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LGH's flagrant cronyism at the expense of the poor and the needy

In an article "**LGH chief exits for military service**" the *Intelligencer Journal New Era* reports:

"Lancaster General Health's top leader will take a military leave of absence — which could last up to a year — to direct a new medical center that treats military personnel and veterans suffering from brain injuries and psychological problems..."

"He will retain his salary during his military service. He was paid more than \$1.3 million in 2009, according to federal tax forms."

If Lancaster General Hospital were a for profit private enterprise, its willingness to pay him his \$1.3 million compensation during his absence less the \$100,000 he will receive from the Navy would be commendable.

But the Board of Trustees of a 'Public Charity' giving away \$1.2 million of the public's money to an absent employee suggests an abandonment of common sense and an abuse of fiduciary responsibility.

Have the trustees no sense at all?

Intell front page Home Show ad misleading if not deceptive

The front page of last Friday's *Intelligencer Journal Lancaster New Era* had a 2 ¼" by 3" inch sticker affixed proclaiming "**FREE ADMISSION HOME SHOW....WIN ONE MILLION DOLLARS AT THE HOME SHOW.**"

That some visitor would win a million dollars by attending the Lancaster home show last weekend sounded too good to be true. And of course, it wasn't. What the ad should have said is "**Free admission...register at the Home Show to win one million dollars.**"

The fine print on back of the attachment explains that the contest covers multiple events worldwide over the course of the year.

The Lancaster Newspapers, Inc. is in business to make money...and that is good and proper. But it should not permit misleading advertisements on its front page that should not even be permitted to appear in its classified sections.

Someone tell the Lancaster Democrats there is an election

Visitors to the Central Market during months before the 2008 presidential elections were greeted by a table manned by volunteers providing Barack Obama campaign materials, selling front yard signage, and registering voters. There was electricity in the air as market customers were asked

if they were registered and urged to vote on Election Day.

Lawns and streets were festooned with Obama signs and those of other Democrat candidates.

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While county Republicans are currently taking victory laps and celebrating the anticipated victory among themselves, confident in their

suburban and rural support, the local Democrats are no more conspicuous than the Green Party and Libertarians.

LETTER: No one cares what happens to us

“I was convicted of a non-contact sex offense in 2004. I downloaded files that I should not have. Since then, I have lost my job, my family, my freedom, and every ounce of self-respect I ever had.

I hadn't seen my own kids in 6 years, until my older daughter moved back in with me. She committed suicide soon afterward.

I have sent out thousands of resumes and filled out as many job applications in the past six years, only to be told that, while my resume is impressive, their company has a blanket policy against hiring anyone with any kind of felony, no matter how long ago it happened. I have talked to many other ex-offenders who run into the same situation every day, wanting to resume being productive members of society and being blocked at every turn.

Then people wonder why ex-offenders end up back in jail—where else are they supposed to go? At least in jail one has shelter and three meals a

day, such as they are. Your tax dollars are going to punish people, not to help those who are truly regretful of their past mistakes to rejoin society.

Don't bother sending people with convictions to Careerlink; they have NO IDEA what to do! I was actually handed a phone book by one “career counselor” there and told to just start calling people. That was his idea of “job assistance”. Then he went back to checking his sports scores on his computer. I guess it's good enough for government work.

If citizens want to help ease prison overcrowding, they need to demand that government officials spend as much money rehabilitating ex-offenders as they do convicting them in the first place. Once you get out of jail in Lancaster County, NO ONE CARES about what happens to you!!!! They will just cluck their tongues and say, “gee, that's too bad” and keep excluding you from any sort of job that you may seek, no matter what your qualifications.”

NEW ERA: An editorial “**Kids and casinos**” concludes “*A mom should not be prosecuted for leaving a 12-year-old in a car while she pops into a convenience store to buy a carton of milk or when she drops off a book at the library.*

“There's a better way to deal with the possibility of children being left unattended in casino parking lots – ban kids from being on casino property in the first place.”

WATCHDOG: They got that right. Two wags of the tail!

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