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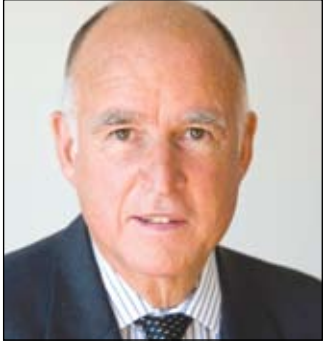
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Freedom Is Not Free



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 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. ★

Little Free Library at SCM

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - A Little Free Library is the newest attraction at the Sacramento Children's Museum (SCM), located at 2701 Prospect Park Drive in Rancho Cordova. Described as a "take a book, return a book" gathering place, the Little Free Library at SCM is a kid-size house full of books where anyone can stop by and pick up a book or two without paying admission to the Museum. "There's no cost to take a book, but we encourage users to bring a book to share when they



Stella Power (left) and Massi Spiegel, both four years old, check out books at the newly-opened Little Free Library at the Sacramento Children's Museum. The library is located in the lobby so that anyone can borrow a book without paying admission to the Museum.

return their borrowed books," said Sharon Stone Smith, SCM's Executive Director. At this time, most of the books are for young children, but sometimes there are books for older readers. SCM's library is registered with the nationwide program Little Free Library; you can find them and their nationwide map online at littlefreelibrary.org. For more information about the new library project or about SCM's hours and activities, call (916) 638-7225 or go to info@sackids.org. Source: City of Rancho Cordova ★

New Sign Ordinance Aims at Reducing Blight

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Ever been bothered by signs plastered on street corners or blocking your view of the road? With the approval of a new ordinance, County departments will have a new tool to end the visual blight of illegal signage. The Code Enforcement Division of the Department of Community Development will start issuing citations for unapproved signs on private and public property to ensure that community standards of health, safety, and property preservation are met. The new regulation, effective September 23rd, stems from concerns raised by residents and businesses about the proliferation of unsightly signs being a public nuisance and potential traffic hazard. "Our goal is to stop the posting of these signs once and for all," said County Executive Bradley J. Hudson. "This will help deter blight, revitalize area and convey

the message that unsightly signage is not welcome here." Because the State designated such signs as a public nuisance, Code Enforcement and the Department of Transportation have historically removed these signs on publicly owned property with no penalty to the violator. Often times the violators are out-of-town businesses that drive through and post signs at night, often high up on poles that require extra equipment to remove, all at a cost to taxpayers.

"With this new ordinance, we'll have the ability to pursue violators—businesses that post signs on street corners, utility poles, and fences—through fines and administrative penalties," said Carl Simpson, Chief of Code Enforcement. The County will be required to give the violator notice and a reasonable amount of time for correction. If the violator does not remove the signs within the designated period, monetary penalties

could be assessed. SMUD has positively weighed in on the new ordinance while Chambers of Commerce and Property and Business Improvement Districts have stated that they intend to inform their members that any signs within the public right of way are not permitted. Prohibited signs include: • Portable A-Frame signs • String pennants • Flags other than the flag of the

United States, State of California, and approved government agency or registered non-profit organization • Signs on fences or utility poles • Feather flags. Visit the Code Enforcement website or contact the County Planning Section at (916) 874-6221 for more information about permissible signs. Source: Sacramento County ★

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Staff Sponsors Food Drive at City Hall



Barbara Boyd (left) from the Finance Department (left) and Dana Grossi from the Public Works Department (right) add items to the collection box for the staff-sponsored 2014 Canned Food Drive for the Holidays.

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - City of Rancho Cordova employees are sponsoring and contributing to the 2014 Canned Food Drive for the Holidays.

Sponsored by the coincidentally named Employee Activities Team (EAT), the collected food will be donated to the Cordova Community Food Locker, a local non-profit organization founded

in 1987 that provides food assistance to hungry families, seniors, and the homeless.

“We are asking for canned goods and other non-perishable food items such as peanut butter, jelly, uncooked/dry pasta, crackers, cereal, and nuts,” said Dana Grossi, management technician in the Public Works Department, who is coordinating the staff

project.

The public is invited to participate in the food drive. Collection boxes are located in the first floor reception area of City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Drive. Items can be dropped off through Wednesday, November 19th.

Source: City of Rancho Cordova ★

Christmas in Cordova to be Held at Mills Middle School

This one day family event will be held at Mills Middle School and is designed with the simple premise that “every child deserves to have a present to open at Christmas.” There will be a shopping mall full of donated new toys provided for parents to select and wrap for their children. Childcare is provided for young children while parents are shopping as well as fun and games for older children to enjoy. There will be an arts and craft area, Santa will be making an appearance, and a meal will also be provided for all families who attend. This event is sponsored by Rancho Cordova Police Department, Rancho Cordova PAL, The Folsom Cordova Community Partnership, and other partners. For more information, call (916) 875-5852.

Eligibility: Families with children living in the home that under the age of 17, who live within Rancho Cordova or the immediate surrounding area (Mather, Rosemont, College Green East, and Gold River) and who fall within the following income ranges are eligible:

1-3 family members with a monthly income of no more than \$2,400 and annual income of \$29,000

4-7 family members with a monthly income of no more than \$2,800 and annual income of \$34,000

8+ family members with a monthly income of no more than



\$3,200 and annual income of \$38,000

Where to Apply: Rancho Cordova Police Department, 2897 Kilgore Road.

Primary Contact: Officer Heidi Herrera, (916) 875-5852, hherrera@sacsheriff.com.

When to Apply: 500 families will be enrolled into the Christmas in Cordova program. Once the applications are gone, no further applications will be accepted, regardless of the date. First come, first served.

Apply on the following dates:
Wednesday, November 4, 2014, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thursday, November 5, 2014 12 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, November 6, 2014 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11, 2014, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thursday, November 12, 2014 12-4 p.m.

Friday, November 13, 2014 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

What to Bring: The following documents are required to complete the application:

Children’s birth certificates – children must be 17 years or younger.

Proof of address – rental agreement or utility bill (No phone bills will be accepted).

Proof of income – Pay stub or welfare printout.

Want to Help or Participate? Conduct an internal toy drive at your business.

Make a monetary donation. All monies will be spent to purchase additional toys. Check can be made payable to Rancho Cordova PAL, the non-profit Tax ID number is 26-314152.

Donate your time and participate in the event. Volunteers are needed to help with shopping, wrapping, entertaining children and various other responsibilities.

Donate needed supplies including hotdogs, chips, drinks, cookies, wrapping paper and wrapping supplies. Many items are needed to make this event successful and everything helps. ★

Ceremony Celebrates Completion of Phase One of Sunrise Boulevard Rehabilitation

Rancho Cordova, CA (MPG) - Cutting the ribbon at the Sunrise Boulevard Rehabilitation Project Ceremony on Tuesday, October 28th are Chris Boyer, Rancho Cordova Public Works Department and Project Manager; Bob LoRusso, Salaber Associates; Stephen Muck, Teichert Construction; Assemblyman Ken Cooley; Congressman Ami Bera; Rancho

Cordova Mayor Dan Skoglund; Rancho Cordova Vice Mayor Robert J. McGarvey; Sacramento County Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan; Rancho Cordova Council Member Linda Budge; Rancho Cordova City Manager Brian Nakamura; Hardeep Sidhu, Sacramento County Department of Transportation; Pat Braziel from County Supervisor Don Nottoli’s office; and Britton

Snipes, Rancho Cordova Senior Civil Engineer. The ceremony celebrated the completion of Phase 1 by the City of Rancho Cordova. Phase 2 will be done by Sacramento County and will begin in early 2015. The \$2.2 million Phase 1 was on Sunrise Boulevard, from Zinfandel Drive to Trinity River Drive.

Source: City of Rancho Cordova ★



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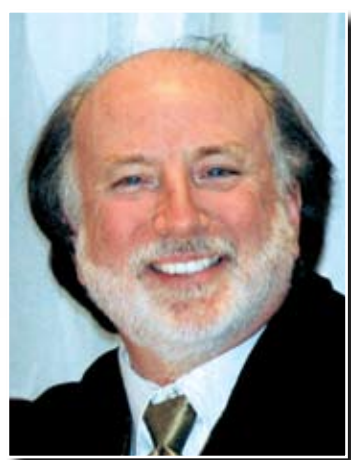
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Folsom Lake Bank Opens New Branch in Rancho Cordova



(L-R) Lisa Quaschnick, Rebecca Abbott, Candy Norris, Chris Wong, Rancho Cordova Mayor Dan Skoglund, President and CEO Robert Flautt, and Vice President and Branch Manager Ryan Jamison.

Story and photo by Bill Martin

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce was on hand, along with friends, clients and members of the banking community, to celebrate a grand occasion; the opening of the newest location of Folsom Lake Bank. The new Rancho Cordova branch is located at 2865 Sunrise Boulevard. The grand opening festivities included refreshments, free gifts, a speech, and a special proclamation welcoming Folsom Lake Bank to Rancho

Cordova by His Honor, Mayor Dan Skoglund. The new state-of-the-art facility is beautifully decorated and features 3,653 square feet of commercial banking services.

Folsom Lake Bank began in 2007 in the heart of downtown Folsom on Sutter Street with as many as 400 local businesses and individuals who provided the \$15.9 million dollar working capital to open the first location.

By 2009, Folsom Lake Bank opened their second location on Douglas Blvd. in Roseville. As of December 2013, Folsom Lake Bank had reached nearly \$139

million in commercial business.

Folsom Lake Bank is locally-owned and operated, and boasts that all banking decisions are made by a dedicated group of local banking professionals. Who else but a local banking professional could understand what your business aspirations would mean to your community? There is a discernible difference between a local banker who knows the community, the neighborhoods, the local businesses, and more, and a banker located miles away with no real stake in the local community or your business.

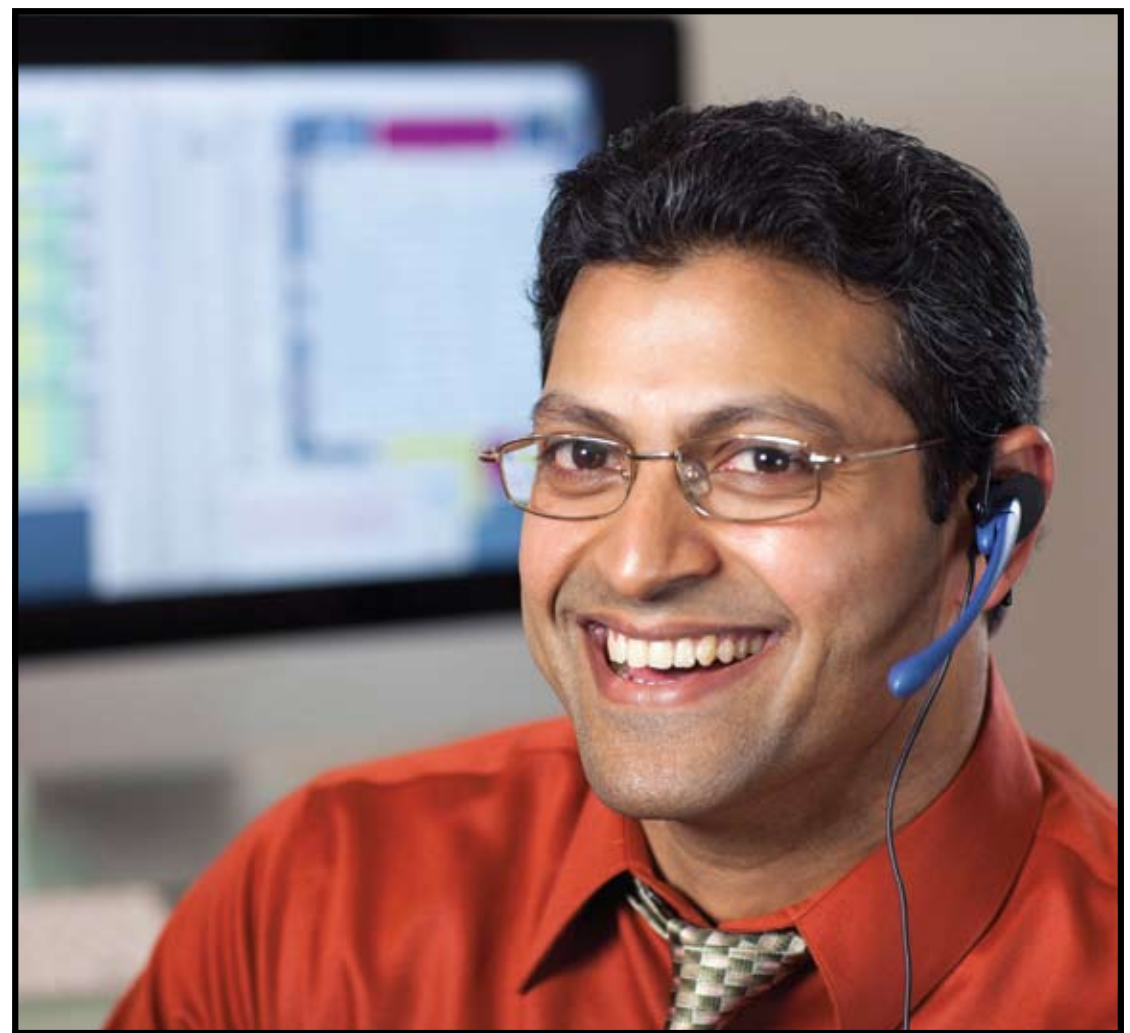
Folsom Lake Bank President and CEO Robert Flautt said it best, "Our goal is to offer the full scope of banking products to our target market of small business owners, professionals and individuals seeking a bank that provides a different brand of banking. By providing the personal attention that clients want and delivering the banking services that they need, we continue to build strong banking relationships across all the communities that we serve."

As a member of many local communities, Folsom Lake Bank

is a proud partner and sponsor of numerous organizations: Mercy Hospital Foundation, Sutter Roseville Foundation, Folsom Lake College Foundation, The Harris Center, Folsom Cordova Community Partnership, Eureka Schools Foundation, Folsom Economic Development Corporation, Folsom, Roseville, Rancho Cordova & El Dorado Hills Chambers, Rotary International, Kiwanis, Placer County SPCA, Folsom Pro Rodeo, The Folsom Historical Society, and more. Folsom Lake Bank is also a member of many

Chambers of Commerce including Folsom, Roseville, Rancho Cordova, and El Dorado Hills.

Stop by the newest branch office of Folsom Lake Bank at 2865 Sunrise Blvd., Suite 112, Rancho Cordova, and learn more from the friendly staff about what Folsom Lake Bank can do for your business. For questions, please feel free to call the new branch at (916) 235-4586. Vice President and Branch Manager Ryan Jamison is always happy to meet with new customers in person. ★



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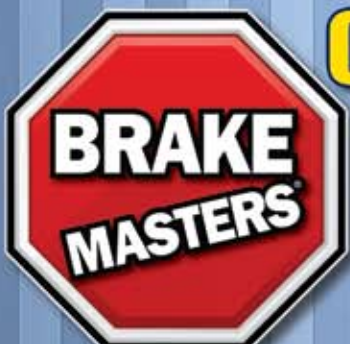
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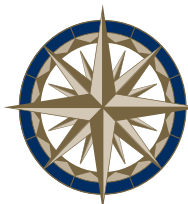
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By Sal Arrigo, Jr.

In 1942, Platoon Leader Luciano R. Prieto was wounded twice while fighting the Japanese, for which he received two Purple Heart medals. That is not how he thought his life would be while growing up in the Philippines.

Mr. Prieto was a member of the Mindanao Guerrillas, a fighting outfit that was formed under the command of Colonel Wendell Fertig of the United States Army. Colonel Fertig organized the many guerrilla units fighting the Japanese in the Philippine Islands and helped to train the Filipino fighters to ambush and sabotage the Japanese efforts in the islands. Their efforts, even though hampered by supply shortages, proved to be a vital and heroic mission in regaining control of the Philippine Islands.

As a member of the 1st Battalion, 100th Infantry Regiment, C Company, Mr. Prieto penetrated a Japanese garrison pretending to be a fishing vendor, but was arrested by the Japanese on suspicion that he was a Guerrilla spy. He told me, "I was beaten for three days and still have physical difficulty to this day. One side of my body still feels the effects." After Mr. Prieto convinced the Commanding Officer of the Japanese prison camp that he was a friend of a general in the Japanese Imperial Army, they became friends. Mr. Prieto was then asked to help the Japanese

A Purple Heart Recipient: Luciano R. Prieto



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cause by spying on and reporting to the Japanese the location of the Guerrilla base, however Platoon Leader Prieto did no such thing! Prieto reported instead to the United States Army Battalion Command, which was preparing for an ambush on the Japanese.

After his platoon was prepared to move out, Platoon Leader Prieto reported back to the Japanese command and told them the Guerrillas were drinking heavily and also gave them a false location. Sneaking back to his own platoon, Mr. Prieto had his soldiers spread out along a perimeter to wait for the Japanese. In a written statement of this combat action, Mr. Prieto said, "... at 5:00 a.m. on September 10, 1944, the marching Japanese soldiers were met with several grenades and devastating fire from my troops. It was a big celebration by the civilians we served."

As the fighting continued in and around the Philippine Islands, Platoon Leader Prieto was ordered to do some reconnaissance with his combat team and not to engage the enemy. Following orders, the team found the location of a Japanese unit and was prepared to report back to Command when a sniper opened up on their position, and Prieto had no choice but to return fire. Ordering his men to withdraw, Prieto stood his ground

and covered the withdrawal. An enemy grenade exploded and knocked him unconscious during this heroic action. He had shrapnel wounds in both his right leg and left thigh.

After recovering, Mr. Prieto was not yet done with his time in combat. In a separate action, his unit came under fire, and this time an enemy grenade exploded inside the tank where Mr. Prieto was riding. He suffered further wounds and severe hearing loss that remains to this day.

The war came to an end for Mr. Prieto in Okinawa, Japan. After his military service, he studied Criminology at the Applied Institute of Science in Chicago, Illinois, and became a top fingerprint expert and criminal investigator after moving to New York. In 1960, Mr. Prieto went back to the Philippines and was appointed Chief of Police in Basilan City, an island province of the Philippines. He is a founding member of the International Police Commission, an organization that exists to this day.

Mr. Luciano R. Prieto and many others like him resolved to overcome an invasion of their homeland and did whatever was necessary to assist the United States Army against a ruthless and diabolical enemy. Your comrades in the Philippines and the United States are most grateful. ★



Bob McGarvey

We are now (almost) in the last couple of months of the year 2014. Don't ask me where it went as I don't know any more than you do. All I am sure of is that as you read this column, you are probably as ready as you will ever be for the traditional "trick or treat". This year there may be fewer trick or treaters than usual if we get the rain that is being predicted. The kids and the rain are supposed to arrive at about the same time. Good luck to the kids and lots of candy . . . and good luck to us and lots of rain.

On October 30th, we had the groundbreaking ceremony for the Veterans Village at Mather. It was a long time coming. Those first 50 apartments for our Veterans are desperately needed for the men and women who continue to protect us and our freedom. It is rather odd sometimes when I write this column and talk about things that are going to happen, but haven't happened yet. At any rate, there are quite a few things that are

Ceremonies, Holidays, and Stuff

going to happen before the next paper comes out. I have mentioned October 30th and the Veterans Village groundbreaking and talked about Halloween and the trick or treaters, and the rain that may be tricking the kids. Something thing that will be happening soon after this Grapevine comes out is turning your clock back on Sunday morning this coming weekend. I usually try to remember to set the clocks on the wall (or wherever) before I go to bed because waiting until 2 a.m. to set clocks doesn't happen!

"Who are you going to vote for?" is one of the common questions before Election Day. The people who actually vote may say one thing and do another. They may not say or they may be part of the crowd that stays home and then complains about who is elected to office or the propositions that passed or didn't pass. Actually, I still hold to the belief that when you go to the polls and cast your ballot or vote as an absentee, you are hiring the people who are going to work for you. Sometimes you are hoping that you are firing someone who didn't do a good job for you. But either way, your responsibility to spend the time to vote takes a lot less time out of your life than watching a ball game or going to the store. Be sure you are a good example to the youth who watch what you do or don't do.

VOTE!

Another holiday coming in a couple of weeks, which is also a ceremony, is honoring our Veterans on "Veterans Day". This year when we celebrate Veterans Day at Mather in front of the VA Hospital, our theme is "Appreciating the USO for Lifting the Spirits of our Military Forces Past and Present". The music from the Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. The USO from the past will be remembered when music from Bob Hope's time and the present is heard. The keynote speaker will be from the West Coast USO headquarters who will let us know all the great things the USO is doing today.

Let's see, that's Veterans Village, Halloween, turn the clock back one hour, vote on November 4th, Veterans Day, and I've only just begun. But that's enough for now. A thought about all the things that have been covered . . . all of them are things to enjoy and to remember what we have in our wonderful country. Other parts of the world don't have all of them. "When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace," said Jimi Hendrix.

From Vice Mayor Bob McGarvey, God bless, and see you next time. ★

Failures in Math and Science Education Beginning to Add Up

By Dick Resch

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA - Americans could use a crash course in math. According to a new study from the Brookings Institution, jobs in science, technology, engineering, and math are vacant for more than twice as long as non-STEM positions - largely because employers can't find people with the requisite math and science skills to fill them. In fact, high school graduates with STEM skills are in greater demand than college grads without them.

Our nation's schools simply aren't producing graduates with the level of numeracy needed to succeed in today's economy. To change this, we must change the way we teach math and science. By replacing passive, lecture-based styles of instruction with an alternative that more actively engages students in the learning process.

Conventional approaches to math and science education are failing. Twenty-nine nations or other jurisdictions outperform U.S. students in math, according to the latest rankings from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, an international think tank.

Only one-quarter of American twelfth-graders is proficient or better in math. The average eighth-grader is below proficient in science.

Such consistently poor performance threatens our entire economy. American firms, including my own, can't find

the employees they need to grow and compete. By 2020, the shortage of skilled workers with postsecondary degrees will reach 5 million, according to the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce.

Since President Obama proclaimed STEM education a "national priority" back in 2009, American students have actually fallen behind many of their foreign peers.

Reversing these discouraging trends will require a radically different approach to science and math instruction. Fortunately, there's evidence that just such an approach - called "engaged learning" - can deliver the improvement our nation needs.

Engaged learning empowers students to play a more active role in knowledge acquisition - in other words, "to learn by doing." The technique involves a combination of reading, writing, discussion, personal reflection, and interaction with technology.

School systems are increasingly partnering with the firm I lead, KI, to design and build learning environments that encourage collaboration and discussion. In these classrooms of the future, students work in small groups while instructors move around - interacting with groups of students, posing questions, provoking discussion, and offering individualized help and coaching.

The results of this approach have been impressive. For instance, 14 colleges, including

North Carolina State University and the University of Central Florida, implemented an engaged-learning program known as SCALE-UP for some larger undergraduate classes. Across all the schools that participated, SCALE-UP classes saw a significant reduction in failure rates, as well as marked improvements in conceptual understanding and student attitude.

SCALE-UP didn't just help students avoid failure. Those in the top third of the class experienced the biggest improvements.

The University of Minnesota experimented with engaged learning by teaching the same biology course in two different environments: a traditional lecture hall and an "Active Learning Classroom" outfitted with glass marker boards, group table seating and shared large-format computer monitors.

Students in the conventional setting performed exactly as their ACT scores predicted they would. But those in the Active Learning Classroom scored nearly 30 points higher than their standardized test scores forecast.

Without a dramatic overhaul of math and science instruction, American students will continue to lag behind those in the rest of the world. Engaged learning strategies have proven successful in boosting student achievement quickly and dramatically.

It's time to embrace this approach to education, and take our students - and our economy - to the head of the class. ★

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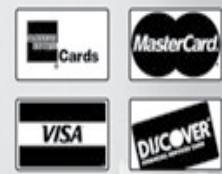
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California Dungeness Crab Season to Open November 1st



CDFW reminds sport crabbers that traps and nets for Dungeness crab may not be set before 12:01 a.m. on November 1st. Those fishing with hoop nets should remember that regulations require raising the nets to the surface to inspect the contents at least every two hours.

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - California's Dungeness crab sport fishery opens statewide this Saturday, November 1st. Every year at this time, recreational crabbers eagerly set out in pursuit of these tasty crustaceans. Some set hoop nets and crab traps from boats and piers, while others fish crab loop traps on the end of a fishing rod. Still others will dive in to take the crabs by hand. Regardless of the method, Dungeness crabs are one of California's most popular shellfish.

"Dungeness crab catches tend to be cyclic with several years of high crab numbers followed by a few years of lower catches," said CDFW Environmental Scientist Christy Juhasz. "Recent seasons have been characterized by high Dungeness crab production so we may begin to see more average catches in the near future."

The most popular methods for catching the crustaceans are with crab pots (or traps), loop traps and hoop nets. There is no limit to the number of pots or nets

that can be fished recreationally, except when fishing from a public fishing pier where only two fishing appliances may be used. Recreational crabbers may keep up to 10 Dungeness crabs per day of either sex, or six crabs if fishing from a party boat south of Mendocino County. No one may possess more than one daily bag limit, and no Dungeness crab may be taken from San Francisco or San Pablo bays, which are important crab nursery areas.

CDFW reminds sport crabbers that traps and nets for Dungeness crab may not be set before 12:01 a.m. on November 1st. Those fishing with hoop nets should remember that regulations require raising the nets to the surface to inspect the contents at least every two hours. Any undersized crabs or other species that are accidentally caught can be more quickly released. This regulation ensures that fishermen closely monitor their gear and do not allow any equipment to be abandoned in state waters. Trap fishermen should also closely

monitor their traps because lost trap gear can become a self-baiting crab killer.

The recreational size limit for Dungeness crab is five and three-quarter inches measured across the shell, directly in front of and excluding the lateral spines. Crab taken from party boats south of Mendocino County must measure at least six inches across.

Unlike rock crab species that are fished along rocky reefs, Dungeness crabs are usually found on sandy or sand-mud bottoms. Dungeness crabs generally prefer cooler northern and central California waters and are uncommon south of Point Conception. They are typically found at depths of less than 300 feet, although they have been documented down to 750 feet.

For more information regarding recreational Dungeness crab fishing regulations and other crab species, please visit the CDFW Marine Region website at www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/invertebrate/crabs.asp.

Source: CDFW News ★



By Ronnie McBrayer

That faint noise you hear is the sound of pint-sized spooks, banshees, and vampires gathering on your lawn. They will soon be knocking at the door plastic pumpkins outstretched. Spare yourself the tricks and go ahead and give up the treats—the unhealthy, sweet, nougat-filled goodies in your cupboard.

Keep your stinking apples, raisins, toothbrushes, and granola bars. Cavity creating sugar; hyper-activism inducing chocolate; gut busting high fructose corn syrup: This is what the ghosts and ghouls want. In a few short years the tykes will have to turn in their costumes, so don't deprive them of this rite of childhood passage.

This doesn't mean adults don't get in on the fun. Americans spend nearly \$3 billion each Halloween, not on adorning their children for the festivities, but on themselves. Adults love to play dress-up, it would appear, and not just in October.

We all hide behind masks, masks we have worn for so long, we forget the real person who lurks beneath. We so over-identify with our dress-up characters, that is the roles we play in life, that

The Trick to the Treats

when the roles change—and they will change—we experience miserable frustration.

How many middle-aged men and women do you know who are in wretched condition because they are no longer the young, athletic, studs and cheerleaders on campus? That used to be their identity, but now it is gone, and they don't know how to live without it. If you are an athlete, you are not going to be unable to compete forever; what then? If you are an accountant, one day you will lose your mental fortitude; who are you then? If you are a teacher, budget cuts could put you out of job; what is beneath your mask?

On and on it goes. Mother, husband, Methodist, physician, American, artist: We can play any of these roles, healthily and with fulfillment, so long as we remember that they are temporary. These are all just masks we wear. If we are shackled to these masks, mistaking them for the real person beneath, we will be shattered to pieces when the time comes to put them away; or when life inevitably takes them from us.

One year my son dressed as the cartoon spaceman Buzz Lightyear for Halloween. It was fun—"To infinity and beyond!"—and that's about how long I thought the boy would wear the costume. In his mind, this wasn't a temporary role he was playing. Buzz Lightyear was who he really was, his identity. That was okay for a while, but it reached unhealthy limits.

"No, you can't take a bath as Buzz Lightyear. Take the costume off," I would say. "I'm sorry, you

can't be Buzz Lightyear at school. It will distract the other students," and he would protest. "No, you can't wear the Buzz Lightyear costume to Aunt Inez's funeral!" You get the idea.

Every time he had to lay aside his costume and mask, it was the proverbial end of the world with weeping and gnashing of teeth. It was as if he was losing himself, as if he didn't know how to live apart from that imaginary facade. Of course the real him was beneath that rayon spacesuit—everybody knew it—except him.

This is a common affliction. We build these dramatic images of ourselves, who we think we are, who we should be, what we should accomplish, and once constructed, they have to be maintained and protected. We have to live up to our own billing, never letting a tear or a crack show in our veneer, and the mask to which we cling slowly becomes a prison. We go through life kicking and screaming every time a perceived threat begins to pull at the hem of our make-believe cape.

Here's a better way: Fulfill the roles that God, fate, or life has assigned to you. Fulfill them with gusto. But never accept the masks you must wear as a substitute for the person you really are; that's the trick to a sweet life.

Ronnie McBrayer is a syndicated columnist, pastor, and author. His newest book is "The Gospel According to Waffle House." You can read more at www.ronniemcbrayer.me. ★

California Would Create More Jobs Without Prop 30



By George Runner

In his recent piece for *The Sacramento Bee*, "State's job growth defies predictions after tax increases," David Cay Johnston argues that California's recent job creation numbers prove recent tax increases embodied in Proposition 30 aren't killing jobs or slowing economic growth.

Yet the evidence Johnston presents is less than convincing—surprising for an academic and former investigative journalist. He points to recent positive job growth numbers but neglects to mention that California's "unemployment rate" remains tied for fifth worst in the nation.

Thirteen counties in California still have double-digit

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 out-performed 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 state-wide 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. ★

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"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 facing an unplanned or



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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.

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 - Wedding singer?
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 - *Predecessor of pumpkin as jack-o-lantern canvas
 - ___ Baba
 - Owl's hangout
 - Blah-blah-blah
 - Shade of beige
 - Like Scandinavia
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 - Not easy
 - Prince William's mother
 - Eye up and down
 - Money or Murphy, e.g.
 - Genesis garden
 - "She ___ seashells..."
 - Fly like an eagle
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 - "Planes, ___ and Automobiles"
 - *Like Freddy Krueger's glove or a bird's foot
 - Pig's digs
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 - Mad Hatter's drink
 - M in ROM
 - *No hands allowed for this on Halloween
 - Drink like a cat
 - Filmmaker Spike ___
 - Dugout vessel
 - **The ___ville Horror"
 - Bonanza find
 - Fancy tie
 - Ancient Rome's distance unit
 - Siesta
 - Stands for
 - Barber's supply
 - Between ports
 - Coffin stand
 - Early form of what becomes a butterfly
 - Store as fodder
 - Beat or lash
 - *A black one is popular as Halloween decoration
 - Terra ___
 - Sketch
 - American Society for Clinical Investigation
 - Big first for a baby
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 - Popular anise-flavored liqueur
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 - Large coffee pot
 - Bur-producing plant
 - *White sheeted one?
 - Hole-borer
 - ___ Swanza of the "Twilight" series
 - X-ray units
 - Cambodian currency
 - Carpenter's groove, pl.
 - Dead to the world
 - *It flows freely on Halloween
 - Supermarket section
 - *"___ M for Murder"
 - Muse of love poetry
 - *Red Baron's Halloween opponent
 - Paul McCartney, e.g.
 - Skyping device
 - Leg cover
 - Belittle
 - Mommy
 - Larger-than-life
 - Remote option
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2014-07792. Taylor Michael Horn, 11893 Pyxis Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Insight Auto" at 11893 Pyxis Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on September 25, 2014. Publish: October 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2014. INSIGHT 140929 10-30-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2014-07823. Julie A. Humphrey, 7844 Beaupre Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Tickles and Sparkles" at 7844 Beaupre Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on September 26, 2014. Publish: October 16, 23, 30 and November 6, 2014. TICKLES 141007 11-6-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2014-08194. Viorica Cailleanu, 5760 Poker Lane, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Taste of Homemade Delicatessen" at 6428 Fair Oaks Boulevard #B, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on October 15, 2014. Publish: October 23, 30, November 6 and 13, 2014. TASTE 141015 11-13-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2014-07708. Sergei Poleanschi, 2321 Sierra Madre Court #E, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Poleanschi Handyman" at 2321 Sierra Madre Court #E, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on September 26, 2014. Publish: October 30, November 6, 13 and 20, 2014. POLEANSCHII 141023 11-20-14

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2014-00169010 WHEREAS, Raylon Bell has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Raylon Bell to Ja'kar Rahmah Ali Karam. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on November 24, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: September 17, 2014 Raymond M. Cadei, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: October 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2014 BELL 141002 10-30-14

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2014-00169943 WHEREAS, FNU Santosh Kumar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of FNU Santosh Kumar to Santosh Bhat. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on December 18, 2014, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: October 8, 2014 David I. Brown, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: October 16, 23, 30 and November 6, 2014 KUMAR 141008 11-6-14

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FBNF2012-03447 The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of "Capital Mortgage Funding", located at 770 S. Adams Road, #300, Birmingham, MI 48009. United Shore Financial Services, LLC, 770 S. Adams Road, #300, Birmingham, MI 48009. The Fictitious Business Name Statement referred to above was filed on April 18, 2012 in the County of Sacramento. Publish: October 16, 23, 30 and November 6, 2014 CAPITAL 141008 11-6-14

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2014-00169295 WHEREAS, Candice Rae Salas has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mikailah Marie Hammer to Mikailah Marie Salas. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on December 3, 2014, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: September 24, 2014 David I. Brown, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: October 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2014 SALAS 140929 10-30-14

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2014-00169018 WHEREAS, Christine Sangdi Sirivongsa has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Christine Sangdi Sirivongsa to Christine Lyla Pham. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on November 25, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: September 17, 2014 Raymond M. Cadei, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: October 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2014 SIRIVONGSA 140929 10-30-14

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COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2014-00169018 WHEREAS, Angela Tien Truong Le Duong has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Angela Tien Truong Le Duong to Angela Tien Truong Le. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on November 12, 2014, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: September 22, 2014 David I. Brown, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: October 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2014 DUONG 141001 10-30-14

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2014-00169936 WHEREAS, Olfat Azmi Salameh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Olfat Azmi Salameh to Olfat Maud Rissas. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on December 17, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: October 8, 2014 Raymond M. Cadei, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: October 16, 23, 30 and November 6, 2014 SALAMEH 141010 11-6-14

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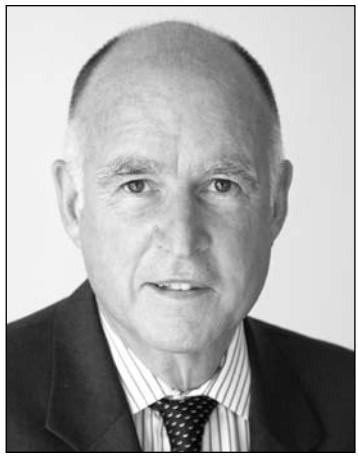
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F-Rated Fiscal Records For Eight U.S. Governors, Including Brown

Commentary from Taxpayer Education Foundation



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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 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.

Taxpayer Education Foundation is committed to pulling back the curtain on the Tax Villains hiding out in state houses across America, exposing these accounting illusionists for their fiscal recklessness. Readers are encouraged to learn more and look over the Cato Institute's full Fiscal Policy Report Card on America's Governors 2014, comparing the different approaches toward fiscal policy and identifying which are complete failures and those which can best lead to less government and more liberty

for all individuals.

The Taxpayer Education Foundation (TEF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to educate taxpayers on the methods and effects of government taxes and spending. ★

Three African Lion Cubs Born at the Sacramento Zoo

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Zoo is excited to announce the birth of three African Lion cubs. The cubs were born the morning of Friday, October 24th. The first time mother and cubs appear to be healthy at this early point in the cub's lives.

"These are very early days for our first-time mother. So far, we are pleased with the progress of the female and her cubs. Females would naturally take some maternity leave from the rest of the pride for the first 4-8 weeks," said Dr. Adrian Fowler, Acting Director of the Sacramento Zoo. "Our own female will be off-exhibit for a while to allow her the same kind of mother-cub bonding. If all goes well, we are hopeful that the cubs will be ready to explore their exhibit in the weeks running up to Christmas."

A female lion's gestation is 3 1/2 months with a litter typically ranging from two to four cubs. They are born with eyes closed and rely entirely on their mother for the first few months. Mother and cubs will be inside the den, away from public view, while the babies gain strength and coordination. In the meantime, guests can check the blog for updates, photos and video.

Lions usually spend 16–20 hours a day sleeping and resting, devoting the remaining hours to hunting, courting and protecting their territory. They protect their territory and keep in contact with one another by roaring loud enough to be heard up to five miles away. African lions are excellent hunters. Although they are mostly nocturnal, they are opportunistic and will hunt anytime, day or night. Females do 85 to 90 percent of the pride's hunting, while the males patrol the territory and protect the pride.

Lions are considered regionally endangered in West Africa, and an estimated 42% of major lion populations are declining. Their habitats are now only in game reserves in Eastern and Southern Africa. Loss of genetic diversity from inbreeding, fragmentation, diseases, and habitat loss are all problems that continue to threaten this species. Diseases from domestic cats and dogs have also made an impact on wild populations.

The Sacramento Zoo participates in the Lion Species Survival Plan® (SSP). The Lion SSP works with captive populations to increase awareness of the problems that face this big cat.

Source: Sacramento Zoo ★



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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.socialsecurity.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 ★

Improving the Hybrid Cooling System

SMUD and Synectics Merging Evaporative Cooling and Conventional AC to Improve Climate Control

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and Synectics, an environmental services and information technology company, are collaborating on a new approach to more efficiently manage climate control in the office.

Synectics is repurposing a warehouse for use as office space. The challenges are obvious: warehouses are made for storing things and not for housing people working all day, especially during the summer. Cooling the space for comfort can be very expensive, which impacts the bottom line. Add to Synectics' challenge a server room that generates a lot of heat. Conventional air-conditioning systems must work harder because their efficiencies decline as temperatures rise just when cooling is most needed.

SMUD research and development, and business customer experts from SMUD's Savings by Design program came up with a set of solutions that is helping Synectics realize 80 percent savings on their energy

bill. The most exciting aspect is the new type of cooling system SMUD suggested, a technology being tested at other businesses.

The new technology is called Climate Wizard, which uses indirect evaporative cooling. Climate Wizard borrows from tried and true "swamp cooler" technology but with very high efficiency and no added humidity—particularly important since Synectics is located near the confluence of Sacramento's two rivers. Five Climate Wizard units were installed, two of which are coupled with the existing conventional air-conditioning system. This approach makes it easier and less expensive to meet cooling requirements, and it reduces wear and tear on the conventional air conditioning.

The next step was to beef up the building's envelope, particularly the insulation under its roof and in its walls. The installation of a clerestory window improves passive lighting in the company's coffee shop, which helps to further reduce energy

costs. In cooler months, the heat being produced in the server area will be circulated through the building to warm it, lowering the winter energy bill too.

Climate Wizard has been shown to be ideal for industrial applications. The technology has been delivering significant energy savings at Tri Tool, Inc. in Rancho Cordova, which is the first project test of a 60-ton, 24,000 cubic feet per minute indirect evaporative system in the United States. The Climate Wizard system has been designed to provide supplemental cooling in the plant production area. It supplements the 90-ton HVAC unit that was ill-equipped to handle the entire cooling function for the facility. Since installation last spring, the facility is enjoying many benefits including fresh cool air, improved air quality and overall energy reduction and cooling without any additional moisture in the building. Post-monitoring data for the project is validating the benefits through the past hot summer.

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Betty Lucille (Burgess) White

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Betty Lucille (Burgess) White of Rancho Cordova, born 07/11/1938, peacefully passed away on Thursday 10/23/2014 surrounded with the love of her family. Betty was preceded in death by her loving husband George W. White.

Betty is survived by her children and their spouses, Randall and Julie White, Jeffrey and Karen White, Mark and Michelle White and Sally (White) and Manny Dominguez; and her grandchildren and their spouses, Kristine (Naughton) and Aaron Riley, Jason White, Brian White, Krystal (White) and David Watkins, Jeffrey White, Joshua and Christy White, Jacob and Kayla White, Lauren (White), Kyle Kaehler and Justin White; and by her great-grandchildren, Brian White, Mya, Addison and Evan Riley, Aubrey Watkins and Alexander White.

Betty was a very active member of the Rancho Cordova community. She was a devout Christian and worshiped with the fellowship she loved at the Cordova Neighborhood Church. She was an active member of the Rancho Cordova Moose Lodge. Betty's love of music also led her to be a member of the American River College choir.

A Celebration of Betty's life will be held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday November 5th at the Cordova Neighborhood Church located at 10600 Coloma Rd, Rancho Cordova CA 95670 (916) 635-5992, followed by a brief reception. All those who knew and loved Betty are welcome to attend.

Grief Support Group

Julie Interrante, MA, teaches the Art of Compassion to colleges, healthcare organizations, corporations, and seminars across the country. Julie has more than 20 years of experience serving as chaplain in both acute care and home hospice care settings. She is the author of the book *The Power of a Broken-Open Heart: Life-Affirming Wisdom from the Dying: Caregiver Therapy: Reduce Your Stress: Will You Stay With Me, a CareNote on Not Dying Alone* as well as a contributing author to *What Helps the Most When You Lose Someone You Love*. A gifted speaker and teacher, Julie brings humor, compassion, and a deep respect for life to all that she does.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Lancers' Lead Doesn't Last Long

By Mike Bush

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - A 10-point halftime lead seemed to be the cushion that the Cordova High School football team needed in last Friday's Sierra Valley Conference home game against El Dorado. But the visiting Cougars scored on their first offensive drive in the second half, and an interception aided in a come from behind 38-26 win over the Lancers. Despite their second consecutive conference loss, Cordova (1-2 in the SVC, 6-2 overall) remains in the Sac-Joaquin Section playoff berth with two conference games remaining. One of those games is tonight, Friday, when the Lancers travel to El Dorado to play Union Mine.

After El Dorado (3-0 in the SVC, 8-0) scored on a Nick Bonnicksen-to-Cody Miller 36-yard pass with 9:37 left in the third quarter to trim the Lancers' lead to 20-17, Cordova appeared to be headed toward the end zone again. But Cougars linebacker Carter Meyers picked off Cordova quarterback Unique Perez pass, spotting the ball at the Lancers' 32 yard line.

"The interception was the momentum changer," said Cordova head coach Vance Mueller. Two plays later, the Cougars scored another touchdown, plus extra-point gave them a 24-20 lead.

Cordova scored its only touchdown in the second half when Perez scored on a 4-yard quarterback sneak late in the fourth quarter. The Lancers went for the 2-point conversion but failed.

Later in the quarter, the Lancers had another chance to score. But an incomplete pass on fourth down and eight turned the ball over to the Cougars, who scored their last touchdown with 1:20 left to seal the win.



Cordova players Terion Guichard (68), Carlos Cuevas (8), and Brandon Buck (7), descend on an El Dorado running back in an SVC football game last week. Photo by Rick Sloan

"We had a chance with three minutes (left in the game) to drive down the ball," Mueller said.

El Dorado scored its first touchdown in the first quarter when the Lancers fumbled the opening kickoff. Despite another turnover in the quarter, Cordova's defense battled in, which it held the Cougars' offense to less than 125 total yards in the first half. "The guys flew to the ball," Mueller said.

Lancer defensive end David Domashuk recovered an El Dorado fumble at the Cougars' 16 yard line that set up Cordova's first touchdown. Two plays later, running back Seth Trujillo scored on a 12-yard run. The extra-point kick was blocked. Cordova trailed only 7-6.

In the second quarter, Cordova took a 14-7 lead with 4:50 left when Trujillo scored his second touchdown, this time on a 4-yard jaunt into the end zone. He also scored on a 2-point conversion.

El Dorado cut the Lancers' lead to 14-10 on a 29-yard

field goal with 2:27 left. Then Cordova bumped its lead by 10 when Perez hit Ventrell Dyson, running a slant route, caught the ball, and rocketed 30-yards for a touchdown with 50 seconds left

before halftime.

In the frosh/soph game, Cordova fell to El Dorado, 28-8.

Today's game at Union Mine is scheduled to kickoff at 7:15 p.m. ★



Lancer quarterback Unique Perez (10), hands the ball off to Buck, a two-way starter. Photo by Rae Filippo

Cordova Soccer Continues Battle



Getting to the ball is Cordova midfielder Luis Aguilar (18), in Monday's game against Liberty Ranch. Photo by Rae Filippo

By Mike Bush

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - A tie and victory were registered by the Cordova High School boys soccer team in the past week.

On Monday, the Lancer booters (4-3-2 in the Sierra Valley Conference, 13-5-2 overall) hosted Liberty Ranch in a pivotal conference contest that ended in a 1-1 tie. Cordova scored its only goal in the game in the first half when Alex Casal scored with an assist from teammate Alexis Vazques. The Hawks had their lone goal in the second half.

Cordova 7, El Dorado 1
Making the trek to Placerville on October 22nd, the visiting Lancers scored four goals in the

first half. The Cougars scored their only goal in the second half.

On Wednesday, Cordova closed out conference play at rival Rosemont, which is in third place in the SVC.

Today, Friday, the Sac-Joaquin Section is scheduled to release its playoff brackets. The top four SVC schools advance into post-season, with Cordova being one of them. As of press time, the Lancers were sitting in fourth place.

The playoffs begin Tuesday, November 4th. Game times will be at 3 or 6:30 p.m. depending on the host school.

For more information on Cordova's first playoff game, visit the section's Website at cifsjs.org. ★

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A WEEKLY SPIN AROUND COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FROGS FLYING HIGH IN BIG 12

Offense will be on display at West Virginia

TCU AT WEST VIRGINIA

When the Big 12 announced its 2014 schedule, this game — between two teams that went 2-7 in the league last season — was not a strong candidate to host ESPN College GameDay. Fast forward two months into the season, and West Virginia and TCU are a combined 7-2 in the league, both with several impressive wins on their respective résumés. Last Saturday, TCU rolled up an astounding 785 yards of offense in a stunning 82-27 win over Texas Tech. The Horned Frogs, under the guidance of first-year co-offensive coordinators Doug Meacham and Sonny Cumbie, are averaging 573.0 yards and 50.4 points per game. It's safe to say head coach Gary Patterson made the right decision to alter the offensive philosophy of his program in the offseason. West Virginia's philosophy hasn't changed; the Mountaineers are simply better in 2014. Led by a healthy Clint Trickett at quarterback and one of the nation's top wide receiving tandems (Kevin White and Mario Alford), WVU has won four straight Big 12 games after losing its opener to Oklahoma. This team is playing with a ton of confidence. *TCU by 10*

UTAH AT ARIZONA STATE

UCLA and USC were the popular picks to win the Pac-12 South in the preseason, but these two teams — along with Arizona — are at the top of the division standings with only one league loss. Utah's spot is a bit tenuous, however, due to a schedule that is about to get far more difficult. This trip to Tempe begins a stretch that also includes home dates against Oregon and Arizona sandwiched around a visit to Stanford. Arizona State's path isn't as challenging; the Sun Devils host Utah and Washington State and travel to Oregon State and Arizona. ASU welcomed Taylor Kelly back to the lineup last week after a three-game absence due to a foot injury. He threw for 180 yards and two touchdowns in a workmanlike 24-10 win at Washington. The story for the Devils, however, was once again their defense. In the last two weeks — wins over Stanford and UW — they've allowed an average of 10 points and 289 yards. *Arizona State by 10*

STANFORD AT OREGON

This game no longer has national implications, but it's still rather important in the Pac-12 North. The Cardinal are 3-2 in the league and only one game behind the 4-1 Ducks. Stanford is coming off its finest offensive performance of the season, a 38-14 win over Oregon State. The Cardinal's offense has been tough to watch — due in large part to its inefficiency in the red zone — but it's worth noting that Stanford has

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Trevone Boykin has been a perfect fit in TCU's new up-tempo offense. The senior from Dallas is playing as well as any quarterback in the country and has the Horned Frogs ranked in the top 10.

400-plus yards in five of its eight games. Oregon's recent struggles against Stanford are well documented. The Ducks have "only" averaged 358.5 yards and 17.0 points in the last two meetings with the Cardinal — both losses. A win by UO on the Farm will all but wrap up the Pac-12 North. *Oregon by 13*

AUBURN AT OLE MISS

When these two schools last met in Oxford, Ole Miss was riding a 16-game SEC losing streak and Auburn was in the midst of an 0-8 SEC season. Now, two short years later, they are among the elite in college football and in the hunt for a spot in the College Football Playoff. Ole Miss' dreams of an undefeated season ended Saturday night in Baton Rouge thanks in part to some shaky late-game management. Still, Ole Miss might be in the best position of the four contenders in the SEC West thanks to a schedule that is a bit more forgiving. Yes, the Rebs still have to play Auburn and Mississippi State, but both games are at home. Auburn, on the other hand, still has games at Ole Miss, Georgia and Alabama. The Tigers are good enough to beat all three teams, but it's not likely they can make it through this gauntlet without a loss. *Auburn by 6*

ARIZONA AT UCLA

It's easy (because it's true) for Arizona fans to make the claim the Wildcats are a missed 36-yard field goal against USC away from being undefeated and in the thick of the College Football Playoff talk. Those same fans, though, should also point out that their team beat Cal on a 47-yard Hail Mary on the final play of the game. So, let's just agree that the Cats should be 6-1 overall and 3-1 in the league — which they are. Most of us in the prognostication business expected UCLA to be in command of the Pac-12 South at this point. Hasn't happened. The Bruins are 3-2 in the league and had to go to double overtime before escaping with a win at Colorado on Saturday. The Bruins aren't nearly as good on defense as expected, and the offensive line has been an issue. This is a good UCLA team — just not a championship-caliber team. *UCLA by 3*

STOCK REPORT

▲ Wearing grey uniforms to honor school legend Red Grange, Illinois got a hard-earned and long-awaited Big Ten win, upsetting Minnesota 28-24. It was only the second Big Ten win for embattled coach Tim Beckman, who has a 2-18 league record in his three-plus years on the job.

▼ In late August, Texas Tech's Kliff Kingsbury was a dynamic young coach who had just signed a contract extension through 2020. Today, he's the public face of a team that just gave up 82 points. A disappointing season hit a new low with Tech's 82-27 loss to TCU that dropped the Raiders to 3-5.

▲ Utah improved to 3-1 in the Pac-12 with a 24-21 win over USC. The Utes opened league play with a one-point loss at home to Washington State — in a game in which they led by 21 points — but have since defeated UCLA, Oregon State and USC by a combined 11 points.

▼ A week after putting up 524 yards in a 48-45 win over Iowa State, Texas could muster only 196 yards of offense in a 23-0 loss to Kansas State, the first time since 2004 that the Horns had been shut out. Texas dropped to 3-5 on the season, with bowl hopes fading fast.

▲ LSU opened SEC play with an 0-2 record for the first time since 2001 but has bounced back to win three straight. The young and improving Tigers picked up their most impressive win of the season on Saturday night, topping previously unbeaten Ole Miss 10-7 in a defensive struggle.

▼ Virginia Tech was out-gained 255 to 36 and outscored 24-0 in the first half of a 30-6 loss at home to Miami. The Hokies are now 1-3 in the ACC and have lost three games at home for the first time since 1992. Virginia Tech has never had a losing record in the ACC.

ON TAP: TOP 30 GAMES

- Florida State at Louisville (Thu)
- Utah at Arizona State
- Kansas at Baylor
- Washington at Colorado
- Florida vs. Georgia
- Virginia at Georgia Tech
- Northwestern at Iowa
- Oklahoma at Iowa State
- Oklahoma State at Kansas State
- North Carolina at Miami (Fla.)
- Indiana at Michigan
- Arkansas at Mississippi State
- Kentucky at Missouri
- Notre Dame at Navy
- Purdue at Nebraska
- Illinois at Ohio State
- Auburn at Ole Miss
- Stanford at Oregon
- California at Oregon State
- Maryland at Penn State
- Duke at Pittsburgh
- Wisconsin at Rutgers
- Tennessee at South Carolina
- NC State at Syracuse
- East Carolina at Temple
- Texas at Texas Tech
- Arizona at UCLA
- Boston College at Virginia Tech
- USC at Washington State
- TCU at West Virginia

ATHLON SPORTS TOP 25

1. Mississippi State (7-0)
2. Florida State (7-0)
3. Ole Miss (7-1)
4. Alabama (7-1)
5. Auburn (7-1)
6. Oregon (7-1)
7. Michigan State (7-1)
8. TCU (6-1)
9. Notre Dame (6-1)
10. Kansas State (6-1)
11. Georgia (6-1)
12. Ohio State (6-1)
13. LSU (7-2)
14. Oklahoma (5-2)
15. West Virginia (6-2)
16. Baylor (6-1)
17. Arizona (6-1)
18. Arizona State (6-1)
19. Nebraska (7-1)
20. Utah (6-1)
21. Clemson (6-2)
22. UCLA (6-2)
23. USC (5-3)
24. East Carolina (6-1)
25. Duke (6-1)

HEISMAN WATCH

- 1. Dak Prescott, QB, Mississippi State**
Prescott was sharp in the Bulldogs' 45-31 win over Kentucky, throwing for 216 yards and one touchdown and adding 88 yards and two scores on the ground.
- 2. Marcus Mariota, QB, Oregon**
Mariota was intercepted for the first time this season but was otherwise magnificent in the Ducks' 59-41 win against California in Santa Clara, Calif. The junior threw for 326 yards and tied a season-high with five touchdown passes.
- 3. Trevone Boykin, QB, TCU**
Expected to play wide receiver this year due to the arrival of Texas A&M transfer Matt Joeckel, Boykin has emerged as one of the top players in the nation in 2014. The senior is averaging 329.4 yards passing, 53.4 yards rushing and has thrown 21 touchdowns and only three INTs.
- 4. Amari Cooper, WR, Alabama**
Cooper was unstoppable in the Crimson Tide's 34-20 win at Tennessee, catching nine passes for a school-record 224 yards. He now has 1,132 receiving yards for the season.
- 5. Ameer Abdullah, RB, Nebraska**
It's been a special senior season for the Alabama native. On Saturday, he rushed for 225 yards on 19 carries to lead Nebraska past Rutgers 42-24. He has 1,249 yards and 17 TDs in 2014.

PRIME TIME PLAYERS

Amari Cooper made Lane Kiffin's return to Neyland Stadium a successful one, catching nine passes for an Alabama-record 224 yards and two TDs in Bama's 34-20 win over Tennessee. Both of Cooper's TDs — including an 80-yarder on the Tide's first play from scrimmage — and 185 of his yards came in the first quarter. ... Like the rest of the TCU offense, **Trevone Boykin** put up video game numbers in the Frogs' 82-27 win over Texas Tech. Boykin finished the day (after three quarters) with this statline: 22-of-39 passing for 433 yards and a school-record seven TD passes. ... Miami's **Duke Johnson** steamrolled the Virginia Tech defense throughout the Canes' 30-6 win, finishing with a career-high 249 yards on 29

carries. "I thought that was one of the better running backs, maybe the best that we've ever tried to tackle," Hokies coach Frank Beamer said. ... **Ameer Abdullah** was once again brilliant for Nebraska, rushing for 225 yards and three touchdowns on only 19 carries to lead the Cornhuskers to an easy 42-24 win over visiting Rutgers. ... **Jeremy Langford** rushed for 177 yards and three touchdowns as Michigan State beat rival Michigan for the sixth time in the last seven meetings. Lanford has rushed for 100-plus yards in each of the last five games. ... Surprising Colorado State improved to 7-1 thanks to another big game from quarterback **Garrett Grayson**. The senior from Vancouver, Wash., completed 18-of-21 passes for 390 yards with five TDs and no interceptions in the Rams' 45-31 win over Wyoming.

Josh Robinson, RB, Mississippi State
Mississippi State's Heisman Trophy candidate, quarterback Dak Prescott, played well, accounting for three touchdowns, but the real star of the Bulldogs' tough 45-31 win at Kentucky was Robinson, who pinballed his way to 198 yards and two touchdowns on 23 carries, including a decisive 73-yard TD scamper early in the fourth quarter. Robinson leads the SEC in rushing (126.7 ypg) and is tied for the league lead with 10 rushing TDs.



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November's Elections Won't Resolve Much of Anything



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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.

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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

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