that Brown pinned him in his vehicle and there was a struggle over his gun, and he feared for his life. FBI forensics show that the gun was indeed fired twice in the car, and Brown's blood was on the gun and Officer Wilson's uniform.

Sharpton and protesters maintain that all they want is justice. It may well be what justice demands in this case is no indictment of a cop who fired in self-defense. Although, sadly, that is unlikely to be a formula for peace.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



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Arden, Arden-Arcade North Service Center, 2500 Marconi Ave., Sacramento	Nov 4	1st Tuesday, 6:00pm
Elverta, Rio Linda, Garden Hwy, McClellan Rio Linda Depot 6730 Front Street, Rio Linda	Nov 5	1st Wednesday, 5:30pm
North Highlands/New Foothill Farms North Highlands Community Center 6040 Watt Ave, North Highlands	Nov 6	1st Thursday, 5:30pm
Old Foothill Farms Pioneer Elementary School 5816 Pioneer Wy., Sacramento	Nov 12	2nd Wednesday, 6:30pm
Orangevale Orangevale Recreation and Park District 6826 Hazel Ave., Orangevale (south of Oak)	Nov 12 (Wed)*	2nd Tuesday, 6:00pm * meeting change
Antelope Antelope Library 4235 Antelope Rd., Antelope	Nov 13	2nd Thursday, 6:00pm
Carmichael Del Campo High School, Library 4925 Dewey Drive, Carmichael	Nov 18	3rd Tuesday, 6:00pm
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Obama's Dumb War

The President Is Now Poised To Leave Behind A Middle East Quagmire Much Like The One He Was Elected To End



By Peter Certo

If Barack Obama owes his presidency to one thing, it was the good sense he had back in 2002 to call the Iraq War what it was: "dumb."

out in Iraq and Syria, where the White House has suspended the already paltry rules meant to limit civilian casualties from drone strikes.

Second, those partners on the ground come with a lot of baggage.

Despite outnumbering Islamic State forces 40 to 1, the Iraqi Army turned over Mosul — Iraq's second-largest city — without firing a shot, leaving behind millions of dollars worth of advanced U.S. military equipment. And when the Iraqi Army does fight, it has a nasty penchant for dropping indiscriminate (and illegal) barrel bombs on civilian neighborhoods, as it did in Islamist-held Fallujah ear-

Assad or the Islamic State, much less both of them. A better bet is, like the even better-funded Iraqi Army, many of them will wind up turning their arms over to the Islamic State's fighters.

Remember this: If the Islamic State gets beaten back, the United States will be responsible for whatever takes its place. As Washington should have learned after funding Osama bin Laden's crusade against the Soviets in Afghanistan—supplying the very fighters who would later form groups like al-Qaeda and the Taliban the enemy of your enemy is not necessarily your friend.

The Islamic State is gaining ground because of political

November's Elections Won't Resolve Much of Anything



Commentary By Lee H. Hamilton

Members of Congress are home now, campaigning for the upcoming elections. Their messages are all over the map, and for a good reason: they have very little to brag about.

The Congress that just recessed until after the elections makes the 80th — the one that Harry Truman blasted as "do-nothing" — look like a paragon of productivity. This year's members did manage to avoid a shutdown, but that's about all. Congressional leaders spent the better part of the year avoiding tough votes.

They didn't pass an annual budget. They made no pretense of weighing U.S. policy against ISIS or, really, any other foreign or defense policy issue. They didn't tackle immigration reform, climate change, tax reform, the minimum wage, or domestic surveillance. They passed fewer bills than any other Congress in 60 years. In the 3½ months between the beginning of August and mid-November, they'll have been in session all of 10 days.

Small wonder that voters are in a sour mood when it comes to Washington. They want to see our elected leaders tackling issues that confront the country. They want less partisanship. They don't understand

government's frequent failures, and crave more competence. On every front, the people they've elected have disappointed them.

This may be why there is no dominant theme in this year's elections: voters seem more focused on a variety of issues than on one dominant issue. Apathy is high and we are headed for low voter turnout, even by the standards of mid-term elections. Voter outrage at Congress is not translating into a message of rejecting incumbents.

This has made the tone of the election rather interesting. Candidates appear to have picked up on voters' dislike of mean-spirited campaigning, and for the most part are showing restraint. The deeply partisan politics we saw in 2010 and 2012 has abated. Where a couple of years ago there was heated talk of storming the gates in Washington and potentially shutting the government down, that kind of campaigning is just a memory this year. Candidates may not be embracing Washington, but they're not attacking it as they once did. There's even talk of bipartisanship and building bridges, sentiments that were nearly invisible in recent years.

Given President Obama's lack of popularity, there's a general sense among members of the political class that Republicans have an edge in the election and may well take over the Senate. A battle to control the Senate can have significant consequences, yet it's unlikely that much will change on Capitol Hill in the near term. Mid-term elections are usually about the President, and Republicans are largely content in this election to attack him, while Democrats are content talking about anything but the President.

Even if the Senate majority changes hands, it will do so only narrowly. Given that a party needs 60 votes there to accomplish much of anything, whoever controls the Senate will be able to maneuver only on the margins; resolving tough issues head-on will be difficult, maybe impossible. Unless the recent election talk of bipartisanship and finding common ground becomes a reality, in other words, the dysfunction and lack of productivity that have become defining characteristics of Congress in recent years are likely to continue.

This is ironic, because large amounts of money are being poured into the fall elections, especially in races for the Senate. You'd almost think transformational policies were at stake. In truth, though, these elections are more of a run-up to the presidential race in 2016. And even then, the attention on the Senate is probably misplaced. Polls are showing that a number of gubernatorial seats are likely to switch hands in both directions, and if anything this year's 36 gubernatorial contests will have more of an impact on politics two years from now than what happens in the Senate.

In short, whatever happens on Election Day this year, it's unlikely that much will change in its wake. This may hardly be the most important election of our lifetimes, but the business that Congress left unfinished is still waiting. The nation needs an elected leadership capable of rolling up its sleeves and meeting our challenges head-on right now, not a few years hence. ★

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.



Now, with scarcely a whisper of debate, Obama has become the fourth consecutive U.S. president to bomb Iraq—and in fact has outdone his predecessors by spreading the war to Islamic State targets in Syria as well. With the Pentagon predicting that this latest conflict could rage for three years or longer, Obama is now poised to leave behind a Middle East quagmire that closely resembles the one he was elected to end.

Obama says the plan is to hammer Islamic State targets from the air while bolstering partners on the ground. There are two big problems with this.

First, bombs kill and injure civilians, potentially radicalizing their friends and families.

Look no further than the drone war battlegrounds of Yemen and Pakistan, where terrorist recruiters have exploited the severe trauma inflicted on civilians there to sign up new members. A similar dynamic could play

lier this year.

Shiite militias may step in to fill the gap left by the Iraqi Army. But many of these groups were deeply involved in the sectarian bloodletting of Iraq's turbulent post-invasion years, and some have refused to collaborate with the United States.

While the Kurds may prove more reliable allies, their first priority is to consolidate their own territory in Iraq—as evidenced by their seizure of the disputed (and oil-rich) city of Kirkuk during the chaos of the Islamic State invasion in June.

In Syria, the options are even worse: It's either the dictator Bashar al-Assad—with whom Washington has refused to cooperate — or a gaggle of so-called "moderate" Syrian rebel groups that the White House plans to vet, train, and arm to the teeth.

The CIA, which has been working directly with Syrian rebels in Jordan, is reportedly deeply skeptical of this plan. These rebels are unlikely to defeat either

breakdowns on both sides of the Iraqi-Syrian border. That vacuum is one salient legacy of the last war in Iraq. Pumping more money, bombs, and arms into the region will only deepen the crisis—while turning more Americans into targets.

If Washington wants to do something about the Islamic State, it should send humanitarian aid to displaced civilians, restart talks to end Syria's civil war, and condition all assistance to Baghdad on its willingness to improve conditions for Iraq's Sunni minority.

The last thing Obama should do is fight a war for allies who are losing a popularity contest to a group that beheads people.

Peter Certo is the deputy editor of OtherWords and the editor of Foreign Policy In Focus.

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Arrest Made in Recent Threat of Violence Against Bella Vista High School

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - A 14-year-old Bella Vista High School student suspected of authoring a threat of violence last week was arrested on campus today following an investigation by school and law enforcement officials. She faces a felony charge of making criminal threats and was booked into juvenile hall by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

The arrest comes as investigations into copycat incidents at other district schools continue. Threats have been discovered at five high schools in the last two weeks. Although no evidence has been found indicating any of the threats are credible, law enforcement and district staff members have had an increased presence

at each affected school.

The Bella Vista student, a freshman, told school officials she had hoped to get a day off school and had no intent to carry out the threat.

"The impact of the threat has been very real. Instructional time was lost when students stayed home, and the threat caused anguish, uncertainty and fear in our community," said Bella Vista High School Principal Peggy Haskins. "Though it saddens me greatly to see one of our students face such harsh consequences for a poor choice, the nature of the threat and anxiety it caused are unacceptable for our community."

A message to update Bella Vista High School families on

today's development has been sent via automated call and e-mail.

The threat was found in a girl's restroom Friday afternoon indicating a school shooting would occur Monday, Oct. 27. School staff members immediately notified the Sheriff's Department and the district's Safe Schools office and began an investigation. Attendance was down nearly 50 percent on Monday as families kept students home as a result of the threat.

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Registration is required to attend.

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 On the 4th day of November, 2014, at 9:30 A.M. in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, Suite 1450 of the County Administration Building, 700 "H" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, is hereby fixed as the time and place at which the purchase of said property will be consummated.

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California Would Create More Jobs Without Prop 30



By George Runner

unemployment rates, the highest of which is 22%.

Due in part to California's oppressive tax and regulatory climate, the recession was markedly worse in our state. As a consequence, we ended up with a bigger jobs hole, and we now need more jobs than other states to fill that hole.

Yet in the past year, states with lower unemployment rates like North Dakota, Utah, Texas, Delaware, Colorado, Florida, Oregon, Indiana and Washington have all outperformed California in per capita job creation.

At best, California's job creation record is middle of the road. Given our climate, natural and human talent, and need for jobs, we should be leading the nation in employment gains.

Instead we lead in taxes. California has the highest top income tax rate, the highest statewide sales tax rate and the second highest gas tax. High taxes and fees, combined with an oppressive regulatory environment, contribute to the high cost of living that undermines our state's competitiveness and impoverishes many of our citizens.

In his op-ed, Johnston fails to answer, let alone ask, key questions like: How many more jobs would California have created if Proposition 30 hadn't passed? How many job creators have left our state? Were the high

taxes embodied in Proposition 30 even necessary?

Proponents of Proposition 30 warned of dire consequences including devastating cuts to schools should the measure fail. Yet since its passage the state has received a surge in new revenue unrelated to Proposition 30—leading Sacramento Bee columnist Dan Walters to question whether Proposition 30 was truly needed.

The Governor and legislators are using billions in new revenue to grow government programs. What if those dollars were instead given back to taxpayers to invest in their families and local communities?

Even the Legislature seems to recognize that California can't compete under its current tax scheme and has recently voted for a number of boutique tax incentives to keep businesses from leaving our state. How then can anyone argue that California taxes and regulations aren't driving jobs away?

As California's economy continues to recover, we should not be satisfied with middle-of-the-road job creation numbers, high taxes and high poverty rates. We can and must do better.

George Runner represents more than nine million Californians as a taxpayer advocate and elected member of the State Board of Equalization. For more information, visit boe.ca.gov/Runner. ★

Crime Spree Turns Deadly

Two Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- It was with great sadness that the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department (SCSD) announced the murder of SCSD Deputy Danny Oliver, killed in the line of duty while investigating a suspicious occupied vehicle within a business parking lot in the 2000 block of Arden Way on the morning of October 24th, 2014.

Deputy Oliver and his partner were approaching the occupied vehicle when, for reasons unknown, the occupant(s) fired multiple rounds at the Deputies, striking Deputy Oliver in the upper torso and mortally wounding him. The suspects fled the scene and began a violent crime spree ranging from Arden Arcade to Auburn, carjacking several citizens in a nearby neighborhood and shooting one in the upper torso. That shooting victim is reported to be in stable condition.

After shooting Deputy Oliver and stealing a vehicle, the suspects fled to Auburn where Detective Michael Davis Jr. was shot and killed in the line of duty while attempting to apprehend the suspects. (We regret that additional information about Detective Davis was not available at the time this edition went to press.)

SCSD confirmed that both suspects in the shootings, Marcelo Marquez (34) and Janelle Marquez Monroy (38), were booked at the Sacramento County Main Jail on the morning of Saturday, October 25th. Marquez was booked for felony murder, felony carjacking, and felony attempted murder. Monroy was booked for felony carjacking and felony attempted murder. These charges will likely be amended by the District Attorney's Office in terms of exact number of counts of each and any penal code crime modification during the preliminary course of the prosecution and prior to trial. The first court appearance of both suspects was scheduled for Tuesday, October 28th.

SCSD also confirmed that the suspects, Marquez and Monroy, are husband and wife, and their address of record is West Valley, Utah. It is not yet known what Marquez and Monroy were doing in Sacramento or whether they have any ties to Sacramento. It was confirmed that one of them was a registered guest at the Motel 6 where the murder of Deputy Oliver



Placer County Detective Michael Davis Jr. was shot and killed in the line of duty while attempting to apprehend the suspects.



SCSD Deputy Danny Oliver was killed in the line of duty while investigating a suspicious occupied vehicle. Deputy Oliver (47) was a 15-year veteran of the SCSD, assigned to the North Patrol Division Problem Oriented Policing team. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

occurred. A possible motive in this case is still under investigation. Both suspects are currently cooperating with detectives in this investigation.

Marquez had an arm injury at the time of his arrest that needed to be treated and medically cleared prior to his booking into custody, but SCSD cannot yet confirm whether Marquez was shot in the gunfire exchange at the Motel scene or at the apprehension scene in Placer County.

SCSD is not releasing the specific caliber or type of weapons used at each scene until ballistic confirmation and scene confirmation is complete. But SCSD did confirm that several different caliber weapons were in their possession or on their person at the time of each incident.

Since this was a multiagency effort in two county jurisdictions, SCSD is currently unable to provide an estimate of how many officers were involved in the manhunt or how many rounds were fired at each scene. Crime scene investigation reports and ballistics will eventually provide an estimate of approximate gunfire.

While this investigation is very active and ongoing, the SCSD encourages anyone with information pertaining to this investigation to please contact the Sheriff's Department primary point of contact for this event at (916) 874-9022. Tip information may also be left anonymously at www.sacsheriff.com or by texting 274637 (CRIMES) and entering the keyword 'SSD.'

A local volunteer organization of current and former officers, Badges Supporting Fallen Officers' Families (BSFOF), reached out to Mrs. Davis on Sunday, and Mrs. Oliver on Monday, with financial support. BSFOF's goal is to be able

to support the families of fallen officers immediately. You can find them online at ourfallen.org.

Deputy Oliver (47) was a 15-year veteran of the SCSD, assigned to the North Patrol Division Problem Oriented Policing team. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

The Sacramento County Deputy Sheriffs' Association and its STAR 6 Foundation have set up a memorial fund in Deputy Oliver's name through Exchange Bank. Memorial donations can be sent directly to Exchange Bank (STAR 6 Foundation, Danny Oliver Memorial Fund, c/o Exchange Bank, 1420 Rocky Ridge Drive, Suite 190, Roseville, CA 95661) or to the Sacramento County Deputy Sheriffs' Association (1700 I Street, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95811). Donations can also be deposited directly into the memorial fund (Savings Account Number 1205002973, Routing Number 121101985).

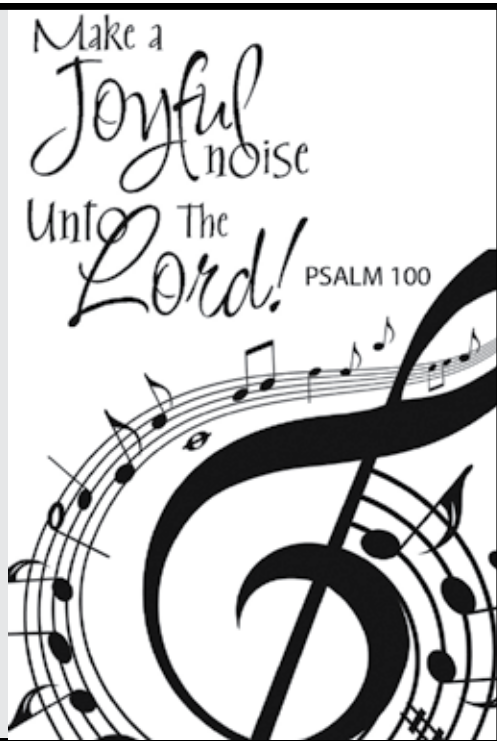
The memorial service for Detective Davis has been set for Tuesday, November 4th at 10 a.m. at Adventure Christian Church, 6401 Stanford Ranch Road, Roseville CA. A memorial fund for Detective Davis's four children has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank. The account is the Detective Michael Davis, Jr., Benefit Memorial Fund, account number 2348924032. Checks also can be sent to Wells Fargo Bank, 3680 Taylor Road, Loomis, CA 95650.

Sources: Sacramento County Sheriff's Department; Placer County Sheriff's Department; Bret Daniels, ourfallen.org ★

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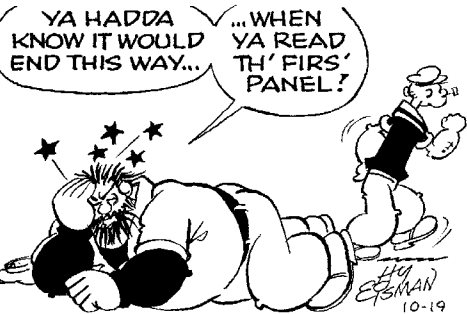
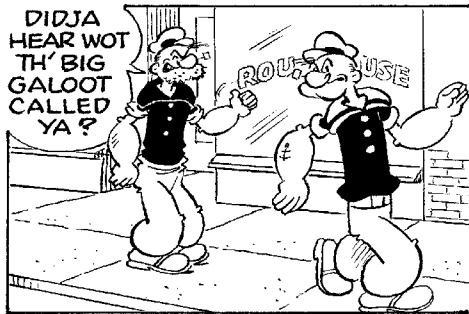
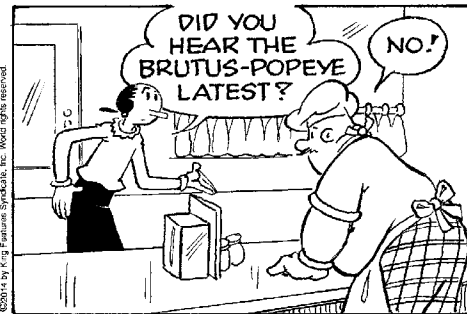
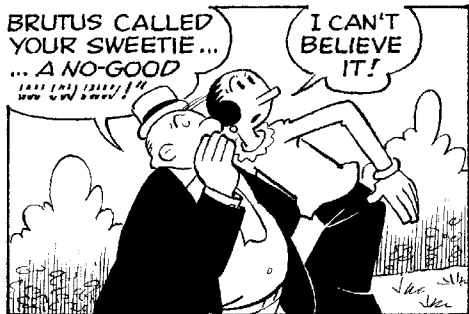
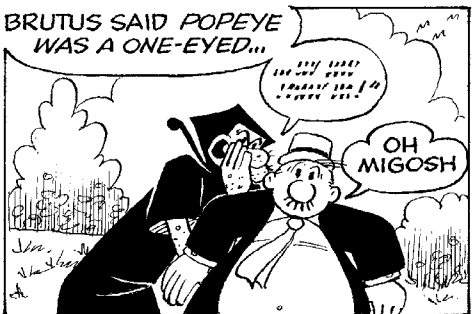
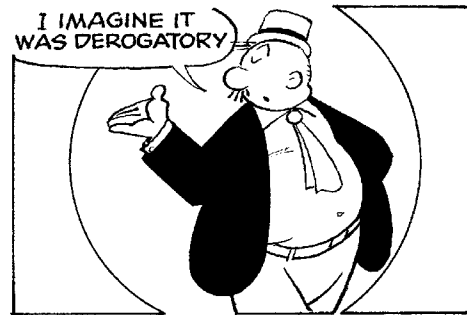
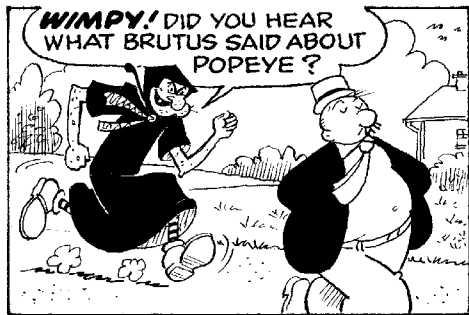
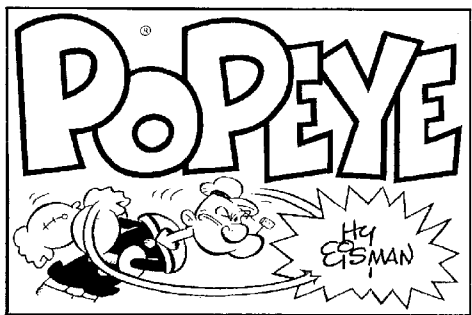
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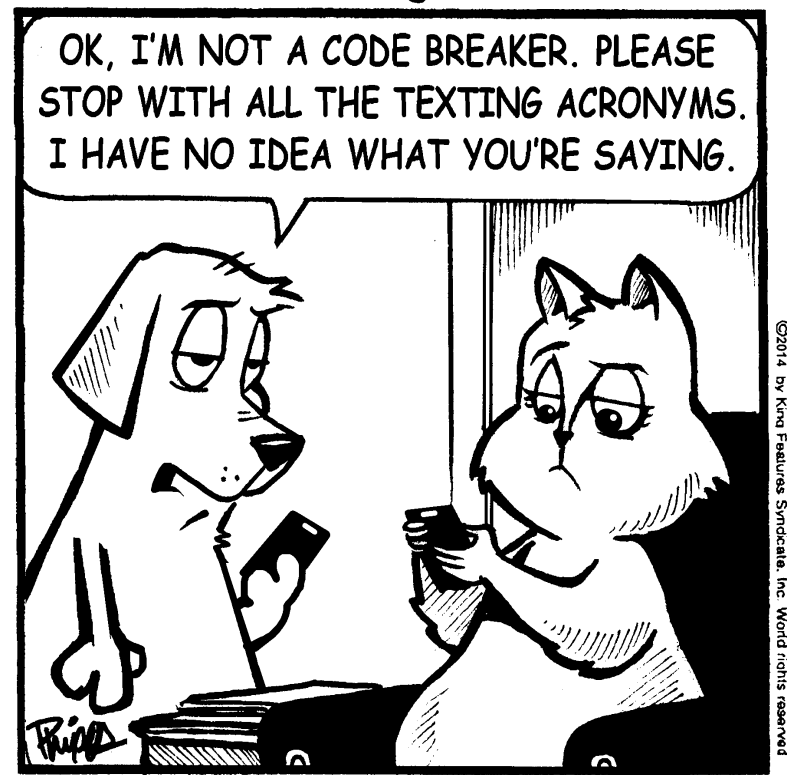


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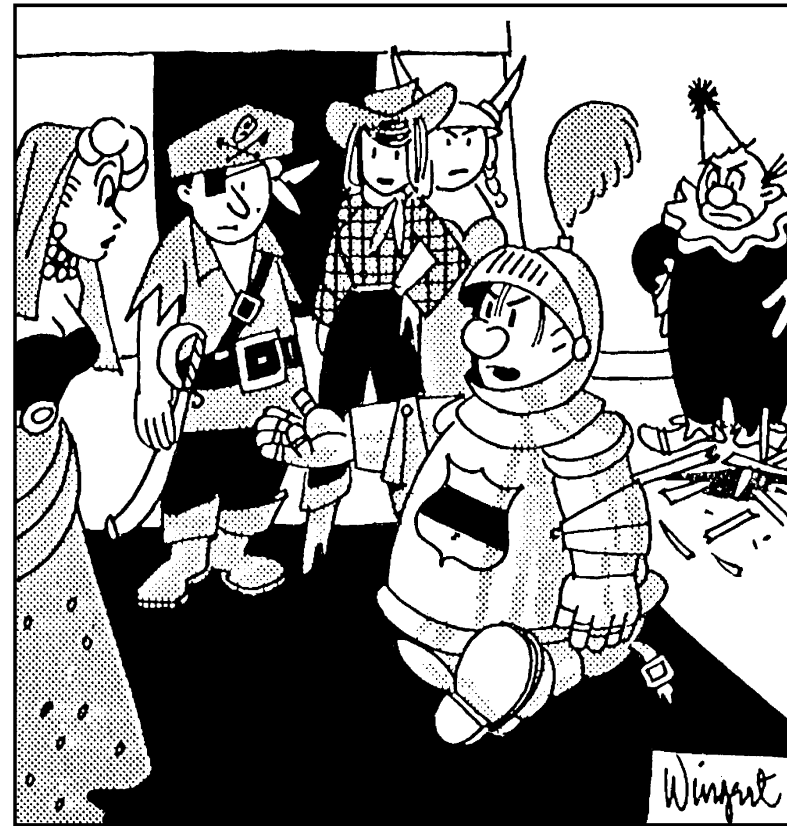
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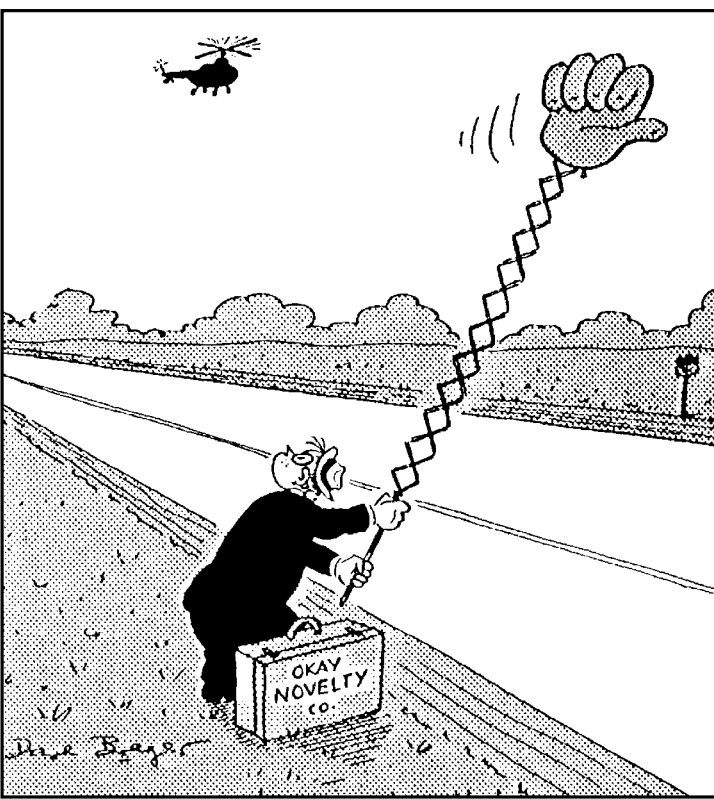
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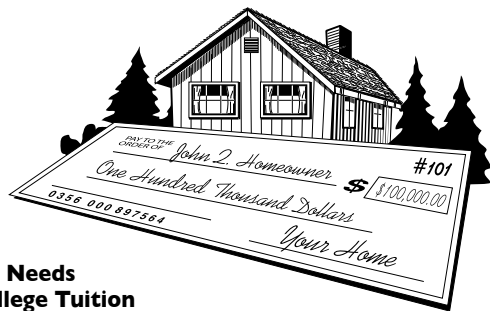
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of choices could make it difficult to select what is best for your needs. Avoid snap judgments. Take the time to check them all out to find the one that really meets your goals.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You could once again experience pressure from others who would like to see you move in another direction. But heed your Bovine instincts to stay on your own path.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking charge of a project that seems to be about to stall or collapse altogether could be a challenge. But once everyone knows what you expect of him or her, things should go smoothly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Avoid the pressures of the upcoming holiday period by setting a time right now to discuss how to divide up the responsibility of helping a loved one come through a difficult period.

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LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's not too early for all you Leonas and Leos to start making long-distance travel plans. The sooner you stop procrastinating and start deciding where, when and how you're going, the better.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone you've known for years might disappoint you, or even make you feel you've been betrayed. But check the facts carefully before you make charges that could backfire on you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A holiday plan might need to be revised to accommodate an unexpected complication. Come up with an alternative arrangement as soon as possible to avoid more problems down the line.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Don't accept halfway explanations for a situation that requires full disclosure. The more you know now, the better able you will be to handle any complications that might arise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The cooperation you relied upon might not be easy to get. Maybe there's an information gap. See if everyone understands the situation. If not, be sure to offer a full explanation.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Problems caused by that recent workplace distraction should soon be easing, allowing you to resume working at a less frantic pace. That personal matter also begins to ease up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Changing your mind about a job decision isn't easy for the usually committed Aquarian. But once you check it out, you'll find facts you didn't know before. And facts don't lie.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your unique way of sizing up a situation gives you an edge in resolving that upsetting workplace problem. Stay on your current course regardless of any attempts to distract you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are emotionally attuned to what's going on around you, and you easily pick up on people's needs.

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Now here's a tip! by Jo Ann Deason

• Make a holiday cheese ball simply: Combine a package of cream cheese with a cup of finely shredded cheese (your choice) and 1/3 cup sour cream or plain Greek yogurt. Form into a ball, roll in coating of your choice (dried fruit pieces, chopped nuts, spices, etc.) and chill. Wrap in a pretty cellophane bag and bring with pita chips, crackers or pretzels as a hostess gift.

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COUCH THEATER -- DVD PREVIEW
By Sam Struckhoff
EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of November 3, 2014.

PICKS OF THE WEEK



Angelina Jolie in "Maleficent"

"Maleficent" (PG) -- The evil witch from "Sleeping Beauty" gets her chance to set the story straight. In this addendum to the popular fairy tale, the sinister sorceress (Angelina Jolie) has a softer side; she originally was a happy little fairy girl with powerful eagle wings and a family of benign supernatural creatures in her magical forest kingdom. Betrayal from the neighboring human kingdom changes Maleficent, making her into the menacing matriarch we know from the old story. Jolie inhabits her title role, making the scorned fairy queen creepy and beautiful. She just looks like somebody who would fly you into the air and drop you into a ravine if you don't mind your manners. What's missing is a compelling script to take this story to another level, where the characters have as much emotional depth as visual flair.

"Hercules" (PG-13) -- After accomplishing all of his legendary feats -- slaying a big lion, tanglin' with a hydra -- Hercules (Dwayne Johnson) has rock star status all over Greece. The big guy is called

upon by a mighty king (John Hurt) to train and lead an army against the invading forces of Thrace. Mr. Muscles must prove he's the warrior everyone thinks he is while facing desperate odds.

One thing the movie gets right is that a good Hercules is more than muscles. Johnson plays the mythical brute with some charm and humor, putting the right amount of humanity into a movie that's mostly war cries and death wails. The plot and battles are as straightforward as a spear.

"A Most Wanted Man" (R) -- In his last major film performance, Phillip Seymour Hoffman stars as Gunther Bachmann, a German intelligence agent trying to take apart terrorist cells in Hamburg. Bachmann is a man on a mission, possibly of self-destruction. He beats himself up with liquor, smoking, sleepless nights and self-denial. Opposite Hoffman is Grigory Dobrygin, who plays a half-Russian, half-Chechen immigrant seeking the secret money his extremist father left behind. Hoffman must determine if this guy is another terrorist or a victim.

"The One I Love" (R) -- A young couple gets a prescription from their therapist: a short stay at an exclusive resort, where they can repair their relationship and rediscover marital bliss. Ethan (Mark Duplass) and Sophie (Elisabeth Moss) enjoy the stay at first, before everything gets weird. You see, there's something strange going on at the resort. The couple is pushed to the edge by some too-clever-to-spoil twists that bring them face-to-face with issues of intimacy and identity. It's about love, but it's not entirely romantic. It's funny, but you might not laugh out loud much. You'll be forced to question things, but you might not get answers.

TV RELEASES

- "Agatha Christie's Poirot, Series 13"
- "Hot in Cleveland: Season Five"
- "Law & Order: The Fifteenth Year"
- "Impractical Jokers: Season 2"
- "Reno 911: The Complete Series"

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By Samantha Weaver

• It was beloved American author Kurt Vonnegut who made the following sage observation: "Laughing or crying is what a human being does when there's nothing else he can do."

• If you removed all the phosphorus from your body, you'd have enough to make about 250 matchheads.

• Those who study such things say that boys who have first names that are considered to be strange or peculiar have a higher incidence of mental problems as adults than boys with more traditional names. The correlation was not found to hold true for girls.

• The next time you're at a holiday gathering and someone has had a bit too much to drink, you can say that person is cherubimical; it's much nicer than calling a family member a drunk.

• You may have learned that the distress signal SOS stands for "Save Our Ship," but that's a myth. That signal was chosen because in Morse Code, it's easy to remember and transmit the three dots, three dashes and three dots that represent those letters.

• There was a time when it was illegal in Hawaii for a woman to eat a coconut.

• According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the oldest documented living parrot is more than 80 years old. Cookie, a Major Mitchell's cockatoo, has lived at the Brookfield Zoo in Illinois since May 1934.

• The New Orleans Saints were admitted to the National Football League on Nov. 1, 1966 -- All Saints' Day. The team, however, was named for the iconic New Orleans jazz song "When the Saints Go Marching In."

• If you're an American who has a garden, you're more likely to be growing tomatoes than any other vegetable or fruit.

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The Garden Bug

Leaves into compost

Rake leaves into a pile low enough to run over with a lawn mower. This shreds the leaves into smaller pieces that break down more quickly. Bring these to your compost pile and add them in, alternating a few inches of leaf bits with a few of green matter, spraying each layer with water. Mix the layers together with a pitchfork. Mix the pile once weekly; it should completely compost in 3 to 6 months.

- Brenda Weaver
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Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

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Falcons Swoop the Eagles

Story by Ben Barber

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - This past week, El Camino High School welcomed the Christian Brother Falcons to their home field. It was a competitive match up for the two teams, The Eagles coming in at 5-3 and Christian Brothers coming in at 6-1. Despite the Christian Brothers' record, they hadn't yet played a team that packed a punch like the Eagles.

The game was very competitive. The Falcons scored first in

the first quarter, with an unfortunate interception by the Eagles keeping the Falcon offense on the field. On their second possession, the Eagles were forced backwards, giving the Falcons a safety and an extra two points on the board. The Falcons then scored another touchdown giving them a 16-0 lead.

Fed up and ready to spread their wings, the Eagles, on their third offense possession, were finally able to score a touchdown, and in the last few minutes

of the half score again, bringing the game to a 16-16 tie going into half time. After the half, the Falcons were able to get another 10 on the board in the 3rd with the Eagles settling for a field goal. As the final minutes of the game wound down, the Eagles found themselves at a 32-32 tie. With less than a minute on the board, the Falcons were able to get down the field and kick the ball through the uprights, giving them the 35-32 lead to beat the Eagles. ★



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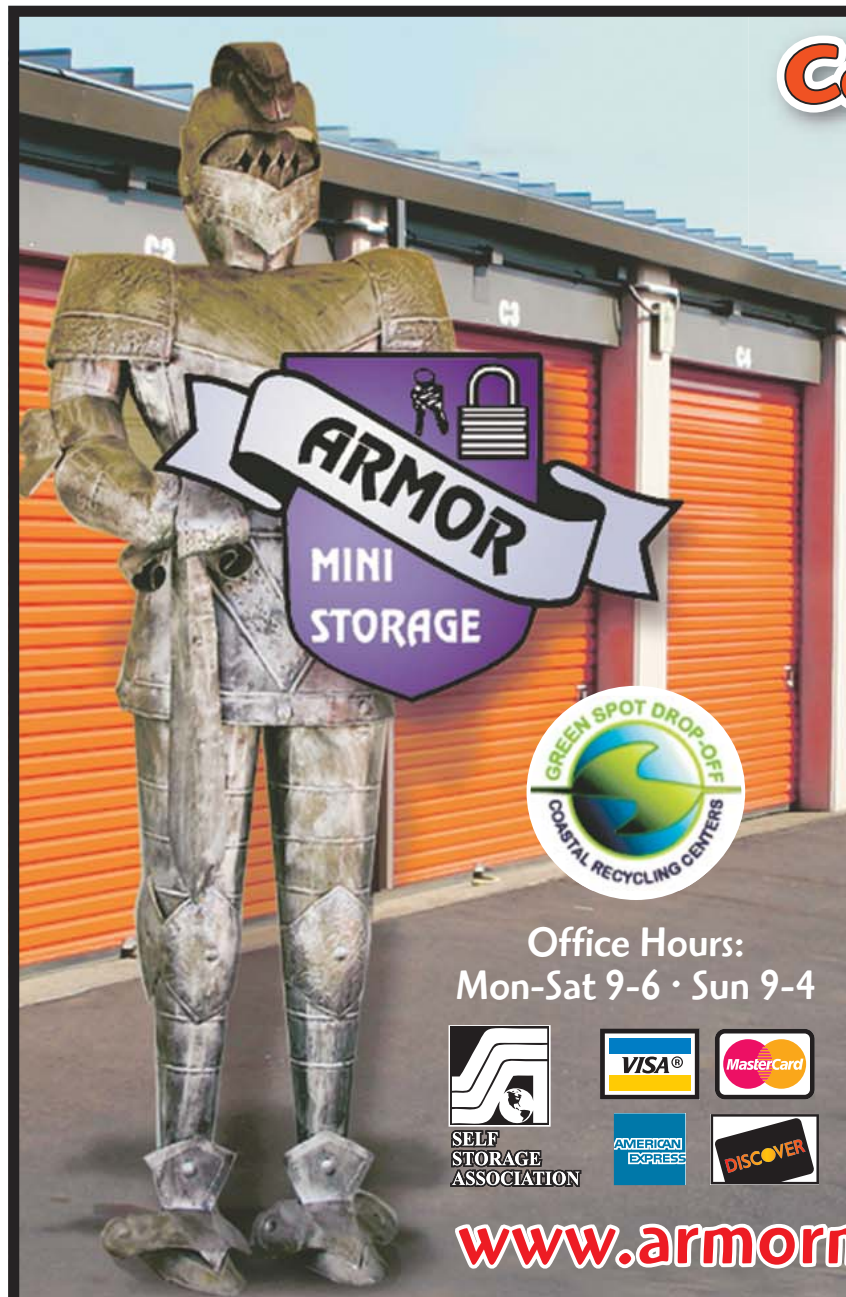
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Time to Review Your Medicare Coverage

By David Sayen

Medicare's annual open enrollment season is underway, and I want to encourage everyone with Medicare to review their current health and prescription drug coverage.

Open enrollment began October 15th and runs through December 7th. If you want to change your Medicare Advantage or Medicare Part D (prescription drug) plan, this is the time of year to do it. Any new coverage you select will take effect Jan. 1, 2015.

If you have Original (traditional) Medicare and you're satisfied with it, you don't need to do anything during open enrollment.

My agency, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, or CMS, announced recently that the average Medicare Advantage premium for 2015 is projected to be \$33.90 monthly. CMS also estimated that the average basic Part D premium in 2015 would be \$32 per month. Since passage of the Affordable Care Act in 2010, enrollment in Medicare Advantage has increased 42 percent to an all-time high of more than 16 million people. Medicare Advantage premiums, meanwhile, have decreased 6 percent. The law is also closing the Part D "donut hole," with more than 8.3 million people saving more than \$12 billion on prescription drugs through last July.

Meanwhile, the quality of Medicare Advantage and Part D plans continues to improve. This year, people with Medicare who enroll in such plans will have access to more high-rated, four- and five-star plans than

ever before. About 60 percent of Medicare Advantage enrollees are now in plans earning four or more stars in 2015, compared to an estimated 17 percent in 2009. Likewise, about 53 percent of Part D enrollees are currently in Part D plans with four or more stars for 2015, compared to 16 percent in 2009.

Medicare plans' coverage options and costs can change each year, and Medicare beneficiaries should evaluate their current coverage and choices and select the plan that best meets their needs. If you think your current coverage will meet your needs for 2015, you don't need to change anything.

A variety of resources are available to help you compare your current coverage with new plan offerings for 2015. You can:

- Visit www.medicare.gov to review plans available in your area, as well as their costs, and enroll in a new plan if you decide to. Open enrollment information is available in Spanish.

- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for around-the-clock assistance to find out more about your coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. Counseling is available in a wide variety of languages.

- Review the 2015 Medicare & You handbook. This handbook has been mailed to the homes of people with Medicare and it's also online at: www.medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/10050.pdf.

- Get free, unbiased, one-on-one counseling from your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Local SHIP

contact information can be found:

- At www.medicare.gov/contacts/organization-search-criteria.aspx or;

- On the back of the 2015 Medicare & You handbook or;

- By calling Medicare (at 1-800 number above).

People with Medicare who have limited income and resources may qualify for Extra Help to pay for their Part D drug plans. There's no cost or obligation to apply for Extra Help. Medicare beneficiaries, family members, or caregivers can apply online at www.social-security.gov/prescriptionhelp or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778) to find out more.

Better quality in Medicare Advantage and Part D plans isn't the only good news for people with Medicare.

For most seniors who have Original Medicare, the 2015 Part B premium will stay unchanged for a second consecutive year, at \$104.90. This means more of your retirement income and any increase in Social Security benefits will stay in your pocket. The Part B deductible will stay the same as well.

David Sayen is Medicare's regional administrator for Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Pacific Territories. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Source: U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ★



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California Department of Public Health Establishes Ebola Hotline

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has established an Ebola hotline call center to respond to public inquiries related to Ebola, announced Dr. Ron Chapman, CDPH director and state health officer.

"This hotline has been set up and staffed to answer questions from those concerned about the possibility of Ebola in California," said Chapman. "Our goal is to be available to eliminate the mystery of this disease and offer the facts to Californians as the situation evolves. This is one in a series of steps we have taken in the last few months."

The hotline, (855) 421-5921 will be in operation from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

There are currently no confirmed cases of Ebola in California and no suspect cases.

Since the Ebola outbreak began in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone, CDPH has worked with state, federal, and local health officials to prepare for potential cases of Ebola in California. In August, CDPH launched an informational website compiling information about the outbreak and preparing California health care providers

with guidance and protocols from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CDPH has developed an interim case report form for reporting suspected cases of Ebola to CDPH and has distributed CDC guidance on specimen collection, transport, testing, and submission for patients suspected of having Ebola.

Last week, CDPH posted interim guidelines for Ebola medical waste management and recommended that all health care facility environmental services personnel and infection control staff work together to develop facility-specific protocols for safe handling of Ebola related medical waste. CDPH has provided these and other documents to health care providers and partners via the California Health Alert Network (CAHAN).

In September, CDPH convened more 1,100 health care and public health workers to urge them to assess their Ebola readiness and conduct drills in their facilities. Last week, CDPH officials held a teleconference with health care providers to discuss the latest news and guidance about handling suspected Ebola cases. CDPH is

providing weekly updates to local health officials, first responders, and health care providers as the Ebola outbreak continues in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea. CDPH joins with a team of state departments and agencies including California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS), the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) and the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), to address all aspects of preparedness for a potential Ebola case in California.

CDPH is also available to provide consultation about suspected Ebola cases to local health departments and health care providers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For more information about how the state is preparing for potential cases of Ebola, please read CDPH's Ebola Virus Disease FAQs and visit the CDPH Ebola Virus information page (both are on the cdph.ca.gov website) and the Cal/OSHA Ebola Virus Information site (www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/EbolaVirusInformation.htm).

Source: California Department of Public Health ★

MLK Essay Contest Commemorates Civil Rights Act of 1964

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The MLK Celebration Committee is pleased to announce the 2015 Essay Contest commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Civil Rights Act of 1964, which ended segregation in public places and banned employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, is considered one of the crowning legislative achievements of the civil rights movement. First proposed by President John F. Kennedy, it was then signed into law by Kennedy's successor, Lyndon B. Johnson. In subsequent years, Congress expanded the act and also passed additional legislation aimed at bringing equality to African Americans,

such as the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

To commemorate the passage of this historic legislation and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, the MLK Celebration Committee is hosting its second annual MLK Essay Contest with the following question: How has the Civil Rights Act of 1964 impacted the world you live in today? The essay contest is open to K-12 students in the Sacramento region. The deadline for submission is December 19th, 2014. Essay contest winners will be announced at the 17th Annual MLK Celebration Dinner on Saturday January 31st, 2015, at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento.

The dinner is among the largest

gatherings of civic, judicial, business, religious, education, law enforcement, and community members from throughout the area. This annual event will also honor Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg with the Robert T. Matsui Community Award. The featured keynote speaker is Kenneth B. Morris, Jr., Founder and President of Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives.

The Essay Committee invites all students to participate in the essay contest. For information about the essay contest and the MLK Celebration Dinner, please visit www.mlkcelebrationsacramento.com.

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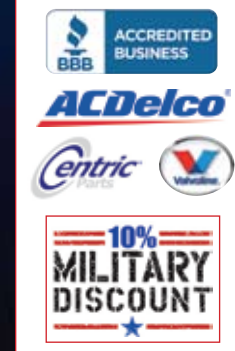
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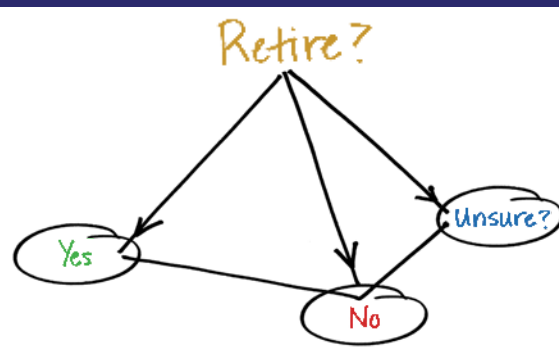
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