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“Herblock” Cartoons at Museum

The Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County is hosting a traveling exhibit of cartoons by renowned cartoonist Herb Block, aka Herblock. There are two sections in the exhibit, one titled *Presidents, Cartoons on Authority and Accountability* and *We the People, Herblock on Democracy*. This exhibit will remain through June 19.

During his illustrious career, Herblock caricatured 13 U.S. presidents and chronicled American history from the 1929 Stock Market crash through summer 2001. He became the most honored cartoonist of his time, winning three Pulitzer Prizes and sharing a fourth for his Watergate cartoons which contributed to the resignation of President Richard M. Nixon. He was the only living cartoonist whose work was exhibited in the National Gallery of Art, and the only living cartoonist to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Perhaps the most remarkable quality of his cartoons is their timeliness and relevance to the political scene today.

In addition, the Museum is exhibiting a group of World War II cartoons from the Museum’s own collection. They depict military life, life on the home front, rationing and shortages, women entering the war effort and romance in wartime, all with a chuckle that helped keep the national morale up. This collection will remain up through mid-August.

The Community Memorial Museum is located at 1333 Butte House Road in Yuba City. Admission is free. Open hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call the Museum at 822-7141.