



Jeffers M. Dodge

Featured Speaker

Jeffers MacArthur Dodge is an engineer, producer, music video director, editor and a Republican activist. President and founder of the Los Angeles Republican Alliance (LARA), a preeminent grassroots organization, Jeffers Dodge is also president and CEO of the [Media Garage](#), a Republican multi-media content creation outfit in Culver City. He is a new-media marketing and promotion consultant and a Los Angeles County Republican Activist.

Working in the music industry since 1976, Jeffers Dodge’s entertainment industry background is in artist development. His expertise is his ability to recognize and develop raw talent.

Jeffers Dodge threw his hat into the ring as the Republican nominee for the California State Assembly in the 47th District in 2006. During this campaign he was honored to have his friend Ann Coulter agree to kick off his campaign’s fundraising gala in Culver City.

He is well known for the volunteer grassroots organization PopUpUSA he started during the 2004 election.

Jeffers Dodge is 1st Vice President of the Los Angeles County Heritage Alliance as well as a board member on Justiceville/Homeless USA. He is the 33rd Congressional Executive Committee Member of the Republican Party of Los Angeles County and an Executive Committee member of the California Republican Party. He is also an Ex-Officio member of the 47th Central Committee.

Political Forum—July 14, 2007

— *By Mary Morris*

As always, the Forum under Michael Lerew’s guidance ranged over a multitude of topics, from the ACLU to Iraq to illegal immigration. Included in the discussion, in light of Lady Bird Johnson’s death, was a critique of Johnson Administration and the LBJ years, with their focus on Vietnam, civil rights, and the Great Society programs that changed the nature of the fed-

eral bureaucracy, expanding its reach and compounding its ineffectiveness. Consensus of the group was that Lyndon Johnson might have been good for Texas, but he was bad for the U.S. as a whole. Lady Bird was given credit for her Washington D.C. beautification projects—and for surviving LBJ.

Discussion of city matters led to a verbal trouncing of “Antonio the Romeo,” otherwise known as the Mayor of Los Angeles. It was felt that his actions have caused extensive damage to his image, particularly in the Latino Community, and that while he still has two years before the next election to repair that damage, it’s unlikely that he can do so.

The Forum devoted a major part of its time to a wide-ranging discussion of Iraq, with a variety of opinions on the actual state of play and on the right way to proceed from here. It was generally felt that the current Iraqi government seems paralyzed on major issues and ineffective on all the rest. Several members noted that the U.S. can’t sustain its current effort for several more years, regardless of President Bush’s determination to continue. It was felt that the president will inevitably make adjustments, but will not admit that he’s made any mistakes. He will be constrained, one member said, by time and

history. It was also noted that we cannot deflect ideology with guns, and that the Islamist point of view is coming across unchecked. Mention was made of a recent documentary, *Islam vs. Islamists*, made for PBS regarding the silencing of moderate Muslims that PBS has refused to air; a second film by the same producers and director was aired on Fox. The continuing terrorist threat also underlines the necessity for secure borders—including the Canadian border, which the Department of Homeland Security has identified as the most porous for illegal immigration.

A brisk discussion then ensued on a recently proposed state law that would require all pets to be neutered. With the exception of one member who thought it was a great idea (full disclosure: your humble scribe), the group felt that the bill’s defeat was a victory, that another attempt to legislate morality had been defeated, and that the law represented an intrusion on individual freedoms. This led to a discussion of the role of government in society, with most discussants believing that government should provide what individuals cannot—and should then get out of the way.

Other issues covered included reve-

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From the President's Desk—

[on behalf of the Board of Directors of Southern California Republican Women & Men] ~

Greetings all,

We are enthusiastic about the SCRW&M's future and each of us remains committed to seeing our club grow and prosper. As mentioned in our letter mailed to you in July, a smart and technologically savvy Republican friend is helping SCRW&M revamp the website, update the email program, and extend SCRW&M's reach to thousands of Republicans who have never before heard of our club. That special friend is Jeffers Dodge, our speaker for August 11.

SCRW&M's executive board feels it our duty to revitalize, update and invigorate SCRW&M; all of us pledge to do so. We cannot do this alone. We need you and your support. Considerable energy is surging in our world, our nation and our state. Some of the energy is good -- and some is very bad.

"All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

We believe that a resurgent and effective Southern California Republican Women & Men is a primary step to good people mobilizing to do good things. We hope you agree with us, and will join us at our monthly meetings. We welcome your ideas on how to make SCRW&M more effective, and hope that you will come to our meetings ready to share your outlook on the future of our movement. The future you shape will be your own.

*Where were you when the world stopped turning that September day?
Did you stand there in shock at the site of
That black smoke rising against that blue sky
Did you shout out in anger
In fear for your neighbor
Or did you just sit down and cry
Did you weep for the children
Who lost their dear loved ones
And pray for the ones who don't know
Did you rejoice for the people who walked from the rubble
And sob for the ones left below
Did you burst out in pride
For the red white and blue
The heroes who died just doing what they do
Did you look up to heaven for some kind of answer
And look at yourself to what really matters*

Looking forward to spending time with you at The Smoke House in Burbank ~

. . . . Louise Clarke Stone



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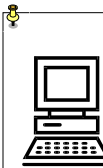
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Lores Rizkalla Live returns to KRLA!



Tune in Sunday nights at 10pm starting on 870AM in Los Angeles or at www.loreslive.com via webstream starting August 5!

Thanks to all your support,

. . . Lores

**DEADLINE FOR
SEPTEMBER 2007
NEWSLETTER
SUBMISSIONS:
AUGUST 20, 2007.**

Bill's Bills



William Saracino

The circus – aka legislature – is “sort of” on their summer break. The Assembly passed a budget that instead of being a 9.5 or 9.9 on the 10-scale of bad budgets was only a 8.5 or so. It included all kinds of budgetary legerdemain and slight of hand tricks to paper-over deficit financing, but it also contained some substantial tax relief for certain favored segments of California business. That’s why it got the GOP votes necessary to pass.

At the moment (this is being written August 1st) the Republicans in the State Senate are not in as charitable a mood. They are refusing (rightly in my view) to go along with the Assembly version until they (the GOP Senators) get some of their *own* preferred tax cuts included. This has the Democrats howling the usual howl about starving children and throwing grannies out in the street from convalescent homes. Balderdash. The Democrats would have to cut less than 1% of their spending to accommodate the GOP in the Senate. If they are unwilling to do that, I say let the stalemate continue! Whatever the final outcome – and it will likely be known before you get this – the GOP legislators have done themselves proud. They acted independently of the Governor and the Democrats and actually held firm on principal, and by doing so – *mirabile dictum* – won a few significant concessions. Congrats to them.

The Democrats though didn’t leave town before advancing a passel of odious legislation. Read it and weep:

AB 8 – Nunez, D, Los Angeles. Imposes a tax on small employers who cannot afford to provide health care coverage, to fund such coverage for individuals who don’t purchase it.

AB 47 – Jones, D, Sacramento. Greatly expands employers liability exposure and hampers their ability to defend themselves by *removing all statute of limitations* on lawsuits by employees regarding wages or benefits.

SB 464 – Kuehl, D, Santa Monica. Forces – yes forces - rental property owners to stay in business *whether or not they are making a profit*.

AB 504- Swanson, D-Oakland. Would force employers to pay striking employees who had worked for them for more than one year.

Thank goodness the Governor has a veto pen warming up in the corner office.

..... *Bill Saracino*

From the Editor—Here are a few tidbits you might be interested in . . .

Washington - From Congressman John Campbell (Friday, August 3, 2007)

Last night, (August 2nd) Republicans walked off the House Floor **after Democrats changed the outcome of a vote after the final tally had been called.** And this was not just any vote. The vote would have barred illegal immigrants from receiving food stamps and subsidized housing. Republicans had just enough votes to pass the motion, and we won the final vote 215-213.

That should have been the end of it; but not under the Pelosi Congress.

After the gavel had fallen, Stockton, California Freshman Democrat Jerry McNerney (CA-11) changed his vote to oppose the motion, and even though the vote was closed, they allowed the outcome to go the other way.

Last night’s walk-out didn’t happen just because of this one vote. The Democrat’s agenda is so liberal and so out of touch with the American people that all year they have not permitted debate or objections on legislation because they don’t want the American people to see what they’re doing. Nancy Pelosi believes that the politics of San Francisco and America are the same. They are not.

As the Majority party, they have the right to pass legislation. But they don’t have the right to suppress differing opinions and disregard the outcome of elections. That’s un-American, un-democratic, and just plain wrong.

The House is currently shut down. I will keep you posted.

Analyzing insanity of state budget

Sacramento - By Michael Der Manouel, Jr. - (FresnoBee.com 7/17/07)

To understand the insanity of the state budget process in California, one must take a brief look back in time to see how convoluted the arguments are today over finding a mere \$2 billion in spending "cuts" to balance the 2007-08 spending plan.

According to the Legislative Analyst, 10 years ago, the budget presented by Gov. Pete Wilson proposed the following spending: general fund, \$50.3 billion; special funds, \$14.3 billion; total, \$64.6 billion; reserves, \$553 million.

Ten years later, the 2007-08 budget proposes: general fund, \$103.1 billion; special funds, \$27.7 billion; total, \$131 billion.

The increase in state spending over 10 years? A whopping 202%. During this same 10-year period, according to the Census

Bureau and California's Department of Finance, the state's population increased from 32.9 million to 37.1 million, or 13%.

You read that right. A 10-year 202% increase in state spending versus population growth of 13%.

Total state spending for California schools in 1997-98 was \$27.5 billion. The proposed budget for 2007-08: \$53.4 billion. This is a 194% increase over 10 years. Since 1997, California's school enrollment at the K-12 level has increased less than 8%.

... If you are interested in the rest of the article, check it out at FresnoBee.com (07/17/07)

Michael Der Manouel Jr. is a businessman and chairman of the Lincoln Club of Fresno County.

Member Spotlight

Congratulations Kevin and Louise!



Kevin Korenthal

Korenthal appointed to Advisory Committee

One of our newer members, Kevin Korenthal, has been selected by The Santa Clarita City Council & the Santa Clarita Redevelopment Agency to serve a 2 year term on the committee that is "responsible for advising the Redevelopment Agency on redevelopment/ revitalization in the Newhall Project Area and assists with implementation of the Downtown Newhall Specific Plan."

He will be sworn in along with two other new members, Victor Feany and Dennis Verner on August 6, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Century Room on the first floor of Santa Clarita City Hall.

Louise Clarke-Stone nominated to receive 2007 Congressional Order of Merit

SCRW&M President, Louise Clarke-Stone, has been Nominated by the National Republican Congressional Committee for the 2007 Congressional Order of Merit -

In recognition of her support for Republican ideals, support for President George W. Bush, and her outstanding support of the Republican Party;

In recognition of her willingness to serve as Honorary Chairman of the Business Advisory Council;

In recognition of her generous financial contributions.

Letter to the Editor

Re: "Balancing Needs" (Daily News, Aug 2, 2007)

Poor, poor Home Depot. Let me stick a finger in my eye to bring up a tear for their dilemma. Now, let me tell you that Home Depot has been caught in their pattern of bulldozing their way into communities where it is inappropriate to place an industrial retailer. Home Depot says "community plans be damned" and the Sunland Tujunga community and their elected representative, Los Angeles City Councilmember Wendy Greuel, say "the bulldozer stops here." Poor, poor Home Depot who has no regard for the community of Sunland Tujunga which has been

requesting compliance with the Foothill Corridor Specific Plan. We live here and Home Depot has to bus-in and pay their supporters. Tell Home Depot to follow the laws and procedures and comply with community and specific plans, then we will all listen and evaluate. For now, Home Depot, stop talking and start acting like a corporation responsible not just to shareholders, but to the communities they blight.

— Louise Clarke Stone

Letter to SCRW&M

— By Loretta Hanson

It would be nice to keep track of California and Federal Legislation that increases taxes and/or promotes socialism . . . So our members can protest these things to our representatives. (Most of whom are Demo socialists, like our Senators . . .) We still should be counted.

We should also keep asking Arnold to Veto tax increases and socialized legislation as well as legislation that hurts our economy which is teetering on the edge at best. i.e.

California:

- Reversing Workers Comp Reform (which is one of the main reasons so many businesses left California) back to the higher costs SB 942, 936, 338
- Increasing diesel fuel prices SB 140 & 210

- Health Care (socialized medicine) authorizing an "unelected agency" to increase taxes to cover costs for all INCLUDING ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AB 8 . . . Why should California Citizens keep paying for all these illegals?

All of these have been proposed by the liberal Demos.

Federal:

The Demo assault against Free Speech—trying to take the Conservative talk shows off the radio by reinstating the "Fairness Doctrine". We need to write to our "Senators" Boxer and Feinstein and Congressional representatives and tell them to stop trying to kill free speech. They can get their own radio talk show for their point of view (I guess Colmes can't handle it).

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lations about the Department of Water and Power, which has for years been selling energy at a markup, with special prices for some civic and public institutions. The additional funds traditionally have gone to the City of Los Angeles, to enable it to "adjust" its budget.

The Forum is a distinctive feature of Southern California Republican Women and Men. Join us to express your views and

find out what others really think. There is no shortage of opinions at SCRW&M, so add yours to the mix.

Forum begins at 11:30am, prior to the monthly luncheon and adjourns at 12:55 pm.

Come Join the Fun!

Saturday, August 11, 2007

Topic: 21st Century Politics on the Internet

Jeffers M. Dodge

President, Los Angeles Republican's Alliance
Featured Speaker

THE SMOKE HOUSE

*Founded in 1946 at the corner of Pass & Riverside in Burbank.
The original restaurant seated 46 people, and was enjoyed by local
luminaries Bob Hope and Bing Crosby (among others) on its opening night.*

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Political Forum at 11:30am

Luncheon at 1:00pm

Members: \$25 Non-Members: \$40

Reservations by August 8, 2007:

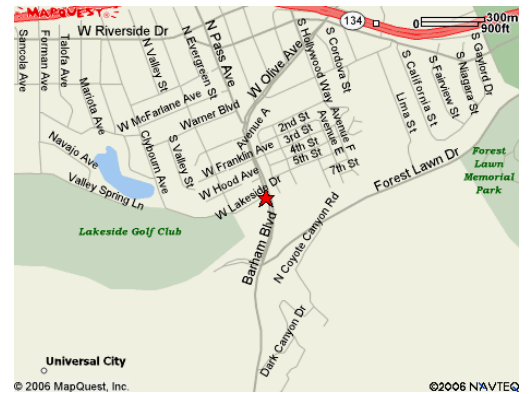
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Mark Your Calendar for 2007!

September 8th	Luncheon
October 13th	Luncheon
November 10th	Luncheon
December 8th	Luncheon



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