

IN MY EXPERIENCE

by Val Don Hickerson, Bandon, Oregon

This is the latest in a series of fact based articles on global overpopulation. Immigration, both legal and illegal, and their offspring cause over 80% of population growth in the United States.

This week's article will deviate from the past and may not appear to be related to either overpopulation or immigration. It deals with a little known proposal by the current administration that affects retired military members who are now, or soon will be, at the age covered by Medicare.

In the past, military retirees who became eligible for Medicare either had to buy supplemental insurance to cover the 20% that Medicare does not pay, or pay it out of their pocket. Since retirees were promised that their sacrifices would guarantee fu-

ture medical benefits, they fought hard in the 1990s for the government to institute a program called TriCare for Life (TFL) that would cover the un-reimbursed 20%.

The first proposal by bureaucrats under the new administration, who, by and large, don't know genuine unselfish service to our country, is to water down TFL with an aim to eventually eliminate it. Their claim (most likely for PR effect) is that military retirees overuse it. They tell us that it will free up money to spend on other health care programs for people most of whom never faced death and hardships that we military retirees have. TFL has been a Godsend for my wife and me, and, although it may seem like a personal issue, here is how it relates to illegal aliens.

Monday's (09/21/09) issue of the Eugene Register-Guard carried an Op-Ed article by Washington Post columnist Charles Krauthammer that addresses the issue of "health insurance for illegal immigrants" under what's now referred to as Obamacare. He quotes President Obama who tells us that the cost of the proposed Health Care Bill would be paid for by eliminating "hundreds of billions of dollars in waste and fraud" from Medicare. Well, I don't have an Ouija Board, but if I did and asked it where some of that money will come from besides Medicare, I think it might spell out TFL on the first try. If I asked it where part of that money might go I believe it would spell out 'Illegal aliens.'

Waste and fraud should have been filtered out of both programs all along, but in my view, only legally eligible people should continue to benefit from both.

For those with on-line service, contact the Congressional Budget Office at <http://www.cbo.gov/> and look for the proposal in Article 189 dealing with TFL. And, like me, please pass this on to your family and friends who are currently or soon may be, eligible for TFL. Then contact your members of Congress to express your views on this issue.

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See Jane Run will be held Saturday, October 17th at John Topits Park, registration will be at 9:00 AM with the race starting at 10:00 AM.

The Women's Safety & Resource Center challenges everyone to enter "See Jane Run", a competitive 5K Women's run/walk. This fun day is sponsored by the South Coast Running Club. All proceeds will go to benefit the Women's Safety & Resource Center.

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(Includes deaths due to violent criminal acts – estimated 10 per day; deaths due to negligence – estimated 3 per day; deaths due to drunk or reckless driving – estimated 12 per day.)

SOURCES: U.S. Department of Defense, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Centers for Disease Control, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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