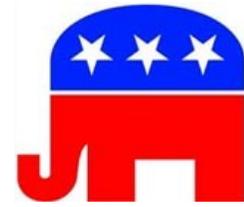


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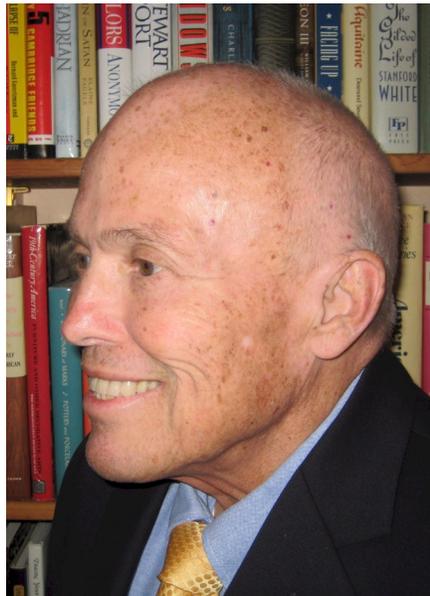
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Republicans of River City meeting is **CANCELLED**.

We look forward to seeing you at the Sacramento County Republican Party Crab Feed on February 16 and at our next meeting on March 19!

In place of our regular scheduled RRC meeting in February, your Board of Directors is asking you to attend the Sacramento County Republican Party Crab Feed on February 16th at the Elk Lodge #6 in the Greenhaven area (6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento).

Republicans of River City has purchase a table for event. If you want to sit at the RRC table, please mail a check for \$45 to RRC, P.O. Box 1776, Carmichael, Ca. 95609.



The menu for this fun-filled event is salad, antipasti, rigatoni, fresh crab, wine. There will be music, dancing and lots of fun door prizes and a chance to win cash!!

I look forward to seeing you there!

## SELECTIVE SERVICE FOR WOMEN

By Carl Burton

When young American men turn 18 they are required by law to register for the selective service and be eligible to be drafted into the army.

Now that women are being admitted into combat units of our armed services the justification for having only young men register for the draft is on shaky ground.

It would seem a little strange to have nearly every job in the military open to women and not also require all women who turn 18 register for the draft.

After all, fair is fair

## NOBODY CAN MAKE THIS STUFF UP

By Robert Evans

In November, Sudan was elected to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The ECOSOC has key human-rights responsibilities — even though the president of Sudan is accused of genocide and war crimes.

Now the U.N. has taken an even more outrageous step — members of the ECOSOC have elected Sudan as a vice president.

The 54-member ECOSOC coordinates socio-economic affairs and is responsible for about 70 percent of the human and financial resources of the entire world body. Among its responsibilities, it elects members of the Commission on the Status of Women and the executive board of the U.N. Children's Fund.

The group has four vice presidents — Pakistan, Albania, and Austria along with Sudan.

Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir has been wanted by the International Criminal Court since 2009 on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity stemming from the conflict in Darfur. Genocide charges were added in 2010.

"The election of genocidal Sudan as V.P. of a U.N. human rights council is incomprehensible and unacceptable," actress and human rights activist Mia Farrow said in a statement.

"President al-Bashir and his

regime are orchestrating a campaign of ethnic cleansing in Sudan's border regions, the Nuba Mountains and the Blue Nile, where some 700,000 civilians face starvation and are denied access to humanitarian aid because of incessant aerial bombardments."

Back in November, U.N. Watch Executive Director Hillel Neuer called the election of Sudan to the ECOSOC a "terrible decision." The group now terms the elevation of Sudan to the vice presidential post "an outrage."



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

By Carl Burton

In 1976 President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Since then each American president has issued an African-American History Month proclamation in the month of February. All Americans now recognize the importance of Black history in the drama of the American story of life and liberty for all.



## YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

By Robert Evans

Taxpayer-supported public universities spend up to six times more per athlete than they spend to educate the average student, an eye-opening new report reveals.

The Delta Cost Project at the American Institute for Research analyzed spending by 202 public universities that belong to NCAA Division 1. They group the schools in three football categories — the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS), Football Championship Subdivision, and Division 1, No Football — and analyze all intercollegiate athletics, not just football.

"The difference between academic and athletic spending among Division 1 colleges and universities is striking," the report states.

"Possible benefits aside, comparisons of spending on athletics and academics raise questions about institutional priorities and whether rising athletic subsidies are appropriate, particularly in the current budgetary environment."

The report disclosed that in 2010, spending on a full-time student's education at an FBS school averaged \$14,000, while spending per athlete was \$92,000 — more than six times as high.

Spending in the six FBS "power conferences" topped \$100,000 per athlete in 2010, and the top 25 percent of spenders in the FBS spent an average of

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\$149,711 per athlete, compared to \$16,500 for the average student.

In the Southeastern Conference, median athletic spending per athlete in 2010 was \$163,931 — 12 times more than academic spending per student.

Median academic spending per full-time student in the other Division 1 categories was about \$11,800, less than one-third of the amount spent per athlete, about \$38,000.

The largest share of a university's athletics budget goes for compensation and benefits for athletic department staff — including multimillion-dollar coaching contracts at many schools — while other costs include athletic student aid, facilities and equipment, game expenses and travel, and recruiting.

Importantly, the report notes that most athletic departments don't generate enough revenue to cover all their costs, and must receive subsidies from students and the taxpayer-supported university.

And costs associated with athletic

programs rose twice as fast as academic spending between 2005 and 2010.

“For many institutions, spending on athletics is sacrosanct, even when academic spending is being cut or frozen,” the report observes.

It concludes: “The belief that college sports are a financial boon to colleges and universities is generally misguided. More often than not, the colleges and universities are subsidizing athletics, not the other way around.

“Disparities in academic and athletic spending suggest that participating public colleges and universities re-examine their game plan.”

**MORE TAX DOLLARS AT WORK**

**By Robert Evans**

Sen. Richard Shelby is pushing legislation that would replace today's income tax code with a 17 percent flat tax and reduce tax returns to the size of a postcard.

“Our tax code and regulations total tens of thousands of pages that are complicated and confusing,” the Alabama Republican said in a statement.

“That is why I have introduced the SMART Act — the Simplified, Manageable And Responsible Tax Act.

The time has come to put an end to the headaches caused by our inefficient tax code.”

The new bill imposes a flat tax of 17 percent on all personal and business income. The only exemptions would be personal exemptions which would be indexed to the consumer price index to prevent inflation from increasing the tax burden, and earnings from savings would not be included as taxable income, “resulting in an immediate tax cut for virtually all taxpayers,” the statement from Shelby's office states.

“With the SMART Act in place, taxpayers would file a return the size of a postcard.”

The legislation will eliminate estate taxes, gift taxes, and the Alternative Minimum Tax, and allow businesses to redirect resources away from tax compliance and toward job creation.

The statement concludes: “By closing loopholes for individuals and businesses, the SMART Act would create broad-based lower tax rates...”

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# CHANGING THE ELECTORIAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

By Carl Burton

The Electoral College is widely regarded as out of date, a nondemocratic method of selecting a president that ought to be superseded by declaring the candidate who receives the most popular votes the winner.

The advocates of this position are correct in arguing that the Electoral College method is not democratic in a modern sense.

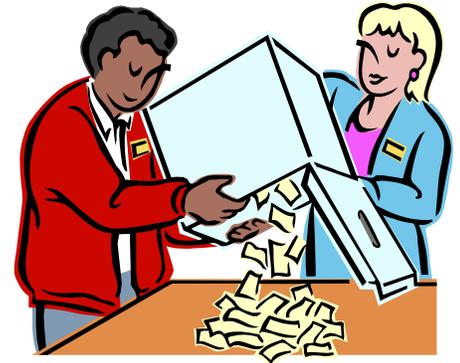
Under the U.S. Constitution, each state receives the same number of presidential electors as there are total members in its delegation to the U.S. Congress. California is currently allotted 53, awarded on a "winner take all"

basis, meaning the candidate who wins the popular vote for president gets all the electoral votes.

I proposed changing the process and moving to a constitutionally-acceptable Nebraska-style system where electors are apportioned by congressional district. In addition, two electors representing the two U.S. senators would go to the winner of the statewide popular vote.

I believe the Nebraska style system is an idea that has enough constitutional merit to make it worth debating in California and voting on in 2014. It would certainly change the landscape of presidential elections, putting a lot more states in play if each party thought something would be gained by putting on a campaign

in those states they currently write off. For example, Republican presidential candidates would have a reason to spend time and resources in New York and California while Democrats would find it necessary to campaign in Texas.



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Your membership in Republicans of River City provides you a monthly newsletter, speakers, and an outstanding opportunity to meet your elected officials and California's finest political strategists. River City is also a great way to network and make new friends.

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