

## City to enforce meter parking on Saturdays

Effective this coming Saturday, May 7, downtown shoppers must pay the meter as they do on Monday through Friday.

Hopefully city leaders have considered the purposes of parking meters. Are they to produce revenue? Or are they to discourage persons who work downtown during weekdays from monopolizing street parking, thus discouraging shoppers?

Will weekend visitors be willing to spend a couple of dollars and suffer the inconvenience of meters for

the privilege of shopping downtown when they can park without cost and hassle at any suburban shopping center or mall?

In part due to free parking on Saturdays, the Central Market and other businesses have thrived.

Charging for parking on Saturdays must have been abandoned for good reason. We believe putting impediments in the way of customers is not good for Saturday downtown businesses.

## LETTER: Hospital's outrageous violation of ethics!

*"...An old friend shows up at your door for a visit and you know this person to be a recovering addict, but you believed them to be currently clean. During the visit this person appears to be under the influence and has to be rushed to the hospital emergency.*

*"When at the hospital, the police see a small child with the couple and calls CYA. The child is taken from the parents arms and they are blood tested for narcotics and results are negative. They are investigated and knew nothing about the visitor's actions.*

*"The couple has been accused of NOT abuse, NOT neglect, but for "bad decision making". How could they know that the visitor used drugs? Do all other parents make great decisions? Are we mind readers?*

*"Repeatedly for months, they have been blood tested, interviewed, seen therapists and in full*

*cooperation of Lancaster CYA every wish. The child cries at night to go home with the parents and parents also go home and cry. The child has a very caring/loving home with wonderful parents, yes they may have a past of unwise decisions, but should they be marked for the rest of their lives especially when all the testing is to the good?*

*"When will this family be reunited? Hopefully before the child forgets the parents. How long will this process take?"*

**EDITOR:** As reported by *NewsLanc* some years ago, Lancaster hospitals and the police had agreed that the hospitals would not report the names of those 'Good Samaritans' who bring overdose patients to the hospital. To do so, is to discourage others to help out friends and leads to deaths that otherwise would be readily avoided. Whichever hospital reported the incident should be deeply ashamed of itself and so should the police who responded.

## Zogby: Many Still Believe Obama Born Outside US

**NEWSMAX:** Nearly 20 percent of all voters and 30 percent of Republicans do not believe President Barack Obama has proved he was born in the United States, even after he released his long-form birth certificate, a new IBOPE Zogby interactive survey finds...

Demographic groups besides Republicans expressing the highest levels of doubt about Obama's birth in the U.S. are conservatives at 34 percent, and those without a college degree (21 percent) vs. those with a degree (11 percent)...

**EDITOR:** *This is just more evidence of what science is learning about the workings of the human brain: Beliefs are far less fact based and much more controlled by preconceived notions learned early in life than by facts.*

*As a political activist in the realm of drug policy reform and harm reduction, the Watchdog learned this over time. Current progress, as was the case in repealing alcohol prohibition in 1933, has as much to do with the bad economy than facts.*

## INTELLIGENCER NEW ERA

An article "**Lancaster County launches sex abuse task force**" reports:

*"Statistics show 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 10 boys in Lancaster County are likely to be sexually abused, [Commissioner Scott] Martin said.*

*"Since 2006, more than 1,500 children have been referred to Lancaster County Children's Alliance, which runs a children's advocacy center, providing medical examinations and conducting forensic interviews in cases of suspected abuse.*

*"Martin said the CASE Task Force plans to disseminate information about the various methods of sexual abuse, about how to recognize signs that a*

*child has been abused and about how to deal with that abuse." ...*

**WATCHDOG:** Excuse us for being skeptical that 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 10 boys are likely to be sexually abused. That is, unless sexual abuse is being defined so broadly as to be meaningless.

Understand, as a father of five, we are not downplaying that sexual abuse of children takes place. But "**1 in 5**" and "**1 in 10**" would mean about 10,000 girls and 5,000 boys in Lancaster County are victims. The perpetrators would be enough to fill two Clipper stadiums, let alone putting them all in jail.

## Liberals for Donald Trump!

Nothing could make progressives more ecstatic than Trump as the Republican candidate or as a third party candidate.

Either would assure the re-election of President Barack Obama by a landslide, likely sweeping in a

Democrat majority in the House of Representatives as well as enlarging their majority in the Senate.

Candidates giving "*The Donald*" lip service with the hope of cozying up to Tea Party followers should be sent home to run for dog catcher.

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