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OPINIONS & COMMENTARY

Letters to The Editor

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For 20+ years, my husband and I have been very satisfied customers of BRMEMC's email system.

Thank goodness that we have another option - another company to supply our email! After being without service for a week, we just got "hooked up" to DSL again.

Thank you for letting me vent, Carmen Denton

RARE KIDS; WELL DONE
By Don Jacobsen

I get a lot of questions from parents about how they can raise kids who have genuine respect for others, especially adults. Seems as though that issue is on the minds of a lot of parents right now.

accomplishments they achieve as much as for the effort they expend. Look for traits in them they may not notice in themselves.

The Middle Path

by Don Perry

I sometimes wonder if this could possibly be the same planet I grew up on, or whether I and an undetermined number of friends and associates, mostly Americans, have somehow been transported into an alternative universe.

The old universe was diverse in its myriad expressions of humanity. It was remarkable both in its capacity for man's inhumanity to man as well as its consistent ability to produce heroes willing to make sacrifices in order to resist that inhumanity.

OK, so alternate realities are a bit of a stretch, even within the domain of theoretical physics. Perhaps a more likely explanation would be a form of mass insanity.

Where to begin? Let's start with the lowest common denominator, otherwise known as "pop culture."

If this is true you can see where one might begin to question one's location in space-time. I have always marveled at the process by which hip-hop, which originated as an expression of a youthful subset of a minority representing less than 15% of our population, progressed like a virus into mainstream acceptance.

moted violence, promiscuity, profanity and misogyny? If you care to investigate the lyrics of Mr. West's body of work you can find all of these elements represented.

As for the influential Ms. Kardashian, what can you say about a culture which embraces a celebrity whose career was kick started by a sex tape; a woman who has helped to inspire an obsession with hips and buttocks not seen since the Stone Age?

Leaving popular culture behind, no pun intended, let's move on to some issues which should be more important. Let's examine, for a moment, the insanity of politics. Are we truly so ill-informed, forgetful, easily persuaded and/or stupid that we would actually consider putting a third Bush or a second Clinton in the Whitehouse?

Nevertheless, there are those among us who do try to be informed, who do take their responsibility as citizens seriously - but who are still "ready for Hillary" or otherwise willing to vote for another Bush to swing the pendulum back from where they think it moved during the Obama years.

Is it insanity, or is it mass hypnosis? After all, only 6 corporations now control 90 percent of all media. Think about that...and then think about how much of our self-image, our concept of right and wrong and our cultural literacy is shaped by what is pushed into our collective consciousness.

The Veterans' Corner
By Scott Drummond, USCG Veteran

Announcement: Vietnam War Veterans!

In addition to the official documentation below, our VFW/American Legion Post 7803 has a "signed up" sheet for all vets who served during this VN era for group presentation, TBD.

GDVS Announces Vietnam War Certificate of Honor Program March 31, 2015.

To accomplish this goal, the Georgia Department of Veterans Service, in partnership with the Office of Governor Nathan Deal, has created the Vietnam War Certificate of Honor program.

Every Georgia veteran with honorable service during the Vietnam War is eligible to receive this certificate.

Each certificate is personalized with the Vietnam War veteran's name, rank, branch of service, and dates of service printed over the Seal of the State of Georgia and include the official U.S. Department of Defense's Vietnam War Commemorative Partner logo.

Group (VSO) Application Procedure: Members of veteran's service organizations are encouraged to apply to receive their certificates together.

For information on making a group application, email certificates@vs.state.ga.us or call 404-463-3080.

Individual Application Procedure: To apply, please send your name, rank, and branch of service, dates of service, and a copy of your DD Form 214 to certificates@vs.state.ga.us or Georgia Department of Veterans Service, Attn: Certificates, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, Atlanta, GA 30334, or call 404-463-3080 for more information.

Official presentation: The State of Georgia would like to honor veterans honored by this program to receive their certificates during a formal presentation.

Also! Humbly speaking for all of our Veterans, Patriots, and Christians, I believe sincere thanks are in order for Commissioner Bill Kendall, all the ministers and county officials, the many kind volunteers, Towns Fire Department, Towns County Sheriff Department, Clay County Sheriff Department, school officials, those wonderful students and all others who planned and put a lot of effort into the National Day of Prayer, flag and flagpole dedication which transpired 7 May 2015, from around 0700 till about 1015.

God's grace, blessings and sincere tears of joy and endearment for our fellow Americans were present for all to share our true faith and love of our North Georgia homes and our USA. Our nation could be quickly healed from within with more leadership, love and pure fellowship as was done this day!

Semper Paratus

Thanks from Hospice Gala & Auction

On behalf of Good Shepherd Home Health and Hospice Agency and Murphy Medical Center, I would like to thank the many people in our community who helped make the April 25th Hospice Gala and Auction a wonderful success.

memory of Dr. Jeff Larson, Jill Sonnenberg, MD, John Carringer, Ken and Toni Lovingood, and Rick Weisenburger, DO.

Volunteers worked extremely hard to make the evening a success. A special thank you to committee members Patricia Hembree, Sheryl Wiggins, Julie Schreiber, Celia Larson, Cathy Mulvey, Pam Howard, Mary Gonos, Lisa Dunn-Evans, Bob and Judy Grove, Barbara Hughes, Marilyn Ogden, Kim Williams, Kathi Van Hall and Julie Yonce.

Thank you again to everyone who played a part in the success of the Hospice Gala and Auction. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are much appreciated.

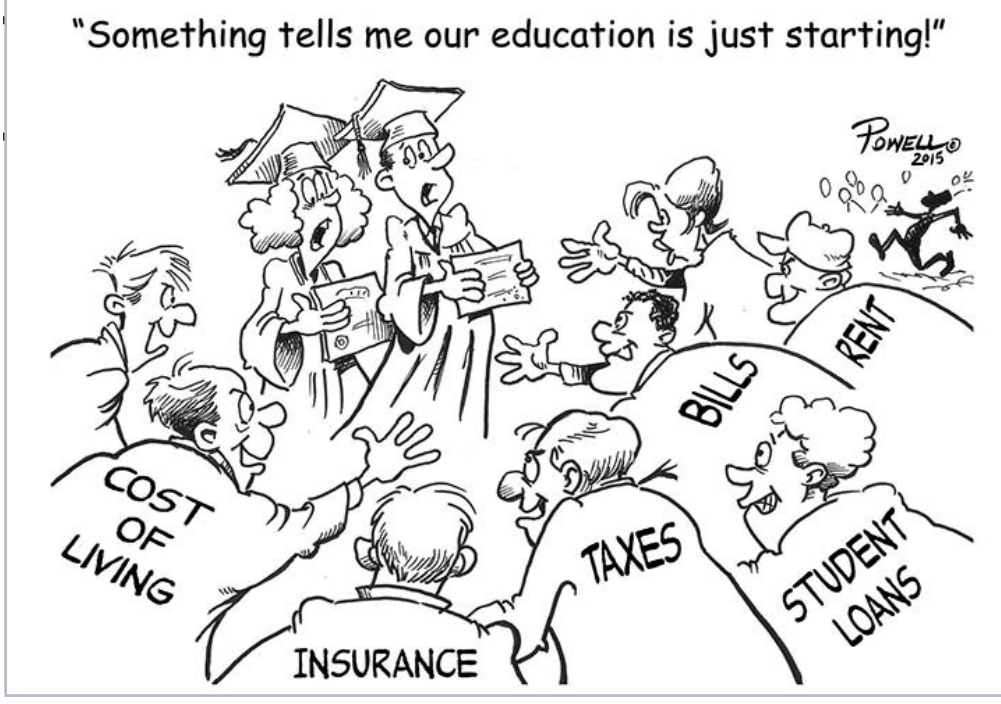
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