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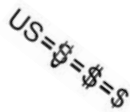
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Luncheon Meeting, Thursday,

March 12th

The Lodge at Sonoma,
 1325 Broadway

11 AM Registration,
 11:30 AM Speaker

Luncheon to follow Speaker

(approximately 12:15 PM)



Fred LaCosse

"Your American Freedoms: Protect them or Lose them"

How did we Americans get so lucky? How did we Americans defy history and produce America's great treasure of freedoms, freedoms that we often take for granted today?

Fred talks with **America's Founding Fathers:** John Adams (and Abigail), Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, Sam Adams, Patrick Henry, Thomas Paine, Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington.

Together, they tell the amazing story of how our democratic republic was born, the checks and balances built into our government that protect us from tyranny, and how our unique values and individual rights give hope to mankind.

Fred LaCosse is well-known to San Francisco TV viewers as a news anchor, reporter and talk show host. He began his career in Chicago at WTTW and Columbus, Ohio at WLW-C. The bulk of his career has been in the Bay Area: KNTV & KICU, San Jose and KRON & KGO-TV, San Francisco.

Behind the scenes, Fred has been a floor director, production manager, director, booth announcer, news writer/producer and news director.

A native of South Bend, Indiana, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from Wabash College and Master of Arts degree in Speech from Northwestern University. He now has his own company called LaCosse Productions. Fred lives in San Francisco with his wife, TV & Radio personality Terry Lowry.

MARCH LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009

11:00 am registration, 11:30 am Speaker

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CFRW 34TH ADVOCACY WORKSHOP
 AND SPRING '09 BOARD OF DIR. MTG

MAY 3-5, 2009

SACRAMENTO HYATT REGENCY
 AT CAPITOL PARK

President — Lynn Burkart

Have you heard the one about the three Republicans that asked for a bail out with their mortgage payments, and were told to “hold on, the government will take care of you?” The story ends with the government telling them they need to pay more taxes, so they could help out the people who bought houses they knew they couldn’t afford. Where all this “stimulus” stuff will end is just about anybody’s guess!



The good news is that our club is being sought out by more Republicans in the area, looking for a safe place to meet, scream, yell, pray and pull their hair out while complaining over the recent doings in Washington. I am missing President Bush, who made us all feel that we were all going to be OK, and we could sleep at night.

For President’s Day we had a great speaker in our own Northern Division President, **Liz Froelich**. She just looked so elegant, in her red hat and suit. She certainly was very informative about the Federation and its affiliations, and history. No wonder she is the President!



Our speaker for March is going to be fun too. He is formerly a local TV News Anchor, **Fred LaCosse**. He is a wonderful communicator and should really give us something to think about with his topic, “**Your American Freedoms: Protect them or Lose them**”.

Come to The Lodge at Sonoma and bring a friend. You will have a great lunch, with like minded women, and listen to our wonderful speaker. This is where we all get revitalized to make it through the month, and to deal with our “change” in the government.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all,

Lynn



1st Vice President/Programs — Mary Logasa



I was so pleased our February meeting went so well. To all who attended thank you for sharing with us your ideas and what other organizations you participate in. I hope you learned more about our affiliation with NFRW and CFRW, thanks to **Northern Division President Liz Froelich**.

We have two excellent speakers coming to us for March and April I am pleased to report. For **March 12th** we have **Fred LaCosse**, who is a former San Francisco television broadcaster. He now has his own company and has done considerable research on our Founding Fathers and how we Americans must nurture, sustain and protect our American Freedoms. His speech is titled “**Your American Freedoms: Protect Them or Lose Them**”. Read more about this distinguished man on the front page of this newsletter.

Be sure to mark **April 9** on your calendar when **Dr. Charlie Self (also known as “Dr. History”)** will be our guest speaker. He is also a minister, professor, and author. He spoke to the CFRW-Northern Division Leadership Conference in January and was most inspiring. Do bring a guest

or two to hear his talk. He looks forward to coming to Sonoma Valley and giving us the *hope* we need to get through these troubling economic and politically depressing times.

2nd Vice President/Membership — Willy Hoekstra

I want to thank all 106 members for paying their dues promptly. **Our total membership is now 124** (not including associates). For those of you who have not yet paid, you have one more chance to have your name published in the **directory** (which will be handed out at the March luncheon), as the deadline has been extended to February 28th. Even if you are unable to attend the lunches, please consider re-joining—**your membership dues help to pay for scholarships, Advocacy Day and community events that help us with our much needed exposure**. Let’s all stay involved and help the cause. Thanks so much.



Teens - Russelle Johnson

We are submitting our local high school teacher, David Donnelley, for the “**My Favorite Teacher**” **Award** to the State competition and then on to the National competition. Read more about it on page 6 in this newsletter. We also donated a this year’s book (*Read All About It!*, written by Laura and Jenna Bush) to the Prestwood School Library (picture on page 6).

Directory/Roster 2009 - Tina Grippi

The 2009 Roster will be handed out at the March 12 luncheon (barring any unforeseen printing issues). Please send in your membership dues by February 28th to appear in the 2009 Roster. And, if you have any changes that you know about (from last year’s roster or the “new member” announcements in the newsletter), please email me your changes (tjgrippi@sbcglobal.net).



SVRWF Newsletter - Tina Grippi

I am happy to inform you that our club received an “Honorable Mention” in the 2008 CFRW Newsletter Contest. We will continue to put out a quality product. Thank you all for your input and support.





**April 9th Luncheon
Dr. Charlie Self
AKA "Dr. History"**



Dr. Charlie Self has three degrees in history, including his Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Cruz, with a focus on ethics and religion. He also has an M.A. in Philosophical and Systematic Theology from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA .

Charlie is an author, coach, consultant, minister, professor and thought-leader with a gift of encouraging personal growth. He currently serves as a professor at Bethany College and Western Seminary. Charlie is also known as "Dr. History" on KSFO-AM, appearing weekly on the Brian Sussman Show. Look for more information on Charlie Self in our April Newsletter.

Don't miss our April 9th luncheon and hear Dr. History for yourself!!!!

**Democrats Continue to Threaten Censoring
of Popular Talk Show Host via the
"Fairness Doctrine"**

Published on Christian Coalition of America (<http://www.cc.org>)
Submitted by Jim Backlin on February 6, 2009 - 2:08pm

Democrats continue to threaten the abolition of radio talk show hosts such as Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and Laura Ingraham by passing legislation bringing back the misnamed "Fairness Doctrine"

Left-wing Senator Debbie Stabenow, Democrat from Michigan, was reported in yesterday's "The Politico" newspaper on Capitol Hill to want to bring "accountability" to the public airwaves, whether it's called the Fairness Standard [sic] or "whether it's called something else." Last year, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, San Francisco Democrat Nancy Pelosi, said that the "Fairness Doctrine" needed to be addressed in Congress. The question for Pelosi and Stabenow is, will their "Fairness Doctrine" applied to radio talk show hosts such as Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and Laura Ingraham also be applied to the left-wing television news networks such as NBC, CBS and ABC?

In her interview with liberal radio talk show host Bill Press -- who apparently is feeling a little lonely on the radio airwaves since the overwhelming majority

of the American people do not like listening to liberal talk show scolds -- Debbie Stabenow told him: "I absolutely think it's time to be bringing accountability to the airwaves." Apparently, having all three major news networks in bed with the Democrat Party is not good enough for Stabenow. No First Amendment rights for any Americans disagreeing with their left-wing agenda! Stabenow went on to tell Bill Press that she she "think(s) it's absolutely time to pass a standard."

Bill Press -- the failed television talk show host, and apparently failed radio talk show host fearing for his job -- went on to ask Stabenow: "Can we count on you to push for some hearings in the United States Senate this year, to bring these owners in and hold them accountable?" Stabenow replied that she "already had some discussions with colleagues" about Fairness "Standard" hearings and that she "feel(s) like that's gonna happen. Yep." Those Americans who believe in the First Amendment and who listen to Rush Limbaugh better get ready for yet another battle royale against a Democrat Party which bridges no dissent from their left-wing viewpoints. This better not slip off the radar screen of any American who believes in the First Amendment.

Contributed by Maureen Daley

Prayer for Health, Wisdom and a Sense of Humor

O Lord, give me a good digestion
as well as something to digest.

Give me health of body as well as the sense to keep it healthy.

Give me a holy soul, O Lord,
which keeps its eyes on beauty and purity,
so that it will not be afraid on seeing sin.

Give me a soul that knows nothing of boredom, groans, and sighs.
Never let me be overly concerned for this inconstant thing that I call me.

Lord, give me a sense of humor,
so that I may take some happiness from this life,
and share it with others.

Thomas Moore



With this prayer in mind, I thought it would be appropriate to share the following with you. It is from a pastor who was trying to please his entire congregation. He announced to his parishioners:

“TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE TO ATTEND CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A SPECIAL NO EXCUSE SUNDAY”.

- *COTS WILL BE PLACED IN THE FOYER FOR THOSE WHO SAY, “SUNDAY IS MY ONLY DAY TO SLEEP IN”.*
- *THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL SECTION WITH LOUNGE CHAIRS WHO FEEL THAT OUR PEWES ARE TOO HARD.*
- *EYE DROPS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WITH TIRED EYES FROM WATCHING T.V. LATE SATURDAY NIGHT.*
- *WE WILL HAVE STEEL HELMETS FOR THOSE WHO SAY “THE ROOF WOULD CAVE IN IF I EVER CAME TO CHURCH”.*
- *BLANKETS WILL BE FURNISHED FOR THOSE WHO THINK THE CHURCH IS TOO COLD AND FANS FOR THOSE WHO SAY IT IS TOO HOT.*
- *SCORE CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO LIST THE HYPOCRITES PRESENT.*
- *RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T GO TO CHURCH AND COOK DINNER, TOO.*
- *WE WILL DISTRIBUTE “STAMP OUT STEWARDSHIP” BUTTONS FOR THOSE WHO FEEL THAT CHURCH IS ALWAYS ASKING FOR MONEY.*
- *ONE SECTION WILL BE DEVOTED TO TREES AND GRASS FOR THOSE WHO LIKE TO SEEK GOD IN NATURE.*
- *DOCTORS AND NURSES WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO BE SICK ON SUNDAY.*
- *THE SANCTUARY WILL BE DECORATED WITH BOTH CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND EASTER LILIES FOR THOSE WHO NEVER HAVE SEEN THE CHURCH WITHOUT THEM.*
- *WE WILL PROVIDE HEARING AIDS FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T HEAR THE PREACHER AND COTTON FOR THOSE*
- *WHO SAYS HE IS TOO LOUD.*

ANONYMOUS



OUR NEXT CRA MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH AT 7 PM AT THE
CHANTERELLE CLUB HOUSE, 165 ST. JAMES. **MIKE DENUNZIO—SPEAKER**
PLEASE LET ROGER YOUNG KNOW IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING. 939-1569 OR JOVAN@HUGHES.NET.
NOTE: THE CRA MEETS THE 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

2009 MEMBERSHIP and RENEWALS = 106
(not including Associate Members)

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR RENEWAL SO THAT YOUR INFORMATION
WILL APPEAR IN THE 2009 ROSTER/DIRECTORY.

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES HELP TO PAY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS,
ADVOCACY DAY AND COMMUNITY EVENTS THAT
HELP US WITH OUR MUCH NEEDED EXPOSURE.**

Those of you who join after the February 28th (extended) deadline will
have to be announced in the newsletter as “renewed” and to be handwrit-
ten into the 2009 Rosters.

CORRECTIONS

Rosemarie DeCarli **Lady_tudor@yahoo.com** (incorrect email in last newsletter)

Please add this change to your 2008 Roster. Please let our Membership Chair,
Willy Hoekstra, know of any changes or updates:
996-0661 or **willyhoekstra@att.net**

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Monthly Meetings Second Thursday, 11:00 AM

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YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE OVERDUE FOR 2009

We need your membership dues by February 28th at the latest if you would like
your name and information to appear in the 2009 Roster/Directory.
Your membership dues go towards scholarships, Advocacy Day and so much more.

NEW MEMBER _____ **SONOMA VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN, FEDERATED** RENEWAL _____

RENEWAL/NEW MEMBER FORM

NAME: _____ Spouse Name (Optional): _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____ Printed in Roster? YES _____ NO _____

PLEASE INDICATE THE APPROPRIATE MEMBERSHIP

_____ **ACTIVE MEMBER \$26.00**
_____ **ASSOCIATE MEMBER \$26.00**

I would like to help with (please check one or more)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Bank | <input type="checkbox"/> 4th of July (Parade or Booth) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Luncheon Reservations | <input type="checkbox"/> May Picnic/Fundraiser |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration
<small>(helping at Tuesday night Farmer's Market)</small> | <input type="checkbox"/> Photographer(s) (and submit photos
to website/newsletter/calendar committee—Tina
Grippi) |

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The club recommends Email only in order to cut back on printing and postage costs



"MY FAVORITE TEACHER" AWARD

Contributed by Russelle Johnson



The NFRW "My Favorite Teacher" Award recognizes excellence in teaching and the impact that one good teacher can have on every individual. Each of us can name a teacher who has made a difference in our lives. As Republicans, we are often positioned as the enemy of teachers because of the politics of the NEA and the American Federation of Teachers. The "My Favorite Teacher" Award gives us the opportunity to share good news about the positive impact a teacher can have. Our club is nominating **Dave Donnelley**. You will remember him as our speaker in December. We are so pleased that he accepted the nomination. We are very lucky to have a person of his expertise and experience representing us. The application will be submitted for state competition and then on to national competition. I will keep you informed as to the progress.

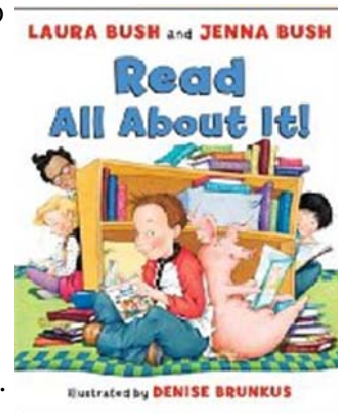


SVRWF 2009 Sonoma Valley High School Essay Contest

The winner of this contest will be awarded a **\$1,000 scholarship** at the Senior Awards Program on Wednesday, May 27, 2009. The **application**, with complete requirements, will be **available on March 4TH**. Please tell your granddaughters, grandsons and dear friends about this opportunity. For more information call Russelle Johnson, 935-8658. A very generous, anonymous donor has made this scholarship possible. Once again, if you know of a graduating SVHS senior please let them know of this opportunity.



Russelle Johnson reads to her grandsons Will and Wyatt Larson and Tina Grippi's daughter, Danielle. Russelle personally donated *Read All About It!* written by Laura and Jenna Bush, to Prestwood School Library.





A few facts About
General David Petraeus:
A True Patriot and "A Most Honorable American"

(courtesy of Wikipedia)
Contributed by Janet Cocolos



General **David Howell Petraeus**, USA (born November 7, 1952) is the 10th and current Commander, U.S. Central Command. Speaking at the change of command ceremony on October 31, 2008, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates said of Petraeus: "He is the preeminent soldier-scholar-statesman of his generation and precisely the man we need in this command at this time." Petraeus previously served as Commanding General, Multi-National Force - Iraq (MNF-I) from January 26, 2007 to September 16, 2008. As Commander of MNF-I, Petraeus oversaw all coalition forces in Iraq. Petraeus was the General George C. Marshall Award winner as the top graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College—class of 1983. He subsequently earned a M.P.A. degree (1985) and a PhD degree (1987) in International Relations from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. He later served as Assistant Professor of International Relations at the U.S. Military Academy and also completed a fellowship at Georgetown University. He has a BS from the U.S. Military Academy—class of 1974—from which he graduated as a distinguished cadet (top 5% of his class).

A poll recently conducted by *Foreign Policy* and *Prospect* magazines selected Petraeus as one of the world's top 100 public intellectuals. And in April of this year, the Static Line Association named Petraeus as its 2008 Man of the Year. In 2007, *Time* named Petraeus one of the 100 most influential leaders and revolutionaries of the year as well as one of its four runners up for *Time* Person of the Year. He was also named the second most influential American conservative by *The Daily Telegraph* as well as *The Daily Telegraph's* 2007 Man of the Year and "America's most respected soldier" by *Der Spiegel* in 2008. In 2005, Petraeus was selected as one of America's top leaders by *US News and World Report*. Some news reports have speculated that Petraeus may have interest in running for the presidency. Despite these accounts, Petraeus has categorically stated that he has no political ambitions. Most recently, *GQ Magazine* (December 2008) named Petraeus as the "Leader of the Year: Right Man, Right Time", *Newsweek* named him the 16th most powerful person in the world in its December 20, 2008 edition, and *Prospect* magazine named him the "Public Intellectual of the Year."

Being a Citizen-Activist

We, as concerned citizens, direct our attention to government for two basic reasons we want to make something happen or we do not like what is happening or about to happen.

On one hand, you may want to kill a bill, remove an official or block a proposed regulation or, on the other, and more positive side, you might want to pass a bill, get a friend appointed to an important position, or get a favorable ruling from an administrative agency. Thus, it is important that we know not only the complexities of our government and how it works, but also how to address the issues that we are trying to influence.¹

Our Founding Fathers promoted the idea of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. As an American, we are blessed with the advantage to engage in politics. Our creative ideas can lead to legislative changes in local, state, and federal law.

Oftentimes, bad policies move quickly through the legislative process and good policies are defeated within a few days of being introduced. We must organize and voice our opposition or support for legislation. Our successful leadership should be carefully organized and well planned. It is critical to work within the political system to achieve the desired goal.

Understanding the psychological makeup of our Legislators and knowing their key staff members is vital to achieving success as an advocate. Although money still plays a major role in getting the attention of your legislator, it is not the only thing. Learning to be a good citizen activist and the essential building blocks to that activism makes the job of a potential activist/advocate easier. Federated Women wield their power through not only their numbers, but through their educated volunteerism, capable advocate and women who continually make a difference.

According to GOPAC, the conservative education and training

center, there are "four stages of a citizen-activist"²and, you, as the citizen activist may choose at which level you wish to exert your power.

Stage I: **The Voter:** The most important, least time consuming, and, without a vote, even the best candidate would not get elected. Not only do we ask all federated women to exercise their right to vote but to work fervently to "Get Out the Vote" of others.

Stage II: **The Volunteer** This stage is vital to the continuing success of our democratic system. One can pick various ways to participate at this second stage by:

- joining your local party
- volunteering for a political or initiative campaign
- educating the public
- registering voters
- distributing fliers, yards signs
- canvassing door-to-door
- attending town hall meetings
- getting out the vote on election day
- writing letters to the editor

Stage III: **The Leader!** Run the campaign, be a party activist, build coalitions, work the media.

Finally, Stage IV: **The Candidate!** Running for elective office is the height of citizen activism.

From Michelle P. Connor, Legislative Advocate

FOCUS ON THE ASSEMBLY

February 17, 2009

The CFRW opposes the sister bills AB 68 and AB 87.

AB 68 by Brownley (D-41) and AB 87 by Davis (D-48) are nanny bills that would impose a recycling program of a twenty-five cent fee per plastic bag. The citizens of California do not need a new law to force recycling. Over four hundred retail chains take back plastic bags without a fee. For the full list of stores and recycling centers, please go to www.plasticbagrecycling.org.

Analysis by Cathy Ritch: Tax and Revenue Analyst

What both bills do:

These bills would prohibit a store from providing a single-use carryout bag to a customer unless the store charges a fee of not less than 25 cents per bag. The funds would be administered by the State Board of Equalization. The money raised would go out in the form of grants to cities and counties for programs related to single-use carryout bags and reusable bag giveaways.

Fiscal Impact:

These bills are projected to raise (at maximum and if no one uses recyclable bags) \$4.750 billion a year. It is estimated that 19 billion bags are consumed by Californians each year.

Arguments Against:

The 25 cent per plastic bag levy will place an undue financial burden on poor working families. Because this bill does not specify how the grocery stores are to collect the 25 cents per bag used, stores may simply build the costs into their transaction costs leading to higher grocery, restaurant, retail and pharmacy bills for everyone—including those who bring their own reusable bags to these establishments.

If such a fee were to be imposed, using the money for reusable bag giveaways and to promote the program is a terrible waste of money.

The imposition of this fee to retailers is a thinly disguised tax, which should be brought to the voters of this state for approval. When this bill is challenged in court, the courts will likely find that there is insufficient nexus between this tax and the costs of "programs to prevent the littering of plastic carryout bags, cleaning up the litter cause by plastic carryout bags, and encouraging the reduction of the use of plastic carryout bags." The over \$4 billion dollars projected to be raised by this tax is far in excess of the costs of plastic bag clean-up of \$25 million.

The Legislature's previous efforts in this area deserve a chance to work in the private sector before bringing in more punitive measures. AB 2449 (Levine-2006) has been in operation for a year and has created a partnership between neighborhood retailers and their customers who have the opportunity to return their carry out bags for recycling. Customer behavior has already begun to change as more retailers

are selling reusable bags and people have started to both purchase and use them.

FOCUS ON THE SENATE

Federal judges uphold rights of prisoners over rights and safety of law-abiding citizens

Source: Senator Runner's Weekly Review

"For more than a few years, federal judges have threatened to release thousands of dangerous felons early from California's state prisons due to theoretical crowding and poor health care conditions.

"Liberal California Legislators have championed this cry for early release—as if these tens of thousands of prisoners were serving hard state prison time for jaywalking and now upon release they would magically reintegrate into society and become model citizens.

"Republicans have fought against this irresponsible proposal. I have personally acted as a court intervener in the case against California's prisons.

"Still, it looks as though the federal judges of the Ninth Circuit are pressing on with their outrageous plan to release more than 50,000 prisoners into California communities. If this dangerous plan comes to fruition, I promise to support a court appeal.

"First, I don't believe that the federal judges have the legal authority to release prisoners convicted by jury trials. I also do not believe an unconstitutional level of healthcare exists in our state prisons. (Republicans are prepared to go to the Supreme Court on these two issues).

"In fact, the death rate is higher for California's released felons than for state prisoners. This is not surprising when you consider California spends \$14,000 per year per inmate on healthcare, which does not include the cost for housing and feeding these inmates.

"Additionally, California's inmate mortality rate is ranked as 38th in the nation, whereas Pennsylvania is 3rd and the judges used Pennsylvania prison officials as experts in their decision making.

"It's also important to point out that the information the federal judges are relying on to make their decisions is extremely outdated and fails to take into account recently made improvements to health care.

"Here's a thought: If these federal judges truly believe the prisons are overcrowded they should move the 30,000 illegal immigrant felons in state prison to federal custody immediately."

Note:

The California Federation of Republican Women last year went on the record in the Senate Committee on Public Safety about the importance of sending illegal immigrants out of the state prisons to the custody of ICE and the Federal Justice System.



Dear Friends,

Here is a press release that I wrote this afternoon regarding the budget agreement. I hope that other Republican Party, conservative, and libertarian organizations will pursue similar statements. I am especially hopeful that the more courageous among our several County Republican Party organizations will pursue as such, since we cannot hope to revitalize the Republican Party in California unless we are very clearly on the side of the taxpayers and thus willing to condemn those, regardless of their party registration, who violate such trust. A Republican Party that stands for nothing inevitably descends into nothingness.

Sincerely,

Michael Erickson, Chairman
Sonoma County Republican Party
532 College Avenue, Suite 3
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

The Sonoma County Republican Party strongly condemns the budget agreement, which has been passed recently in the California State Legislature. While we agree that there is a pressing need to overcome the budget deficit, we believe that the taxpayers themselves should not be punished for the undisciplined, special interest focused spending spree that all too often prevails in the Democrat controlled California State Legislature.

Furthermore, we believe that the tax increases most likely will diminish revenue, since a lot of businesses will be forced to leave the State in order to make ends meet. As we have a special concern for the economic welfare of our working and middle class citizens, we condemn in particular the regressive nature of many of the increased taxes and fees, such as the sales' tax and the car registration fee.

This budget will restrict economic recovery and hurt the most vulnerable among us. Only the self-interested "government party" that prevails in Sacramento should be happy, since higher taxes and fees exist primarily to feed the beast of an ever larger and more intrusive state government.

The Sonoma County Republican Party furthermore censures those turncoat Republicans, who abandoned Republican Party principles and their own campaign pledges not to raise taxes, in return for a budget that promises to spread more misery rather than to foster new prosperity. In particular, we censure Senators Abel Maldonado and Dave Cogdill as the ringleaders of this sham and urge all voters to remember how they violated the public trust.

As Sonoma County Republican Party Chairman Michael Erickson remarks: "There is no doubt that the taxpayers of California, and especially our working and middle classes, are the real losers in this budget. The prospect of an "open primary," which has been inserted as a part of the agreement, will make matters only worse over time, since it will derail the accountability that comes from having real, multi-party representation on general election ballots. I hope that all Republican Party organizations will condemn both this budget, and the "open primary" concept, so as to rally voters of all stripes against these ills."

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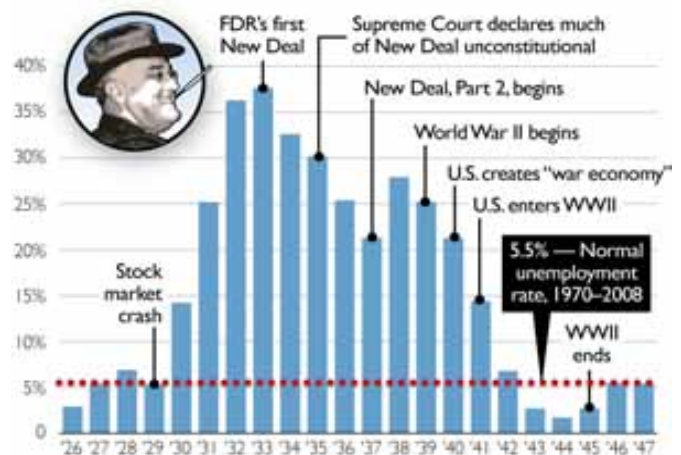
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