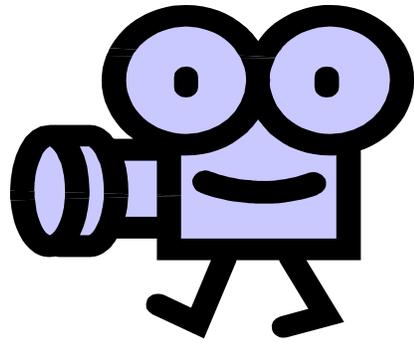


# Short Takes

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-  *Health Affairs* predicts that prospective home health-care workers may instead opt for careers flipping burgers, thanks to rising fast-food wages. Coupled with looming cuts to Medicaid, the potential shortage of home care assistants is “a tsunami waiting to happen,” according to one industry official. “Most people are oblivious to it.”
-  Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) training; National Incident Management System (NIMS) training; Ridgecrest emergency management tabletop exercise funded by Homeland Security grant.
-  Regular and special City Council meetings, Council standing committees, Council ad hoc committees, Arts Council, staff meetings.
-  News media briefings, KZIQ radio commentaries, Daily Independent column, present proclamation in absence of Council.
-  Periodic meeting: Tom Mulvihill, IWV Water District.
-  Water District and City staff to discuss landscaping guidelines.
-  Desert Mountain Division City Managers teleconference.
-  Meetings: David Mechtenberg, Ridgecrest Regional Hospital.
-  Kern County City Managers conference: fire services.
-  Kern County CAO Ron Errea and Adel Klime: annexation, fire services, etc.
-  Labor negotiations.
-  Desert Willow Apartment Project developers; other developers.