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Annual June BBQ

Saturday 26th, 2010

Under the Oak Trees at
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Celebrate and Meet Congressional Candidates District 1, Loren Hanks and District 6, Jim Judd

See page 2 - an article that was printed before the candidate forum in Healdsburg

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Co - Presidents Message

Edelweiss Geary and Rosalie Parks

I know that everyone is taking a deep breath after all the work done in preparation for the primary election. After a very short breather, we must get reenergized in preparation for the general election. In my opinion, the 2010 election is one of the most important in our history. Our candidates for Congress in the 1st and 6th district are excellent candidates and will need all of our support in order to remove Lynn Woolsey and Mike Thompson.

Those two candidates are **Jim Judd** in the 1st district and **Loren Hanks** in the 6th district. They have both been working hard and have well organized campaigns. We are very glad that they will be our guest speakers at our annual bar-b-que on Saturday, June 26th.



Our bar-b-que is also our main fundraiser. We have reserved space in Doyle Park in Santa Rosa. There will be games, prizes and terrific food. Those of you who attended previous bar-b-ques know that the food is outstanding and company terrific.

The newsletter gives all the details for the event on June 26th. Plan to attend and bring a friend. We have a lot of work to do before the November election. This will be a

chance to join with like minded Republicans and get ready for the task ahead.

Edelweiss Geary, Co-President

Organizers hope to contrast the candidates with the incumbents

by Lynda Hopkins Staff Writer Windsor Times

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Santa Rosa Republican Women, Federated is hosting a Republican Party candidate forum on May 14 at the Healdsburg Community Center as part of a broader campaign to educate the public.

Confirmed candidates include Loren Hanks, Jim Judd, and Karen Brooks. They are challenging Democratic incumbents Rep. Mike Thompson, Rep. Lynn Woolsey, and Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro, respectively.

Rosalie Parks, SRRWF co-president, explained what format the forum will take. "Audience members will submit questions on cards, which will be collected by myself and Co-President Edelweiss Geary," Parks said. "She and I will be the moderators of the forum."

Republican candidates see the forum as an opportunity to reach out to local voters and provide more detailed explanations of how their positions differ from incumbents'.

District 1 congressional candidate Loren Hanks wrote, "This forum is an opportunity to meet with interested and concerned Americans as we voice concern about the excessive spending, unsustainable debt, and the intrusion of the federal government beyond its authority." He added, "These forums are the best way to reach out to local voters, and the best way for them to evaluate me and my positions."

Congressional candidates Hanks and Judd both believe in limited government and fiscal restraint. While Rep. Thompson and Rep. Woolsey recorded yes votes on the recently passed health care bill, Hanks and Judd oppose it.

Hanks noted, "I am a fiscal discipline and national security candidate that intends to serve as a citizen-legislator for a maximum of four terms—though I'd prefer only three." He served as a major in the U.S. Air Force and wants to secure all borders and coastlines against illegal immigration.

Judd shares Hanks' belief in fiscal restraint, and holds nuanced positions on social issues: he is personally pro-life but sup-

ports a woman's right to choose. He personally opposes gay marriage but supports a majority's right to make that decision on a state-by-state basis.

SRRWF sees the forum as a chance not only to introduce candidates and their positions to the local community, but also to educate the public about Republican values. And the word, Parks said, is spreading.

"There has been a surge of Americans coming together and voicing their opinion unhappily about what's going on in our federal and state government," Parks said. "I consider myself a conservative Christian republican, and that's growing. More people are learning about us."

Being a minority in a majority liberal area has had its drawbacks, and for a long time SRRWF existed almost as an underground movement. "It's always been said that Santa Rosa Republican Women, Federated was the best kept secret in town. There's still a lot of people who don't know we exist," Parks said.

Parks had a few words on the differences between liberals and conservatives. "It comes back to being conservative Republicans who watch Fox News. Liberals have a complaint about everything, and I mean Democrats because most liberals are Democrats," she said. "This administration has just thrown everything out the window and that's not how our founding fathers did it. We don't want to lose this country."

Over 100 people attended last month's Republican candidate forum held in Santa Rosa. Parks said, "People really are coming to these events and they're finding out you know what, we're just, hey, normal people. I believe in the country. We believe in smaller government. I don't want the government telling me what to do."

Santa Rosa Republican Women, Federated meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Fountaingrove Golf & Athletic Club. Each monthly meeting features an educational speaker; speakers have included political players such as anti affirmative action activist Ward Connerly and local elected officials such as Paul Kelly. Speakers must be registered Republicans to receive an invitation, and some speakers have even re-registered in order to fulfill the requirements of SRRWF.

The Republican candidate forum is open to the public, and begins at 7 p.m. on May 14 at the Healdsburg Community Center at 1557 Healdsburg Avenue. A \$5 donation is requested and refreshments will be served.

When the Music Stopped...

(For those who are unaware: At all military base theaters, the National Anthem is played before the movie begins.)

This is written from a Chaplain in Iraq : I recently attended a showing of 'Superman 3' here at LSA Anaconda. We have a large auditorium we use for movies, as well as memorial services and other large gatherings. As is the custom at all military bases, we stood to attention when the National Anthem began before the main feature. All was going well until three-quarters of the way through The National Anthem, the music stopped.

Now, what would happen if this occurred with 1,000 18-22-year-olds back in the States? I imagine there would be hoots, catcalls, laughter, a few rude comments, and everyone would sit down and yell for the movie to begin. Of course, that is, if they had stood for the National Anthem in the first place.

Here in Iraq, 1,000 Soldiers continued to stand at attention, eyes fixed forward. The music started again and the Soldiers continued to quietly stand at attention. But again, at the same point, the music stopped. What would you expect 1000. Soldiers standing at attention to do?? Frankly, I expected some laughter, and everyone would eventually sit down and wait for the movie to start.

But No!!... You could have heard a pin drop, while every Soldier continued to stand at attention.

Suddenly, there was a lone voice from the front of the auditorium, then a dozen voices, and soon the room was filled with the voices of a thousand soldiers, finishing where the recording left off:

"And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave, o'er the land o the free, and the home of the brave."

It was the most inspiring moment I have had in Iraq and I wanted you to know what kind of Soldiers are serving you. Remember them as they fight for us!

Pass this along as a reminder to others to be ever in prayer for all our soldiers serving us here at home and abroad. Many have already paid the ultimate price.

God Bless America and all of our troops serving through out the world.

Taken from the <http://letters-from-the-desert.blogspot.com/2007/05/soldiers.html> and sent around the internet since May 4, 2007 He is a mobilized Army Reserve Chaplain from Atlanta, currently stationed in Balad, Iraq at LSA Anaconda shares his thoughts on life and ministry in a combat zone. 2010 Jim Higgins now lives in Powder Springs, GA, He is the Senior Pastor of McEachern Memorial United Methodist Church, located in Powder Springs, GA.

Dr. Charlie Self, our speaker in May, stressed to the Republican Women the importance of working in the community and not being shy about saying we are Republicans. This club has been active in the community for many years. In the 90's we supported the Victim Witness Program at the Courts. In 2009, Joan Dayton came to the board and suggested we help out the Women in our community who needed a hand up... Joan and President Edelweiss Geary delivered the donations from last meeting for the women and children at the Women's Recovery Center. We will be gathering items for Christmas.



The Star Spangled Banner Lyrics

By Francis Scott Key 1814

At games and events patrons sing the first stanza of our official song but what about the rest? Here it is...

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner! Oh long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country should leave us no more!
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.

No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!



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Allison Olson, Legislative Advocate, June 4, 2010

Deadlines Are Quickly Approaching!

Today is the last day for bills to pass out of their house of origin, which translates to two days of an extremely efficient Legislature. If only they could get this much work done all year! Many of the bills we have been watching have already advanced out of their house of origin, but below are some bills that were just given life that might be of some interest...

- SB 1449: Leno (D-3) Reclassifies marijuana possession of less than 1 oz from a misdemeanor to an infraction with a penalty of \$100
- SR 44: Kehoe (D-39) Establishes June as LGBT [Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender] Pride Month
- AB 1934: Saldana (D-76) Outlaws the carrying of unloaded handguns in public
- AB 1998: Brownley (D-41) Bans the use of plastic bags at groceries, pharmacies, convenience and liquor stores

Budget Deadline: According to our state's constitution, our budget is to be passed by June 15th. For those of us keeping track, that is a few days away. Yet we are still \$19 billion dollar short, and no closer to agreeing on a solution. As the Capitol Update revealed last week, the Legislative Democrats want to approve \$5 billion dollars in taxes to avoid cuts in spending. Nothing significant was accomplished this week, so be sure to check back with the Capitol Update next week for (hopefully) some progress!

LEGISLATION SB 919 STATE EMPLOYEE PENSION

OVERHAUL INTRODUCED: February 1, 2010 by Senator Dennis Hollingsworth (R-36th) Status: Awaiting action by the Senate Rules Committee

Pension Reform Needed Now

Posted on www.politicalvanguard.com 10 May 2010.

Over the past decade, pension costs for public workers have increased 2,000 percent while state revenues during the same period increased just 24 percent. This year alone, more than \$3 billion was diverted from programs that serve school children, the poor, and the elderly in order to fund public pensions.

And, things are getting worse. Stanford University's well-respected Economic Policy Institute recently issued a study estimating that the state's unfunded retirement system

debt is close to a half-trillion dollars. To put that in perspective, half a trillion dollars would cost each California resident almost \$13,600. What's worse, that figure doesn't include what the state owes for retiree health and dental care.

The ever-growing costs of public employee benefits are grossly adding to the insolvency of California and many municipal governments throughout the state. These costs are creating a quickly expanding financial sinkhole that taxpayers will be forced to fund when the day comes that California's Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS) investments cannot.

Some lawmakers are looking for ways to keep retiree benefits the way they stand now, but most of those solutions will cost taxpayers even more money. Senate Republicans, on the other hand, are proposing ways to cut costs, to take care of our contractual obligations with existing employees, but lower our ongoing costs with newly hired employees.

Senate Bill 919, a bill sponsored by Senate Republicans and supported by Governor Schwarzenegger, will require new state employees to work as many years as private sector workers before retiring. Currently, state workers retire about ten years before those in the private sector, thus requiring a great deal more in benefit payments from CalPERS.

SB 919 will also require new state employees to make a larger personal contribution to their retirement benefits and will base a state worker's retirement benefits on the highest three years of wages earned to prevent last minute wage spiking.

Over the years, the legislature has increased public worker benefits to incredibly high levels—lowering the age when workers can retire while increasing the benefits they can claim at no cost to them. We want our public employees to be well compensated, but our costs have become unsustainable.

The solution is simple. California must reduce the benefits from here on out for newly-hired state workers. It only makes sense.

Senator Bob Huff serves as the Senate Republican Caucus Chair and represents portions of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties. Contributor to www.politicalvanguard.com

Important Dates 2010

October 15-16 CFRW Winter Conference, Embassy Suites, Sun City, CA



Nov 12-14 CFRW Northern Division Winter Conference, Santa Rosa, Hilton Hotel at FountainGrove!

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- * Blogs * Forums
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Republican Candidates Governor-Meg Whitman

Lt. Governor-Abel Maldonado
Attorney General-Steve Cooley
Controller-Tony Strickland

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Secretary of State-Damon Dunn
Insurance Commissioner- Brian Fitz Gerald

U.S. Senate-Carly Fiorina

Congressional District 1- Loren Hanks
Congressional District 7-Jim Judd

1st Assembly District-Karen Brooks

6th Assembly District-Robert Louis Stephans

7th Assembly District-Doris Gentry

State Senate-Lawrence Weisner

ELECTION RESULTS - WEDNESDAY 6/9/10

Well, the election is over. Now, ladies and gentlemen we have work to do. Let's take this country and State of California BACK. We really do need helpers for Voter Registration. Let's get a team and start now! We look forward to seeing all of you at SRRWF picnic at Doyle Park, Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa, on June 26, 2010 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Lots of food, fun and talk. Enjoy the summer! Call me!! *Rosalie Parks Co-President*

CFRW gains a delegate (vote) to the CRP with every 5000 Republicans registered by CFRW members. The CRP pays bounty of \$6.00 per registration to the club that are participating in the CRP Bounty Program. It is imperative that we get engaged in voter registration in Sonoma County if we want to take back our city, county and state. Republican candidates need our support.

Sonoma County Republican Registration and Turnout

Completed Precincts:	315	
Total Registered Voters	56,085	
Precinct Registration	56,085	
Precinct Ballots Cast	11,157	19.9%
Absentee Ballots Cast	18,852	33.6%
Total Ballots Cast	30,009	53.5%

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Women's History—19th Amendment...

By Berthe Arnold, CSU Graduate

This is the story of our Mothers and Grandmothers who lived only 90 years ago.



Remember, it was not until 1920 that women were granted the right to go to the polls and vote.

The women were innocent and defenseless, but they were jailed nonetheless for picketing the White House, carrying signs asking for the vote.

And by the end of the night, they were barely alive. Forty prison guards wielding clubs and their warden's blessing went on a rampage against the 33 women wrongly convicted of 'obstructing sidewalk traffic.'

They hurled Dora Lewis into a dark cell, smashed her head against an iron bed and knocked her out cold. Her cellmate, Alice Cosu, thought Lewis was dead and suffered a heart attack. Additional affidavits describe the guards grabbing, dragging, beating, choking, slamming, pinching, twisting and kicking the women.



Thus unfolded the 'Night of Terror' on Nov. 15, 1917, when the warden at the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia ordered his guards to teach a lesson to the suffragists imprisoned there because they dared to picket Woodrow Wilson's White House for the right to vote. For weeks, the women's only water came from an open pail. Their food--all of it colorless slop--was infested with worms.

When one of the leaders, Alice Paul, embarked on a hunger strike, they tied her to a chair, forced a tube down her throat and poured liquid into her until she vomited. She was tortured like this for weeks until word was smuggled out to the press.

So, refresh my memory. Some women won't vote this year because--why, exactly? We have carpool duties? We have to get to work? Our vote doesn't matter? It's raining?

Last week, I went to a sparsely attended screening of HBO's movie 'Iron Jawed Angels.' It is a graphic depiction of the battle these women waged so that I could pull the curtain at the polling booth and have my say. I am ashamed to say I needed the reminder

My friend Wendy, who is my age and studied women's history, saw the HBO movie, too. When she stopped by my desk to talk about it, she looked angry. She was--with herself. 'One thought kept coming back to me as I watched that movie,' she said. 'What would those women think of the way I use, or don't use, my right to vote? All of us take it for granted now, not just younger women, but those of us who did seek to learn.' The right to vote, she said, had become valuable to her 'all over again.'



HBO released the movie on DVD. I wish all history, social studies and government teachers would include the movie in their curriculum I want it shown on Bunco night, too, and anywhere else women gather. I realize this isn't our usual idea of socializing, but we are not voting in the numbers that we should be and I think a little shock therapy is in order.

It is jarring to watch Woodrow Wilson and his cronies try to persuade a psychiatrist to declare Alice Paul insane so that she could be permanently institutionalized. And it is inspiring to watch the doctor refuse. Alice Paul was strong, he said, and brave. That didn't make her crazy.

The doctor admonished the men: 'Courage in women is often mistaken for insanity.' Please, if you are so inclined, pass this on to all the women you know. We need to get out and vote and use this right that was fought so hard for by these very courageous women. Whether you vote democrat, republican or independent party - remember to vote.

(Helena Hill Weed, Norwalk, Conn. Serving 3 day sentence in D.C. prison for carrying banner,

'Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.'



Nancy Pelosi Will Lead America to National Ruin

Thanks largely to deficit spending pushed by Speaker Pelosi, America's budget deficit today equates to nearly 10 percent of our GDP.

US News & World Report

Jan Larimer - May 21, 2010

In the 222 years since our Constitution was ratified, the trajectory of American ingenuity has always been on the rise. It was Americans who through their sweat and toil drove innovation in agriculture and powered the industrial revolution. It was Americans who through their entrepreneurial spirit sparked the technological revolution that gave rise to the internet and the digital era.

Nancy Pelosi made it clear last week that she would bring all of that to an end. Does she think America is not a place for men and women to rise through the virtue of hard work? In Nancy Pelosi's America, work is not much more than an unnecessary distraction. In her view of the American experiment, the primary function of government is to provide welfare benefits—not to serve as a protector of rights endowed by our Creator.

Nancy Pelosi's world view became clear last week as she spoke at an Asian American and Pacific Islander summit about the recently enacted health care legislation. While speaking to the group, she said: "We see (the health care bill) as an entrepreneurial bill, a bill that says to someone, if you want to be creative and be a musician or whatever, you can leave your work, focus on your talent, your skill, your passion, your aspirations because you will have health care. You won't have to be job locked."

One wonders if Pelosi understands the nature of work and the history of America at all. Generations of Americans before us did not grow our nation into a superpower by ignoring their talents, their skills and their passions so that they could toil away in jobs in which they were locked. The great leaps forward that built America came about precisely because inspired Americans pursued their dreams within a system that rewarded innovation. Thomas Edison did not invent the light bulb because he felt locked in his job. He found his passion, focused his talent and applied his skills toward work that would reward him.

The same could be said of the Wright Brothers, Alexander Graham Bell, or Henry Ford. In America, people have the freedom to apply their labor toward work that is personally as well as financially rewarding. That is a powerful combination.

It is not necessary to look that far into the distant past for examples of Pelosi's foolishness. The end state that is inevitable under her view of how our economy should work can be seen even today in Greece. For generations, Greece piled debt on to itself in order to finance welfare benefits such as unemployment insurance, old-age assistance and health insurance. In 2009, Greece's budget deficit equaled 13.6 percent of its gross domestic product.

Meanwhile, thanks largely to deficit spending pushed by Speaker Pelosi, America's budget deficit today equates to nearly 10 percent of our GDP. According to the Congressional Budget Office, America's total debt load will equate to 90 percent of our GDP by 2020.

The current path that Nancy Pelosi would have us take is unsustainable. The end result when leaders like Pelosi value welfare benefits over personal industry is national ruin. Our belief in America tells us that it can't happen here, but the evidence in Greece paired with our current fiscal projections tell a much different story. Pelosi's belief that work is now little more than an unnecessary distraction should trouble us on more than an economic level. Pelosi's comments strike at the very heart of the ideals on which America was founded.

Those who left Europe for America's shores in the 18th century did so for many reasons, but one of the chief among them was the freedom to work as they saw fit to provide for their families. They traveled across the sea to leave behind the caste system and indentured servitude that truly made them feel "job locked."

The generations who immigrated to America and built our nation into a superpower did so to find a better life for themselves. They came here with the knowledge that the road would not be easy, but certain in the belief that hard work would provide personal rewards.

That is the social contract that Nancy Pelosi could tear into pieces. She could replace self determination with a reliance on the government. If our nation follows her intended path, the arc of our nation will cease to press upward. It will instead be bent downward with that of Greece and the other fading nations of Europe.

If we allow it to happen, the shame will be hers but the blame will belong to all of us.

Jan Larimer is the co-chair of the Republican National Committee <http://www.usnews.com/articles/opinion/2010/05/21/mc-co-chair-nancy-pelosi-will-lead-america-to-national-ruin.html>

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The YouCut citizen movement is making a difference - across the country and inside the Capitol. We have heard from over 520,000 voices putting Washington on notice that now is the time to get spending under control.

Rep. Michele Bachmann offered this week's winning cut on the House Floor; an amendment to eliminate a pay raise for federal government employees - including right here in the Capitol - saving the taxpayers over \$30 billion.

The Democrats gaveled it down from the Speaker's chair, shutting down debate. The reason the Democrat Majority gave? It would prevent federal workers on Capitol Hill from getting a pay raise, so it could not be considered. That is literally the reason they gave. It is astounding, and an affront to every small business-person and struggling family across this country.

The up-or-down vote was clear, the majority in the U.S. House voted to allow pay raises for non-military federal employees, while the rest of the country is facing pay cuts.

By forcing YouCut votes, backed with your support, we are beginning to change the culture here in Washington. We will not stop until we have brought spending under control.

The next five cuts are already posted on the YouCut website. Many of the items were submitted - including this week's winner - by people just like you, who want to see Washington halt its runaway spending.

You are making your voice heard loud and clear in your nation's capital - together, we are making history.

Regards,
Eric Cantor
House Republican Whip



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Morning Bell: The Buck Stops Nowhere

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In First Principles

According to best estimates, the collapsed Deepwater Horizon oil rig is pumping about 210,000 gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico every day. But don't worry, President Barack Obama has appointed an "independent" commission to investigate the spill. Our federal government will post an estimated \$1.5 trillion budget deficit this year, and our debt is projected to equal 140 percent of gross domestic product within two decades. But don't worry, President Obama has appointed a debt commission to solve the problem. Our nation's southern border has degenerated into a violent, lawless and lethal zone. But don't worry, Congress wants to empower a new commission to control the problem. And millions of Americans don't know whether or not their health plan will be exempted from Obamacare. But don't worry, faceless bureaucrats at the Department of Health and Human Services are already hard at work determining whether or not you will be allowed to keep your current health insurance.

Is this any way to run a country? Should the President of the United States be passing off responsibility to "independent" commissions? Should Congress be passing off responsibility for securing our nation's borders to an unaccountable commission of experts? How is any of this consistent with our nation's First Principles or the United States Constitution? It's not. The authors of our Constitution never meant to create a federal government with the power to force you to buy health insurance, let alone one where it would be unelected bureaucrats who determine what type of health insurance you could buy.

Our Founding Fathers specifically created a Constitution dividing the legislative, executive and judicial functions of government into three branches so that the separation of these powers would limit the size and scope of the federal government. Americans would know who to punish for bad policies at the ballot box because it would be clear who was responsible for creating and enforcing them. But that is very obviously not the system we have today. Our federal government has devolved into an incomprehensible mish-mash of alphabet soup government agencies and commissions that no one American could possibly understand. Why is our country in this state? What happened?

The Progressive movement happened. Hillsdale College Associate Professor of Political Science Ronald Pestritto explains:

For the American pioneers of the administrative state—the Progressives of the late 19th and early 20th centuries—this older, limited understanding of government stood in the way of the policy aims they believed the state ought to pursue in a world that had undergone significant evolution since the time of the Founding. They believed that the role of government, contrary to the perceived ahistorical notion of Founding-era liberalism, ought to adjust continually to meet the new demands of new ages. As Woodrow Wilson wrote in *The State*,

"Government does now whatever experience permits or the times demand."

It is the Progressives' desire to free bureaucratic agencies from the confines of politics and the law that allows us to trace the origins of the administrative state to their political thought. The idea of separating politics and administration—of grounding a significant portion of government not on the basis of popular consent but on expertise—was a fundamental aim of American Progressivism and explains the Progressives' fierce assault on the Founders' separation-of-powers constitutionalism. It was introduced into the United States by Progressive reformers who had themselves learned the principle from what was then the "cutting edge" theory of history and the state developed in 19th century Germany.

President Barack Obama, Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) are the modern heirs of the Progressive campaign to eviscerate the rule-of-law-based limited government envisioned by the U.S. Constitution and replace it with an expert-ruled European welfare state. Everything this regime has done since assuming power (TARP, the Presidential Task Force on Autos, Obamacare, EPA global warming regulations) empowers unaccountable expert committees and commissions. Commenting on Congress' new immigration commission, Rutgers University political science professor Ross Baker told *The Washington Post*: "It's the ultimate expression for the need for political cover." Enough cover. It's time Washington is held accountable.

Quick Hits:

- According to Rasmussen Reports, 72% of likely voters are not confident that Congress knows what it's doing when it comes to addressing current economic problems.
- According to a new study of Obamacare by the nation's largest employee benefit consulting company, about one-third of employers will face employer mandate tax penalties under the new law.
- Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement John Morton said the Obama administration will not necessarily enforce our nation's immigration laws when illegal immigrants are referred to them by Arizona authorities.
- Since President Obama announced a moratorium on permits for new offshore drilling oil and a halt on environmental waivers, at least seven new permits for drilling and five environmental waivers have been granted.
- Rep. Joe Sestak (D-PA) confirmed on Meet the Press that the Obama administration did offer him another job if he agreed to exit the Pennsylvania Senate race.

This article had 15 footnotes which you will find at The Foundry: Conservative Policy News.: <http://blog.heritage.org>



THE SKEPTICAL OBSERVER

It has become very apparent that the regime in Washington needs to be very closely watched. They are constantly coming up with either legislation or bureaucratic regulations that will affect our daily lives and the entire way the country is run.

The latest Rube Goldberg plan comes from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC is looking for ways to “reinvent journalism” so that money can be gathered from other sources and dispensed i.e. redistribute the funds to various newspapers.

The May 24th draft proposal indicates that the government should be at the center of a media overhaul. The FTC is upset with the fact that the Internet has created many options for information to the public which has forced media companies to adapt and experiment in order to survive. FTC staff is worried because “there are reasons for concern that experimentation may not produce a robust and sustainable business model for commercial journalism.” This statement is in the agency report.

The ideas being suggested to save the industry have one thing in common. They are designed to empower bureaucrats, not consumers. One proposal would “Allow news organizations to agree jointly on a mechanism to require news aggregators and others to pay for the use of online content, perhaps through the use of copyright licenses.”

The last sentence means that government policy would encourage a tax on websites like the Drudge Report so that the agency can redistribute the funds collected to various newspapers.

The report also mentions the possibility of offering tax exemptions to news organization,

establishing an AmeriCorps for reporters and creating a national fund for local news organizations. Money for such benefits would come from new taxes. A tax on consumer electronic devices such as iPads, Kindles and laptops that allow consumers read the news could be used to encourage consumers to read print news. Taxes could also be levied on the radio and television spectrum, advertising and cell phones.

Two paragraphs in the FTC report remind us of George Orwell’s 1984.

The news is a “public good” in economic terms. That is, it is non-rivalrous (one person’s consumption of the news does not preclude another person’s consumption of the same news) and non-excludable (once the news producer supplies anyone, it cannot exclude anyone). Because free riding is usually easy in these circumstances, it is often difficult to ensure that producers of public goods are appropriately compensated.

*In addition, the news can produce benefits that spread much beyond their readers. For example, investigative reporting that results in a staff shakeup in a local hospital can produce better health care for patients in the future, but the news organization that produced that story will receive, at best, **limited compensation** (perhaps through increased readership) related to having spurred those benefits.*

Stating that news is a “public good” is nothing more than double speak to demand government oversight of the news.

Government reinvention of journalism means a journalism much less likely to be independent.

“What they cannot deny is what is clearly written in the FTC document and what it reveals about the intention behind the initiative, which is to transform the news industry from an information product collected by private individuals and entrepreneurs as a service to private buyers, to a government-regulated public utility providing a “public good,” as defined and regulated by government.” Mark Tapscott

If the government pays or contributes to a journalist’s salary the conflict of interest is appalling.

Let us all remember the First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting...the freedom of the press.

Journalists are independent in the Constitution. They are supposed to be adversaries, not partners or beneficiaries.

The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

Information gathered from Ed Morrissey at Hotair.com and The Washington Times, 6/4/10.





Membership 2010

Nancy Maier—Membership Chair

2009 NFRW Diamond Award Winning Club

Karen Moyers Katherine Nelipovich
Dana Stecki Lisa Cimino Brandie Loupy

What a wonderful May 25th meeting we had! Sixty plus members and guests came to hear Charlie Self, Ph.D. (who is heard on the Brian Sussman's show on a regular basis known as KSFO's Dr. History) and no one was disappointed.

The 2010 Member Roster has been published and given to members who attended the past two general meetings. An insert is available, and if you did not receive it, please let me know. I will be mailing the roster to members who have not received their copy yet.

Nancy Maier, Membership



Sonoma Republican Party Dinner featuring County Supervisor Paul Kelley

Thursday, June 24, 2010
Doors Open at 6:30pm
Dinner at 7:00pm

Cattlemens Restaurant
Montgomery Village
2400 Midway Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Our Special Guest, Supervisor Paul Kelley will give us an update on Sonoma County issues, including information about the current water situation.

Meet other Sonoma County Republicans. Get information on local issues. Find out how you can get more involved.

Dinner Tickets are \$30.
Call Elissa Wadleigh at 707-228-8331.
The deadline to purchase tickets is June 14th



Santa Rosa Republican Women, Federated

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Newsletter by mail _____ or E-mail _____

Please indicate the appropriate membership:

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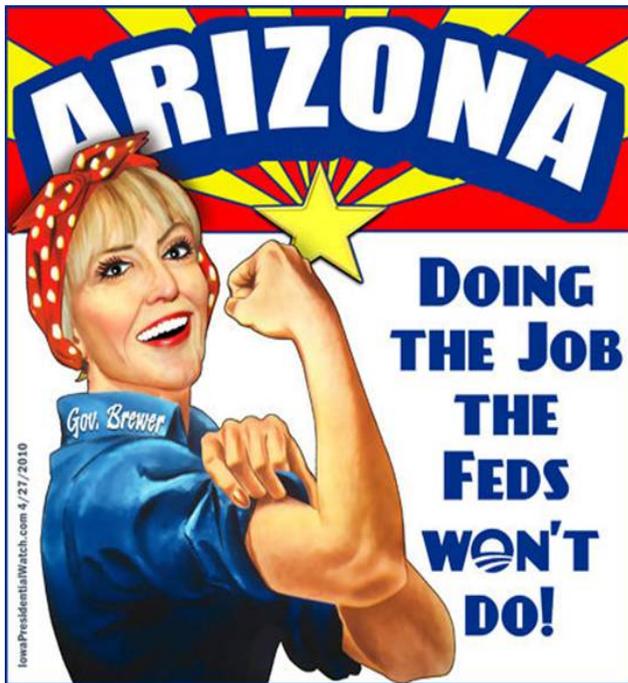
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Calendar 2010

- June 26** **BBQ Fundraiser**
- Summer break July/August..**
- Sept 7 SRRWF Board Meeting
- Sept 28 SRRWF Monthly Meeting
- Oct 5 SRRWF Board Meeting
- Oct 26 SRRWF Monthly Meeting



Sonoma County Republican Party meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.. Information-707 542-7066
www.sonomagop.org

North Sonoma County Republican Club meeting
 June 16th breakfast meeting 7:30 Adel's Restaurant,
 198 Dry Creek Rd, Healdsburg, CA 95448 call
 707.578.0414

Republican Women Federated Clubs -

North Bay Region—no meetings July-August

Marin RWF - Meets fourth Wednesday
www.maringop.org

Napa Valley RWF - Meets second Thursday of each month
www.napagop.org

Napa Vintage RWF - Meets third Thursday - 707-554-4710

Novato RWF - Meets third Tuesday www.novatorwf.org

Sonoma Valley RWF - Meets Second Thursday each month
 707 938-5055

Upper Napa RWF - Meets Second Monday call
 Marjorie Preston 707-226-2914