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House representative criticizes national deficit

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cans did, but less than the Democrats.

One of Huelskamp's least favorite programs is the national health-care law, the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.

"I voted 33 times to repeal it," he told a woman in Oakley.

The law would draw \$716 billion out of Medicare, he said, bankrupting that program in perhaps

less than a decade.

Another problem, he said, is tax loopholes, which tend to stay the same year after year.

"For every provision in the tax code, he said, "there's a group lobbying for it."

He said lobbyists come to his office asking him to preserve their tax credits, but many tell him they would give those loopholes up "in a heartbeat" if the tax rate ever became even for every group.

Despite European debt crisis, union wins Nobel Peace Prize

By Julia Gronnevet and Karl Ritter

The Associated Press

OSLO, Norway - For fostering peace on a continent ravaged by war, the European Union won the Nobel Peace Prize today.

The award was hailed at EU headquarters in Brussels and by pro-EU government leaders across the continent but derided by "euroskeptics" who consider the EU an elitist superstate that strips citizens of their rights and erodes national identities.

The announcement was met with mixed reactions in debt-ridden countries like Spain and Greece, where many blame Germany and other northern EU neighbors for the painful austerity measures like higher taxes and job cuts they have endured to salvage their economies.

"The peace prize?" said Giorgos Dertilis, who works at an insurance company in Athens.

"The way things are going, what will happen in the immediate future? Peace is the one thing we might not have."

The Norwegian Nobel Committee honored the EU for promoting "peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights" in Europe for six decades following the tremendous devastation of World War II.

The EU grew out of the conviction that ever-closer economic ties would make sure that century-old enemies like Germany and France never turned on each other again.

But European unity is being threatened by the debt crisis that has stirred deep tensions between north and south, caused unemployment to soar and sent hundreds of thousands of its citizens into the streets to protest austerity measures.

The bloc's financial disarray is threatening the euro - the common currency used by 17 of its members - and even the structure of the union itself. The debt crisis is also fueling the rise of extremist movements such as Golden Dawn in Greece, which

opponents brand as neo-Nazi.

"We do not have a position on how to solve these problems, but we send a very strong message that we should keep in mind why we got this Europe after World War II," Nobel committee chairman Thorbjørn Jagland told the Associated Press.

He said that Europeans should do everything they can to safeguard their unity, "not let it disintegrate and let the extremism and nationalism grow again, because we know what catastrophes that all this leads to."

Europe is now stuck in a three-year financial crisis caused by too much government debt. To combat this, governments across the region have imposed harsh tax and spending measures to bring their deficits under control. However a fall in government spending has had a dampening effect on Europe's economy - in the second quarter of this year, the EU's gross domestic product shrank 0.2 percent compared to the previous quarter. A wide variety of indicators are pointing to a further slump in the third quarter.

Vice president debate tees up issues

DANVILLE, Ky. (AP) - In a spirited debate that laid out stark choices, Joe Biden and Paul Ryan teed up pointed arguments on the economy, social policy and America's place in the world that President Barack Obama and GOP rival Mitt Romney now will drive forward into the campaign's final stretch.

With just 25 days to go in Campaign 2012 and throngs of people already voting, Obama and Romney will try to answer two questions that their running mates posed to the tens of millions of Americans who watched Thursday's hard-fought, 90-minute debate.

"Who do you trust?" Biden asked.

"Wouldn't it be nice to have a job-creator in the White House?" asked Ryan.

Biden, eager to make up for

the president's lackluster performance in his first debate with Romney, played the aggressor throughout. And the president gave his running mate a quick thumbs up for delivering with the energy and feeling that he did not.

"His passion for making sure that the economy grows for the middle class came through so I'm really proud of him," Obama said after watching the debate aboard Air Force One on the way home after a day of campaigning in Florida.

Ryan came back at the vice president with harsh talking points, a flurry of statistics and a sharp economic warning: In another Obama term, he said, "Watch out, middle class, the tax bill's coming to you."

Romney, who watched the debate at the end of a campaign

day in North Carolina, got on the phone to Ryan immediately afterward to congratulate him. Ann Romney told a rally in the western Michigan town of Hudsonville today that the debate showed why her husband chose Ryan as his running mate.

Ryan declined to engage in any morning-after analysis while stopping for breakfast with his family today at Josie's diner in Lexington on his way out of Kentucky. All he would allow is that he felt great about how the debate turned out.

Attention now shifts to the two remaining debates between Obama and Romney: Tuesday's "town hall" style faceoff in Hempstead, N.Y., and a final showdown, over foreign policy, on Oct. 22 in Boca Raton, Fla.

Briefly

Independent Baptists plan free concert

The Colby Independent Baptist Church plans a free gospel music concert with evangelist Greg Waggoner at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Colby Community Building. For questions, call Pastor Bernard Heinz at 460-0313.

Once a Month Lunch coming up on Saturday

The Once a Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the Colby Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. No reservation is needed, and the free meal, held the second Saturday of each month, is open to everyone. For questions, call the church office, 462-6342.

Groups will pick up food donations Sunday

From 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, the Colby Girl Scouts, the Catholic Youth Organization and the Colby Community College presidential scholars women's and men's track and cross country teams, wrestling team and the women's and men's basketball teams will be going door-to-door collecting food for Genesis-Thomas County. If you are not going to be home and would like to donate, you can leave a sack by the front door. For information, call Penny Cline at 460-2929.

College trustees to hold meeting in Norton

The Colby Community College Board of Trustees will meet at 4 p.m. Monday at the college to travel by bus to Norton where the regular monthly meeting will be held at the Norton campus, 711 N. Norton Ave. The meeting will convene at 5:30 p.m. with a tour of the facility.

'Demo pod' to be displayed at meeting

A "demo pod," which has been proposed as part of a possible structure for the new Thomas County jail project, will be on display during a Public Building Commission meeting at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range in Colby. Floor plan layouts will also be looked at. The meeting is open to the public. For information, call Mike Baughn at 460-4580, Marc Finley at 460-4573 or Paul Steele at 462-2558.

Library to hold book Spooktacular Book Sale

Shiver on in to the Spooktacular Book Sale at the Pioneer Memorial Library from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 9 to 4:45 p.m. next Friday and 9 to 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. You may be able to find some real treasures. For information, call the library at 460-4470.

Third graders to perform musical Thursday

Colby Grade School third graders will present a free musical "Tall Tales and Heroes" at 2 and 7 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium. For information, call Jennifer Koel at 460-5100, ext. 1104.

Kiwanis plan pancake feed Oct. 20

The Colby Kiwanis Club's Pancake Feed will be from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 220 N. Lake. Cost is \$4; proceeds go towards Christmas and youth projects and community service. For information, call Charles Keefer at 460-4680.

Rec Department plans breast cancer walk

The Colby Recreation Department is sponsoring a Breast Cancer Awareness walk at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, beginning at the Community Building. The Rec is encouraging everyone to show their support for fighters, survivors and the taken by dressing in pink. A \$10 donation to the Northwest Kansas Foundation for HOPE is suggested and will be accepted from 2:30 to 3 p.m. that day in the lobby of the Community Building. For information, call Recreation Director Stacy Jasper at 460-4440.

Colby Schools to hold music concert

The Colby School District's free fall concert, featuring musicians from grade school, middle school and high school, will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, in the Colby Community Building. The program includes the world debut of "Give Us a Home" by Brian Balmages, a commissioned work for voice and band written exclusively for the Colby Public Schools Music Department. Doors will open at 7:20 p.m. For information, call Jennifer Koel at 460-5100, ext. 1104.

Colby to have blood drive in late October

The American Red Cross plans a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25, and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26, at the National Guard Armory, 470 S. Range Ave., in Colby. To sign up, call (800) RED-CROSS, but walk-ins are welcome. For questions, contact Donor Recruitment Representative Catherine Younger at (316) 641-1193 or catherine.younger@redcross.org.

National Weather Service
Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 3 a.m.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 9 p.m.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 72.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 77.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 77.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 42.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 69.

Thursday: High 66; Low 33
Precip: Thursday None
Month: 0.28 inches
Year: 11.19 inches
Normal: 19.29 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 7:53 a.m. 7:07 p.m.
Moon: waning, 5 percent
Sunday 7:54 a.m. 7:06 p.m.
Moon: waning, 1 percent
Monday 7:55 a.m. 7:04 p.m.
New moon at 7:03 a.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)



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Calendar table with columns for Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat and various medical services like Dr. Rubowitz Oncology, Ultrasounds, Cardiac Rehab, etc.

To schedule an appointment with a visiting physician, PLEASE CALL (785) 626-3211 Cheryl Banister, RN Specialty Clinic Director



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Monday Evening October 15, 2012 TV listings table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various channels and programs.