

The Pass Democrat

Newsletter of the Pass Democratic Club—June 2017

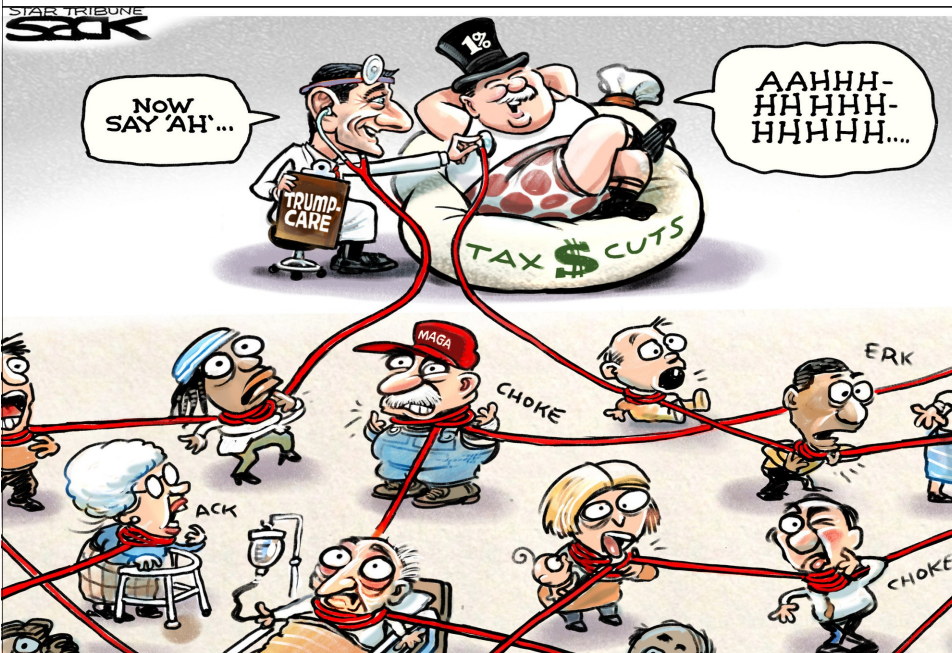
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"What's Happening in the Pass"

Jackie Atwood will be hosting a fund raiser at her home on Wednesday June 7th From 6 to 9 PM for Altie Holcomb. Altie will be running for County Supervisor in the 5th Supervisors District in 2018. He is currently employed by State Senator Richard Roth and It is never soon enough to get behind an outstanding candidate. It is vital that we have a champion in the County Supervisor's office and the perfect person for that office would be Altie. The minimum donation would be \$25, but for that you can eat, drink and make merry at the Atwood Home, and everyone knows Jackie is the best hostess with the mostest when it come to serving outstanding food and drink. So let's all get behind Altie and make this a fund raiser to remember. Please RSVP to (951) 392-1459. Reasonable accommodations will be provided for persons with disabilities. Please call 48 hours in advance to make your request or for any questions, including but not limited to the program, parking, restroom facilities, American Sign Language requirements, or alternate format materials. Please see flyer on page 5.

Beaumont is having their annual Cherry Festival and parade on Saturday June 3rd. The Pass Democratic Club will be doing voter registration there and we will have a float in the Parade that day. We are decorating the float at the home of our Second Vice-President, Sylvia Carrillo, 38689 Newberry Street, Cherry Valley on Friday, June 2nd. If you want to help decorate the float, be in the parade or do voter registration please contact Sylvia at (909) 226-3464.

We will also be doing voter registration at the Palm Springs Village FEST on Thursday, May 25th and Thursday, June 8th. Contact Sylvia if you would be interested in helping. We meet before the booth opens and have dinner together in Palm Springs. Lots of fun and excitement.



June Meeting

Wednesday, June 21st

175 W. Hays St., Banning
(10 freeway, exit 8th St N, right Ramsey, left 2nd, right Hays)

Doors open at 5:45pm
Meeting begins at 6:30pm**

Special Presentation:
To Be Announced

by Joe Kennedy III

It is among the most basic human truths: Every one of us, some day, will be brought to our knees. By a diagnosis we didn't expect, a phone call we can't imagine, or a loss we cannot endure.

That common humanity inspires our mercy. It fortifies our compassion. It drives us to look out for the sick, the elderly, the poor, and the most vulnerable among us.

Yesterday's bill -- yesterday's devastating bill -- does the opposite.

The bill is more than premiums and tax cuts. It is a cold and calculated world view: One that scapegoats the struggling, and sees fault in suffering. One dead set on dividing us based on who we love, where we come from, the direction of our faith and the size of our fortunes.

We see it in their tax plan, their budget cuts, their immigration policy, their civil rights assaults -- and yesterday, in their cruel health care plan.

We must reject it.

We must decide, instead, to take care of each other -- because, but for the grace of God, we will all one day wake up in need of a little mercy.

This nation's character has never been defined by the power we give the already strong -- but by the strength we give the weak.

ELECTED—ELECTED!

**Eric Bauman as
California Democratic Party Chair
and Norberto Gonzalez as
Region 19 Director**

Executive Board Meeting: Saturday June 1, SLCC Atrium 6PM

Executive Board Members:

PRESIDENT - Jackie Atwood 951-849-4986
1st VP MEMBERSHIP - Betty McMillion 951-769-6636
**2nd VP VOTER REGISTRATION AND
POLITICAL ACTION** - Sylvia Carrillo
RECORDING SEC'RY - Nancy Sappington
CORRESPONDING/LOGISTICS - Betty Ann James
TREASURER - Marlene Damato

Committee Chairs:

COMMUNICATIONS/PROGRAM - Shawn Holt
NEWSPAPER LIAISON - Clara Wooten-Thomas
PARLIAMENTARIAN - Pelton Teague
SCHOLARSHIPS - Blanche Teague

USAFacts

Steve Ballmer (former Microsoft CEO) launched a new non-profit initiative called USAFacts — releasing a series of detailed statistical reports on April 8th showing how the country is being run. Ballmer was surprised by some of the data uncovered by the project, including improvements in crime, emissions, traffic fatalities, lifespan and infrastructure. He remains concerned by the federal deficit, and by the struggles of the country's poorest citizens to realize the American dream. He sought to "figure out what the government really does with the money," The database is perhaps the first nonpartisan effort to create a fully integrated look at revenue and spending across federal, state and local governments. What percentage of overall tax revenue is paid by corporations? 7.19% "How many people work for government in the United States?". 24 million, which seems high, but is actually only 11% of the workforce and includes schools, government hospitals, active-duty military, police, etc. Take tax deductions for employer-provided health or for state and local taxes or mortgage-interest deductions, they're really subsidies to the affluent. The mortgage-interest deduction is actually only worth \$100 a year to a middle-income

family. The team decided early on to use only government data — no outside providers — to avoid accusations of bias. But this created its own challenges. For example, "You know it's not legal to know how many firearms are in this country? The government is not allowed to collect the number." There is data for the number of firearms manufactured, licenses, inspections, but not a total," he said. The NRA, apparently has lobbied in such a way government can't report the data."

PLOT

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ORGANIZE

MOBILIZE

Important Contacts:

Banning Councilmembers:

951/922-3146

D1 Daniela Andrade

D2 Don Peterson

D3 Art Welch

Beaumont Councilmembers:

951/769-8520

Lloyd White, Mayor

Nancy Carroll

Mike Lara

Julio Martinez III

Mark Orozco

riversidecountymdemocrats.org
desertdemocrats.org

PolitiFact states that "In 1952, corporate income taxes accounted for **33 percent** of all federal tax revenue. Today, despite record-breaking profits, corporate taxes bring in less than **9 percent**." USAFacts statistics show 7.19%.

George Will wrote: "So, it is up to the public to quarantine this presidency by insistently communicating to its elected representatives a steady, national fear of this man whose combination of impulsivity and credulity render him uniquely unfit to take the nation into a military conflict."



RISE UP!
Dr. Ruiz—May 13th

**EVERY California Republican congressional representative voted for the AHCA.
VOTE THEM OUT!**

JUNE 11, 2017

**5:30PM Music
6:30 PM Rally
7:30 PM March**

NATIONAL PRIDE RALLY / MARCH

**Rally—Francis Stevens Park
555 N Palm Canyon Dr
Palm Springs CA**

**March—steps off at Alejo
south on Palm Canyon to Arenas**

**"In Solidarity!"
Palms Springs Pride**

Riverside County Democratic Party 2nd Annual Golf Tournament Fun(d)Raiser!

BE A SPONSOR!

Eagle – \$2,500 Includes special recognition at luncheon, 8 golfers, full-page ad in our program and tee box sign

Birdie – \$2,000 Includes special recognition at luncheon, 4 golfers, full-page ad in our program and tee box sign

Par – \$1,500 Includes special recognition at luncheon, 2 golfers, full-page ad in our program and tee box sign

Patron – \$200 Tee box sign

Ad in Program – Full page: \$125

Half page: \$75 Business Card Size: \$50



Proceeds advance RCDP goals to elect our candidates and expand Regional HQs.

WHEN: Sunday, June 4, 2017

WHERE: Morongo Golf Club
Champion's Course
at Tukwet Canyon
36211 Champions Drive
Beaumont, CA 92223
951-845-0014

TIME: 7:00 AM Check-In
8:00 AM Shotgun Start

FORMAT: Scramble

FIELD: First 144 Players

COST: \$125/Golfer-Includes Banquet

BANQUET: \$35/Guest (Bring friends!)



FUN! FUN! FUN!

- **Trophies for 1st & 2nd Place Teams!**
- **Closest to the Pin Contest!**
- **Loads of Raffle Prizes!**
- **Group Photos!**
- **Delicious Luncheon!**
- **Golfer Goody Bags!**

VENUE IS ACCESSIBLE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

Reasonable accommodations will be provided for people with disabilities. Please call (951) 551-5549 48 hours in advance to make your request or for any questions, including but not limited to, concerns about the program, parking, restroom facilities, American Sign Language requirements, or alternate format materials.

Credit Card Info or Check Payable to RCDP

Mail to: RCDP c/o Jackie Atwood (Golf)
2384 North Murray Street
Banning, CA 92220

Or Pay on Act Blue at:

www.riversidecountydemocrats.org



For Additional Info: Terry Fox

951-551-5549 foxenter@msn.com

Suji Fox 951-316-9160

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A LobsterFest and Postcard Avalanche were scheduled for May 19th and 20th in Ken Calvert's district to protest the lack of town halls. Darrell Issa committed to a town hall on May 31, 5:30-7:00pm in Oceanside. #TheResistance

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Enclose \$30 individual
or \$50 for two at same address

New Members Luncheon

Highland Springs
Country Club
10870 Deerfield Dr.
Cherry Valley, CA 92223

Saturday, June 24th, 2017

12:30 to 2PM



MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release, May 20, 2017

Contact: Dave Jacobson, (818) 943-2348, Maclen Zilber, (510) 508-9142, Jacobson & Zilber Strategies

BAUMAN ELECTED NEW CHAIR OF CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SACRAMENTO, CA -- Tonight, Eric C. Bauman was elected as Chair of the California Democratic Party. The vote took place at the California Democratic Party's convention at the Sacramento Convention Center.

Upon hearing the news, Bauman released the following statement:

"I am so humbled to be elected as the next Chair of the California Democratic Party.

"I want to thank the amazing coalition of organized labor, Young Democrats, and grassroots activists – both new and old – who have put their faith in me and entrusted me with this most awesome of responsibilities. California must remain the bastion of resistance against Donald Trump, and the shining beacon of hope, leading the way, pushing the envelope on progressive policy for the rest of the nation to follow.

"Kimberly Ellis and Lenore Albert Sheridan are fierce and worthy competitors. They gave voice to a vast and growing segment of the Party that hasn't always felt listened to or valued, and to their supporters, I want to say directly that you will have a seat at the table in the California Democratic Party. My fellow officers and I are committed to working with you to make our Party representative of our grassroots base and ensure we stand up for those most in need.

"Regardless of the outcome of today's election, and regardless of the fact that we have proven that California is the one place in the nation that knows how to do it right – there is no denying that there is a problem when so many of our hardworking activists feel that they are not welcome within our Party and that they have been slighted and shut out of the process. We cannot win the vital elections in 2018 and beyond without the energy, commitment and participation of every part of our Democratic family.

"I look forward to working with each and every one of you. Now let's go show America and the world what it means to be a Democrat!"

For more information please visit www.EricBauman.com.

In the coming months the U.S. Senate will consider changes to the AHCA (TrumpCare). Changes made to the most egregious aspects of the bill noted below will determine the future of the ACA (Obamacare) and health care in general.

HUFFINGTON POST POLITICS 05/04/2017 By Jeffrey Young

The ACA targeted assistance for health coverage to low and middle-income families and forbidding health insurance companies from rejecting people with pre-existing conditions, thereby expanding coverage to about 20 million people.

The American Health Care Act (House Republican bill) would undo both and institute new policies designed to significantly scale back the federal role in providing health coverage to Americans. It would end the Affordable Care Act's expansion of Medicaid to poor adults and drastically cut federal funding for Medicaid overall, jeopardizing coverage for children, people with disabilities and elderly people in nursing homes. The bill also would allow states to permit health insurers to go back to turning away customers because of their health status and medical histories, or charging them higher rates.

The American Health Care Act is also a vehicle for almost \$600 billion in tax cuts for wealthy people and health care corporations.

The Congressional Budget Office hasn't completed its evaluation of how the revised bill would affect the number of Americans with health coverage, the cost of private insurance or the federal budget. When the CBO and Joint Committee on Taxation analyzed the original version of the bill in March, they projected it would lead to: 24 million fewer people covered over 10 years; higher premiums for older customers; and lower premiums for young and healthy people, achieved mainly by pricing out the sick and old. The new version of the bill could lead to even more uninsured and even worse access for people with pre-existing conditions.

Here are the key provisions of the American Health Care Act and what they would do:

Millions more uninsured

The American Health Care Act would reverse the Affordable Care Act's gains in health coverage by getting rid of the two things that made it possible: expanded Medicaid and generous tax credits for private insurance available to low-income people. Without a CBO report on the language the House passed, there's no official accounting of how many fewer people would be covered. However, the new version includes the same coverage provisions that the scorekeepers of the old one predicted would cause 18 million people to lose coverage over this year and next year and millions more during the coming decade.

Medicaid cuts

The bill would slash federal spending on Medicaid by \$880 billion, or about one-quarter, over a 10-year period. It also would wind down the Medicaid expansion that has provided coverage to millions in the District of Columbia and 31 states that took advantage of this part of the Affordable Care Act.

Moreover, the American Health Care Act would fundamentally transform Medicaid into an entitlement program available to anyone who qualifies — mostly poor children, pregnant women, people with disabilities and senior citizens — by capping federal spending.

Instead of the federal government and the states sharing the expenses for covering these individuals, states would receive a smaller lump sum of money each year based on how many Medicaid enrollees they have. Faced with this shortfall, states would be forced to reduce benefits, the number of people they cover, how much they pay medical providers or some combination of those things.

Less help paying for health insurance

The Affordable Care Act provides tax credits that people can use to reduce their monthly health insurance premiums if they earn up to four times the federal poverty level — which is \$98,400 for a family of four. These credits vary not only by income but by geography to reflect variations in health care costs in different regions. The law also offers cost-sharing reductions to the lowest-income enrollees that shrink out-of-pocket costs like deductibles and copayments.

The American Health Care Act would get rid of both of those things. In their place, it offers much smaller tax credits that are pegged only to age, and don't vary by income or geography.

No more mandates

The American Health Care Act would eliminate the individual mandate that says most Americans must obtain health coverage or face tax penalties and the mandate that says large employers must offer health benefits to workers.

Weaker protections for pre-existing conditions

Under the Affordable Care Act, health insurance companies are prohibited from rejecting applicants based on their health or medical history, and must charge everyone the same premiums for their policies regardless of pre-existing conditions.

The original version of the American Health Care Act left that popular rule in place, but the version the House passed doesn't. Instead, states would be permitted to waive that rule for health insurance companies, and allow insurers to turn away people with pre-existing conditions or to charge them higher rates than healthy people. Anyone who experiences a gap in coverage — say, because of a lost job — would face these obstacles in states that waive the guarantee of coverage for pre-existing conditions, while people who maintain continuous coverage wouldn't.

Skimpier insurance policies

The American Health Care Act would permit states to disregard the Affordable Care Act's "essential health benefits" standards that require insurers to cover basic services like physician visits, hospitalizations and prescription drugs. This would free health insurance companies to sell policies that cover very little.

Higher deductibles

Deductibles in the thousands of dollars are one of the biggest consumer complaints about Affordable Care Act plans, but the GOP bill encourages health insurance companies to sell plans with even bigger deductibles, according to the CBO. The legislation would enable insurers to offer plans that cover a smaller percentage of a typical person's medical costs, leaving patients on the hook for more out-of-pocket costs.

Higher premiums for older people

The American Health Care Act would enable states to loosen limits on how much extra customers in their 50s and 60s can be charged for health insurance. The Affordable Care Act caps this at three times what the youngest policyholder pays, and the GOP bill would let states increase it to five times a younger person's premiums.

Lower premiums for younger people

Charging older people more could let insurers reduce rates for younger consumers. Even more than that, however, the CBO concluded that the primary reason some younger customers may pay less is that older, sicker people will find they can't afford the insurance because the financial assistance is too meager. As a result, many would become uninsured. That takes their medical expenses out of the insurance pool, saving health insurers money and potentially letting them lower prices for healthier consumers. And younger adults would be subject to the same weakened protections for people with pre-existing conditions as older people.

Money for states

The American Health Care Act would provide \$130 billion that states can use to strengthen their insurance markets. States, for example, could distribute money to health insurance companies that have sicker-than-expected patients. With the state absorbing some of insurers' financial losses, companies could offer lower premiums to their customers.

The version of the bill approved by the House also includes an additional \$8 billion earmarked for states that permit health insurance companies to reject people with pre-existing conditions or charge them higher premiums. The idea is that states could establish high-risk pools or some other mechanism to cover the sickest patients that insurers don't want. Combined, however, both these pots of money are inadequate to provide coverage to people with pre-existing conditions.

Tax cuts

Much of the money the Affordable Care Act spends to cover low- and middle-income people comes from taxes on wealthy people and health care companies. The American Health Care Act repeals all those taxes — worth \$592 billion.