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Confessions of an ex-Liberal - Socialist - Progressive Democrat from Berkeley:

A former member of the other camp offers his insight and advice to conservative and Republican Leaders.

When I first began attending SCRW&M meetings there was a young couple that attracted my attention for their articulate intelligence and ability to get to the point. They were Howard and Nahid Hyde. She, I later learned, was a published writer and had lead a most interesting life. He was a busy business man with the zeal of a convert to the conservative cause. When we made the move from the Tam O Shanter to the Smoke House, we sort of lost contact with them, but now Howard has returned. He still has the zeal for the conservative, capitalist world view and a desire to share it with others. If our plans work out he will be presenting a multi media lecture which he hopes to be taking to other clubs and venues in the future. He is also in the process of writing a book and looking for a publisher.



Howard Hyde

Howard Hyde tells us he is a former liberal-socialist-progressive Democrat, raised in Berkeley, California during the 1960's and 70's. He holds a bachelor's degree in Music from the University of Southern California, speaks 3 languages fluently (Spanish, French and a little English) and has worked 18 years in Information Technology as a computer programmer, database designer and corporate manager. He is also a husband, dad, and step-dad. He gave up flying lessons for figure skating.

As we Republicans are most convincing, when in discussion with non-Republicans, when we are informed and have facts and figures with which to support our arguments, it is most beneficial to us to listen to thoughtful people whose life experience gives them the background and expertise to arm us with the ammunition we need to prevail in the political arena. In spite of the poor judgement he displayed in giving up flying for skating, he promises to be a most entertaining and informative speaker.

From the President's Desk----

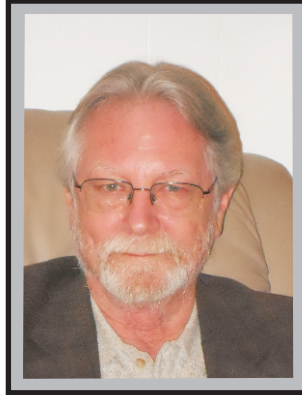
Another good meeting last month with lots of guests. It's very rewarding to watch guests during the Forum as they sit and listen for a time then sooner or later feel they have something to add to the discussion, raise their hands and jump in. The passion and intensity of Republicans at this point in time is stronger than I have ever known it. And I go all the way back to wearing an "I Like Ike" button. The theme of our group is beginning to become - "Sharing" - sharing with open minded people our thoughts and feelings and fears, and taking comfort from the recognition that we are not alone. There are people out there who share our 'World View' and are working to move the city, the county, the state, the country a little more to the Right and away from the catastrophe we face if the Left continues to rule the hearts and minds of the people of the United States.

We hope our guests will come again and soon become members. Increasing our membership, especially among younger Republicans, is an urgent need for our club. We need the strength and enthusiasm of youth well as the wisdom and patience of the mature to sustain our growth and future activity.

We have therefore sent a letter to every one who has been a guest or member in 2008 and '09 reminding them of the good fun, the information and the "good vibes" they experienced when attending a SCRW&M meeting, and asking them to come join us again. If you know someone who used to attend, or someone you brought in as a guest, give them a call and encourage them to join us in what promises to be a very exciting year.

I think our problem is 'communication.' That is breaking through the cacophony of email, Face Book, Twitter, and News media that inundates us every day. (I get about 30 emails a day, most of them concerning some political issue or another.) If everyone else is having a similar experience, finding a way to inform the Republican population in this part of the State of our existence is a challenge. We do send out, by email, the contact to our monthly Newsletter to about 235 subscribers, members, and former guests. We also send email invitations and announcements of our meetings to some 750 prominent Republicans in our area, and some 20,000 email addresses in the 3rd Supervisorial District. We have recently had several people arrive at our check-in-desk saying they received an email invitation and would like to check us out. They were most welcome indeed.

Still, by far the best way to communicate our existence is by word of mouth. Where ever, when ever you meet a fellow Republican tell them about us, ask them if they would like to receive our Newsletter, then get their email address, or mailing address so we can send them a copy.

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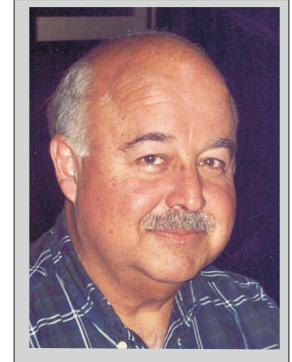
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Bill's Bills or, Whatever it is, I'm against it.

My moustache and cigar mentor, Groucho Marx, played college President Quincy Adams Wagstaff in the movie "Horsefeathers". In the film President Wagstaff lets his faculty know what he thinks of them and their ideas with this little ditty; "I don't know what they have to say; it makes no difference anyway; whatever it is, I'm against it!" A quick scan through the old bill mill in Sacramento renews my long held belief that when it comes to legislation from Democrat controlled bodies, Groucho had exactly the right idea.



William Saracino

I know you are as surprised as I am that even after last year's record tax increase that was going to fix California's budget once and for all, we are again looking at a deficit – this time around \$20 billion. That being the case, you'd think the boys and girls of the Sacramento Circus would be busy finding ways to solve this problem. Well binky, you'd be wrong.

Here's the kind of things under consideration in Sacramento.

AB 2411 would regulate pet insurance – yes, pet insurance. A business absolutely crying out for government regulation. If this is really a problem I presume it will be included in the final version of Obamacare in D.C.

SB1277, in the same kennel as AB2411 apparently, would create an "animal abuse registry", similar to what we require of sex offenders. Should we call such offenders "pet-o-philes"? You couldn't make this stuff up folks. The state has no money, but our legislators have time for this stuff.

ACR 112 declared the first week of March as "Cuss Free Week" in our Golden State. The resolution's intent would be much easier to comply with if stupid things like this didn't exist.

AB 664 creates a presumption in the law that neck and back injuries suffered by hospital employees are related to employment. Even if the employee is a weekend bungee jumper or trapeze aficionado.

AB 1421 would require business to pay employees for time spent commuting from the parking lot to the workstation. No, really.

SB 128 creates the "California Climate Change Insitute", to bring the wit and wisdom of Al Gore more fully to bear on California taxpayers. The new \$20 billion deficit doesn't stop legislators from thinking up new ways to create bureaucracies, hire new staff, and create new programs to harass businesses.

AB 68 would require grocery stores (and probably all stores) to charge customers 25 cents per "one time use bags" at the point of sale. The target is plastic bags, but if the commissars in Sacramento decide that paper bags are for "one time use", heck, why not charge for them as well. And what if I promise to re-use my plastic bags? Does putting it over the heads of legislators who support this bill count?

I could go on...and on...and ON, but you get the picture. When it comes to legislation in Sacramento these days, the safest course is to rely on Groucho and say, "whatever it is, I'm against it!"

Forum Highlights, a report by Michael Lerew

The amazing victory of Republican Scott Brown in the recent Massachusetts special Senate election was the leadoff topic in the February SCRWM forum. In assessing the impact of his win on national politics, Marilyn Bush noted that we need AAA candidates. Jane commented that she supports Chuck Devore for the California nomination for Senate, that he needs financial support, and that he has support from tea party candidates. Eldon commented that Brown and other candidates ran more as independents. Ron said that no Congressional seat is a sure thing. Brad said that voters supported Brown because Massachusetts raised taxes.

On the question of whether Obamacare is dead, Marilyn is worried about complacency. She thinks the whole schematic is disastrous. Ron thinks the Democrats' health care bills mean doom, but that the Democrats will do it anyway. Susan is concerned about Obamacare, and thinks the reconciliation vote option in the Senate, requiring only 51 votes to pass, would be doom for the Democrats. Jane said the Democrats have been on this so long, they'll do it anyway.

In regard to the recent Tea Party convention event held in Tennessee, Asher stated that the Republicans are not doing anything about health care. Brad remarked, "Who cares what Sarah Palin wrote on her palm?" Eldon said the Tea Party movement should remain decentralized. He found her presentation unpolished, but prefers her content to President Obama's. Ron thought the convention was bad timing. Jane felt that people are being unfair to Sarah Palin. Marilyn said that Republicans should say "so what?" when someone criticizes anybody who makes a profit, as the organizers of the convention tried to do.

Asked what should be done about health care costs, Marilyn volunteered that she thinks the doctor for "Octomom" should pay for all those eight children. Brad said that Republicans are rational on the issue of health care, though Democrats say Republicans are cold. Jane said we need tort reform, as fraud is critical.

The question was asked about Iraq--is there still an Iraq war, or is it over? Ron stated that it is not over. Brad said no, it isn't over, Iraq is not self-sustaining. It may never be so. Asher remarked that the U.S. should use all its military force.

On the topic of how significant is U.S. government borrowing as an issue, Ron noted that all the borrowing is keeping the interest rates artificially low, depressing the interest people can earn on their savings. Eldon observed that we can't keep borrowing at this rate. Marilyn said that Republicans face a dilemma, because a culture of entitlement has grown up. Brad commented that schools are teaching that people are owed something.

Asked what, if anything, people think the federal government should do to help the economy produce more jobs, those present replied in unison: "Reduce taxes!"

On the subject of whether Obama will be able to co-opt the Tea Party movement, Bill Saracino said that Sarah Palin had made a good comment: "Keep the Tea Party movement diverse."

As always, the entire discussion was lively and stimulating.

Silent Auction - Autographed "Going Rogue"

How would you like to have a boxed, autographed, 1st edition copy of Sarah Palin's best selling book, "Going Rogue"? Imagine what the value of such a book will be in the future, should she run for President or not.

It can be yours if you submit the winning bid in SCRW&M's silent auction.

The bidding will begin at \$100.00. Bids may be submitted via email to equick1@sbcglobal.net, or by telephone to 323-467-7654. The current highest bid will posted on the SCRW&M web site at www.scrwm.com. The bidding will close Friday April 9th at 6:00 p.m. The highest bid at that time will be awarded the prize at the April 10th SCRW&M Luncheon Meeting.

Val's Vents

How To Improve America's Healthcare

Healthcare in America could use some restructuring. The main issue is cost. Across the board, costs have been increasing at an alarming rate. Some costs are controlled by outside factors (rising prices of oil, etc.) that cannot be controlled by changes to the healthcare industry. However, there are some changes that would not only curtail the rate of increase in costs but actually reduce current costs.

First, we need to look at healthcare just like anything else we purchase where the cost is controlled by supply and demand. Doctors, nurses, and other healthcare workers choose the field as a career job and expect to be paid a fair wage. A wage to be determined by consumer willingness to pay for it. This gives value to the service. Mandated costs by government are not based on demand, negating any value. This causes indifference by supplier and dissatisfaction by the consumer.

Any enterprise run or tightly controlled by government always adds additional costs to the goods or services provided. Invariably these costs out distance the revenues causing a decrease in value of goods and services provided. A system like this cannot sustain itself and eventually will need subsidization by taxes. Taxes collected for other purposes causing them to suffer lack of funds, as is the case with the Social Security System.

Just like not everyone can afford their own house or designer items, not everyone can afford optimum healthcare services. This is a fact of life. No government has been able to circumvent this concept. If the government mandates that a car costing \$30,000.00 to build be sold for \$10,000.00, future production of that car will not be worth even \$10,000.00. The same is with health care. When the government sets the amount of money that a hospital is to receive, the hospital cannot perform the number of consumer demanded services required. It can only perform those that will be paid for within a specific period of time, leaving patients requiring these services waiting until the next period. Some patients will invariably die before required services are provided.

There are two main reasons for the continuous rise of healthcare, the looming threat of lawsuits and lack of competition within the insurance industry.

Many doctors and other healthcare providers must double and even treble their fees in order to pay for malpractice insurance. These costs are constantly being driven higher by lawyers encouraging lawsuits and well meaning jurors awarding outrageously high monetary awards. Imagine that you were ordered to pay millions of dollars to a plaintive for a mistake you made at your job. True a misplaced decimal point or not matching the color of the carpet to the paint for the walls does not carry the consequences of surgical mistake. An award of \$100,000,000.00 does not correct a surgical mistake either. It does however increase the cost of healthcare across the nation. National tort reform would keep these awards to a reasonable level. Awards should be made in full for out of pocket expenses incurred by the plaintive, legal fees of the attorneys need to be regulated to a reasonable amount for services rendered, and punitive damages need a ceiling.

By reducing the risk of Malpractice Insurers, healthcare costs could be cut by half or more.

The cost of individual medical insurance (whether paid individually or through employer) is also a large part of healthcare costs in America. This cost is driven partially by the same circumstances as discussed previously but more so by lack of competition. Medical insurers are regulated by individual states. Each state has a small fraction of the number of insurance companies in America. In many instances the same company operating in more than one state is actually operating differently in each state. That is because they have to adhere to different rules and regulations. This curtails competition. Insurance companies are operating according to the dictates of the states rather than in the most efficient way possible. The consumer is dustily short changed and over charged.

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Val's Vent Continued

By standardizing insurer requirements and liabilities nationally, every insurance company could compete for business in each state. Restrictions on forming monopolies would be needed to keep competition open and one company from dominating the industry. Government is never an equal competitor with private business. It can run deficits and have an unfair advantage since it has the use of tax funds to operate at a loss.

Competition in the market has always been the major factor in keeping costs down. Competition will do the same in health insurance that it has maintained in all industries.

This brings us to pre-existing conditions. No logical person would expect an insurance company to write a policy on a house that has burned down or a car mangled in a crash. Yet many of these same people see nothing wrong in expecting an insurance company insuring someone with a possibly fatal condition. Rather than making insurance payments while they are healthy and getting regular medical checkups, they decided to spend their money on other things, makes no difference whether this is by necessity or just plain self-indulgence. This is not the same as if a person with insurance for a number of years and then changing jobs where there is a different insurance company. But the new insurance company might now be burdened with high medical costs without the benefit of collecting payments that it can use to obtain interest from. Those were collected by the previous insurance company during the healthy period of the insured. This too can be taken care of. Every insurance company must keep a healthy ratio of assets to liabilities. By creating a national asset pool that all insurers contribute to. A company picking up a new insured with a pre-existing condition can claim some of those assets built up with premium payments and interest.

What about the many uninsured (estimates range from 30 to 45 million)? We first must define them. Few of these are in a position to pay for most medical needs they may have. A large portion of the uninsured are fairly young people believing to be healthy and not needing insurance. Without insurance they are very likely to join the balance of uninsured with no means to pay for needed medical care later in life. These people will inevitably become a burden on society one way or another. As a nation based on Judeo-Christian values there is a moral obligation to help. It should not be a government mandate.

There is a way to overcome this also. Nationally, the education system is grossly lacking in teaching self reliance and responsibility. In addition to the various math and other courses, the subject of preparing for the future must become mandatory. They must include money management stressing the importance of having health insurance, providing for retirement, and budget management.

In all the years I attend various educational institutes across America (grammar school, middle school, high school, and various colleges) few offered them and none had them as required courses. Lack of education has created a large group demanding new and more entitlements.

This nation cannot long endure an ever growing consumption of the earnings of others. If this trend continues, America will end up a nation of poor, uninspired, and miserable people living in a socialist state with no prospects for a better future.

When the government provides all, it takes away all freedom and liberty. Freedom and liberty is what made this the greatest country of all time.



Wise Words

"The Constitution, which at any time exists 'till changed by an explicit and authentic act of the whole People, is sacredly obligatory upon all." --George Washington

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Saturday, March 13th 2010

Howard Hyde

“Confessions of an Ex Liberal”

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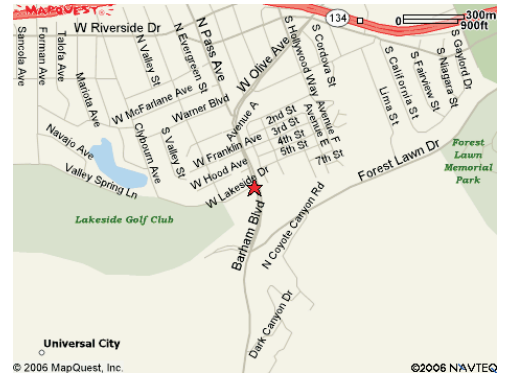
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