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David Nott of the Reason Foundation to Speak at SCRW&M

David Nott is president of Reason Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing free minds and free markets. Under Nott's leadership, Reason's public policy experts have advised President George W. Bush, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, and numerous other officials on how to shrink the burden of government. Reason, a monthly magazine of political and cultural commentary, was named one of the "50 Best Magazines" two straight years by the Chicago Tribune and is described as "a kick-ass, no-holds-barred political magazine" by the New York Post.



David Nott

Nott's professional experience includes six years as president of the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, where he is credited with developing and implementing a business plan that led to a 250 percent increase in revenue. Nott also spearheaded the construction of Mercatus' new Capitol Hill Campus.

Nott is a certified petroleum engineer. From 1986 to 1994, he was a senior reserve engineer at Shell California Production, Inc., coordinating the divisional capital budget, forecasting production and expenses, calculating reserves, and analyzing the profitability of projects and properties.

Nott has written on privatization for the Institute of Economic Affairs, lectured to federal judges on the need for drug policy reform, and written commentary for the Los Angeles Times, Orange County Register, San Diego Union-Tribune, Los Angeles Daily News, and many other publications.

Nott earned a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences, with Distinction, in Economics and Petroleum Engineering from Stanford University.

From the President's Desk---

Brenda Montaine

February 2009 Greetings from your Southern California Republican Women and Men President

Thank you to our January guest speaker, Bruce Brown, an incredible wealth of information and a true American patriot who epitomizes political activism. You can read more and contact Bruce Brown at <http://conservativemovement.com/>.

Now that it is 2009 and we have our first black president I wonder if as a nation we will move beyond the ignorance of our nation's participation in slavery by doing away with ethnic quotas and affirmative action. Have our nation and our white men made enough amends for the heinous act of slavery and the torture of our suffragists or will the tables turn and the memory of the once oppressed morph into a new era of the worst oppressors our county has yet to see? Will the only answer to closing the achievement gap and leaving no child behind become the doorway for the fall of our great nation into a socialist regime? I am concerned that those who work diligently will soon be told that it is only fair to not let anyone get ahead therefore leaving not one behind; not animal, vegetable, nor criminal. It is infuriating. I for one am hoping that government agencies, voters, and employers will come to their senses, wake up, smell the insanity, and make their selections based on a candidate's skills and experience.

I'm waiting, almost patiently, to find out what our country will do with a stimulus package, what our state will do with the California budget, and if science will prove that I am living with global warming or entering an ice age. First, what will our county do to the hand of those who learned to play capitalism? Play so well that most of us cannot even fathom the bonuses handed out like there was no tomorrow. Will the hands of greed be slapped or slipped an advance? In my opinion a bail out is just another way to reward bad behavior. As far as I'm concerned, if you pay yourself millions and billions of dollars you do not deserve a *deus ex machina* for your mismanaged company. I don't think my father would pay my mortgage if I chose to spend all of my pay check on wine, shoes, and fast cars, therefore I'm incapable of thinking that the American people should pay for someone else's planes, trains, and exotic mini bar. However, if I wake up to find a 2009 red corvette in my driveway with a big red bow attached I'm humble enough to admit my mistake (Dad, Chevy, anyone?). My leather

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Southern California Republican Women and Men
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January, 2009

Dear Representative,

The following is a position statement from the Southern California Republican Women and Men for the month of February 2009

The population of California has among the highest degrees of diversity to be found anywhere. Along with the benefits of diversity, there is also the challenge of encouraging our new citizens to understand and exercise their rights and responsibilities of citizenship, especially that of voting in elections at every level of government, and participating in all of our political processes. Along with the celebration of diversity, our government and the Republican Party should do more to encourage all of our citizens to understand how vital it is that each should try and make the effort to participate in our democracy.

Membership of Southern California Republican Women and Men.

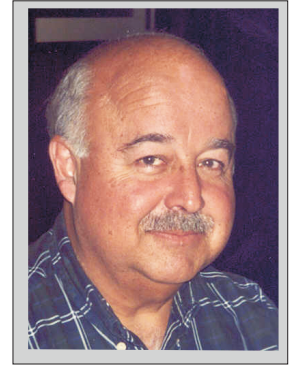
SCRW&M is embarking on an experiment to share with a larger community our thoughts and opinions on subjects of interest to the membership. To do this we will be publishing and mailing to appropriate individuals a monthly, or semi monthly, SCRW&M position paper. We are printing it in the Newsletter, before sending it, to give the whole membership a chance to review the idea and make suggestions on what would be the best format for presenting our views. We plan to have this position paper, in its final form, available as a downloadable page on our internet site, (scrwm.org.) The letter on this page is primarily the work of Michael Lerew with some suggestions by Brenda Montaine and editing by Eldon Quick. The planned recipients of this letter will be Republicans in the California State Legislature.

Bill's Bills

Time to Tell the Truth

Most SCRWM members are old enough to remember the TV game show "To Tell the Truth". At the end of questioning the three contestants (one "real" person and two imposters), host Bud Collyer would intone; "Will the real _____, please stand up".

Republicans must hope that the current incarnation of the Governor, the one now standing up in Sacramento and saying he wants a 2/3rd legislative vote in order to raise any taxes, is the real one, and is telling us the truth.



William Saracino

As I wrote last month, the Governor at that time was playing footsie with legislative Democrats on raising taxes by a majority vote while ignoring Republicans completely. Back then he was agnostic on the clear intent of the California constitution, saying that it was not for him to judge the meaning of the words "taxes may be raised only by a 2/3rds vote of the legislature or of the people".

That stance, in favor of raising taxes by whatever means necessary, is not to be confused with his position while running for re-election in 2006. Way back then he beat Phil Angelides bloody with the tax issue, taunting the Democrat that "I can see it when I look in your eyes – you really, really want to raise taxes".

We've had three different Schwarzenegger budgetary personas in less than two years. As I've always believed you shouldn't look a gift horse in the mouth, I'll take what I can get, and keep my fingers crossed that the Governor has finally seen the light. Perhaps he finally understands that when the state constitution says taxes may only be raised by a 2/3rds vote, it actually MEANS that.

As this is written in late January, it appears that he understands this now. Two days or two weeks from now – who knows. But it will at least be interesting to watch and give me plenty of fodder for writing.

The active "bill" season doesn't really start till mid-February, so there is scant to report on that front. Hopefully that will change in time for our March newsletter. Until then, keep your fingers crossed that the current budgetary Arnold Schwarzenegger, the one standing up for a 2/3rd vote in order to raise taxes, is the real one.

Wise Words

"I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on the objects of benevolence, the money of their constituents." -- James Madison

"A wise prince will seek means by which his subjects will always and in every possible condition of things have need of his government, and then they will always be faithful to him." --Niccolo Machiavelli (1469-1527)

Forum Highlights, a report by Eldon Quick

The Forum had both Yeas and Boos for Bush as his Presidency comes to an end: Good; He kept us safe from additional terrorist attacks on US soil. Good; He gave us two good Conservative Judges on the Supreme Court. Bad; The Government continued to get bigger under his leadership. Bad; He failed to understand the threat the flood of illegal immigrants was posing to the border states. Good; He oversaw the creation of the greatest period of prosperity the Country has known. Bad; He considered the office of President to be above politics and so the Republican Party lacked leadership. Good; He lowered taxes. Bad; He did not get Congress to cut spending, and signed Bills that were not in Conservatives interest. Good or Bad (?); Tried to set a new tone by reaching out to Democrats.



Eldon Quick

Looking to the future, Michael Lerew, the Forum moderator asked; What issue, or issues did we think had the best potential to motivate a return to voting Republican in the next elections? There were many different approaches to answering this question. If there was any kind of consensus it was that our problem wasn't specific issues, but our inability to communicate them against the tide of Liberal dominated media. So how can we communicate? Talk to people. We can show people the deficiencies in Liberalism, point out the need for a solution, then point to the Conservative solution. Seek and find candidates that stand for something. Get involved as a club with activities that will bring attention to the Club. Ask members of your community what is important to them. Help them see how their leadership is letting them down. Broken street lights, abandoned cars, graffiti, contribute to feelings of not being safe and the leadership is not accountable. We must organize to get the message out, recruit, nurture, and convert, get the information out so those natural conservatives, but political liberals begin to turn to us.

So, Michael asked, how does one approach friends or relatives with an opposing view? Val, who seems to have more experience at this sort of thing, offered – Listen to everything they have to say, grab the things you can agree on, like failure of education, taxes, etc. Befriend them. Use facts and logic and reason, don't confront them. Others, not so amenable, prefer a more confrontational approach. If you want National Health care, tell them, you can have it, only make it voluntary, and those who volunteer can pay for it, but allow those of us who don't want it to opt out. We don't want to be forced to pay for your health care.

California's financial problems came in for some attention. The failure of the budget process was due entirely to the Democrats inability to cut spending. California needs to hit bottom before reality will sink in to the Legislature.

California was, and is known as a place of great diversity. What advantages and or disadvantages does this give us? Well -- we forum attendees are certainly more in favor of the melting pot than we are the salad approach to integration. The salad approach where new immigrants keep their old country traditions, refuse to learn English, communicate only with their expatriate clans are not good for America. Diversity can be a terrible thing for a country. It polarizes people into opposing groups. These groups soon fear and hate each other and violence is sure to follow. We Republicans need to reach out to these minorities to explain the importance of their participation in the system, help them to understand the system.

David Hernandez pointed out the kind of education that is available to Spanish speaking college students. When he was a student, he took 'Chicano Studies' classes. The text books used in this course taught that California was an occupied territory stolen from Chicanos.

Diversity of thought and expression is good, but diversity of skin color and national origin where everyone thinks the same thing is not really diversity.

Come join the Forum starting at 11:30 before the luncheon.

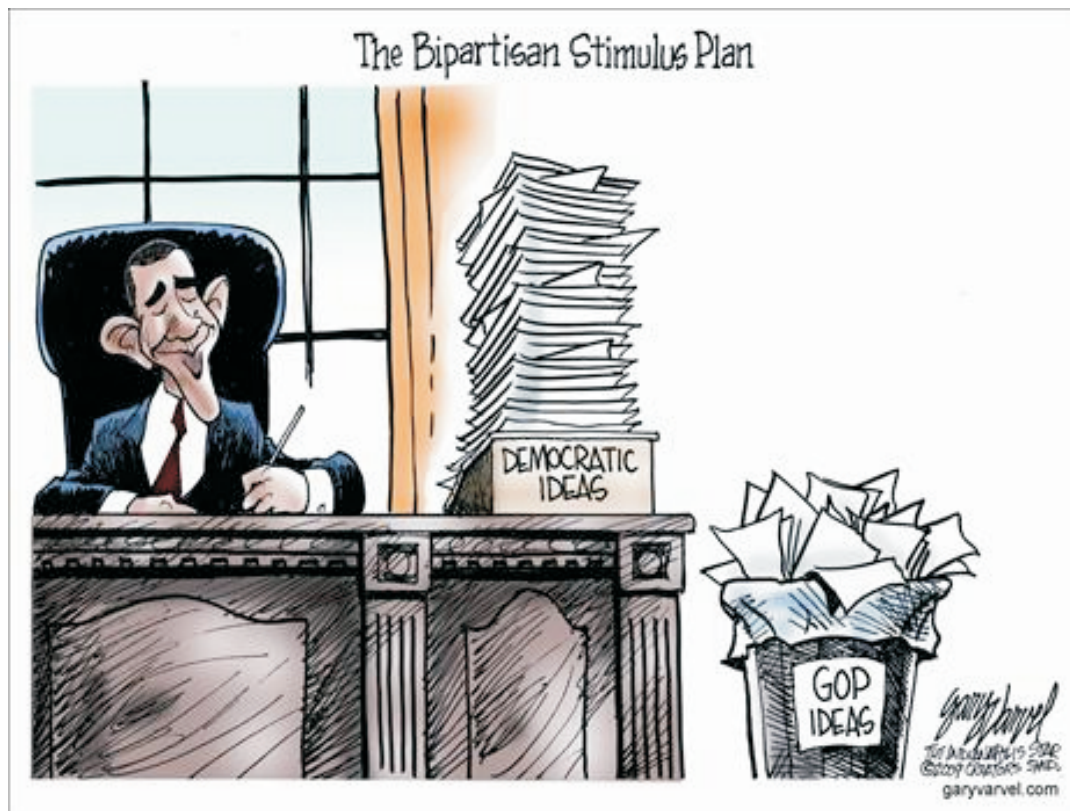
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conspiracy culprits have gone wild and if they don't get their twenty billion I don't think they'll be channeling Sarah Palin with a mid America, "Gosh darn it, say it isn't so". Well, it's tough times financially for all of us Americans, especially here in Southern California.

For our California budget crises, I'm too flummoxed to go beyond a cry of, "No new taxes!" I think that Bruce Brown would agree that it is partially our fault for assuming that conservatism was the law not the exception and taking for granted that rationality and common sense would win out over propagandized opinion. Speaking of which, maybe in 2009 someone will review with Al Gore the difference between science and religion. Global warming or ice age, last I checked all weather is caused by the sun.

In conclusion, please come to our monthly meetings. Our forum is a great place to join like minded conservative Republicans, vent your political frustrations and learn. Hope to see you Saturday, February 7th !

Our thanks to Julietta Parr for her kind donation of \$84.00 worth of postage stamps to pay for the mailing of hard copies of the Newsletter to those members who prefer to get their Newsletter the old fashioned way – by postman instead of email.



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Saturday, Feb. 7th, 2009

Featured Speaker

David Nott

From The Reason Foundation

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Political Forum at 11:30 am

Luncheon at 1:00 pm

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

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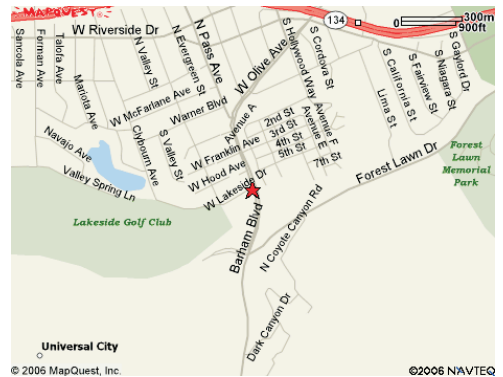
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Feb. 7th Luncheon
(Note: First instead of 2nd
Saturday)

Mar. 14th Luncheon

April, 4th Luncheon
(Note: First instead of 2nd
Saturday)

May, 9th Luncheon



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