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Steve Baric

President, California Republican Lawyers Association

Featured Speaker

Steven Baric is the Chairman of the California Republican Lawyers Association and serves on the Executive Committee of the California Republican Party. Under his leadership, the CRLA has become the leading Republican voice in California regarding judicial appointments and ensuring fair elections. Mr. Baric has been quoted in every major newspaper in California regarding the issue of judicial appointments.

Mr. Baric has several years of experience in Election Law and Election Day operations. He has trained lawyers and poll watchers in Election Law since 2000. Mr. Baric has been a featured speaker at Election Law/Election Day Operations seminars for both the California Republican Party and the Republican National Lawyers Association. In 2004, he served as the Chairman of Lawyers for Bush/Cheney in Orange County. Mr. Baric was co-trial counsel in the landmark election contest trials *Del Beccaro v. Jerry Brown* and *Nguyen v. Nguyen*.

Mr. Baric is a seasoned trial attorney, having tried over 100 cases including over 50 serious Felonies. As a former **Orange County Gang Prosecutor**, Mr. Baric prosecuted the toughest hard core criminal street gangs as a member of the elite **T.A.R.G.E.T. Gang Task Force**. In 2005, he was honored with the prestigious "Diligent Prosecutor" award by **Mothers Against Drunk Driving** for his aggressive prosecution of a drunk driver who killed a woman while she was walking with her walking club.

Mr. Baric attended McGeorge School of Law (J.D., 1998) where he was a member of the Deans List Honor Roll and a Member of the Moot Court Honors Board.

Mr. Baric is currently in private civil practice and lives with his wife Melissa and son Matthew in Orange County.

The Threat of the ACLU — *By Steve Baric, Esq.*

On Friday June 15, 2007, opponents of the American Civil Liberties Union

gathered to protest in front of the ACLU Orange County Headquarters. They were protesting the ACLU's lawsuit against the Orange County city of Lake Forest. Lake Forest passed a city ordinance forbidding people from standing on the city sidewalks to solicit work. The ACLU filed a lawsuit alleging that this ordinance infringed on the First Amendment rights of day laborers seeking work.

We at the CRLA applaud the protest. For far too long the ACLU has been getting away with threatening local governments with frivolous litigation. The Supreme Court has long held that reasonable time, place and manner restrictions on commercial speech do not offend the First Amendment. However, the ACLU knows it can bully local governments by threatening them with costly litigation. On most occasions municipal governments back down when faced with these lawsuits. Unfortunately, that is exactly what happened in this case, after being threatened with an ACLU lawsuit, the city repealed the ordinance.

The ACLU is a well funded

"bully" that is destroying fundamental liberties and making a disgrace out of our legal system. Liberal donors such as George Soros have donated millions of dollars to the ACLU over the last few years. The ACLU has used this money to attack groups such as the Boy Scouts of America, drive prayer and religion from the public square and defend anti-social groups such as NAMBLA.

Sadly, we on the right have failed to rise and meet this challenge. While there are many great conservative legal groups, we don't give them the funding they need and so richly deserve. Instead it seems we have ceded the most powerful branch of government - the Judiciary - to the left. We as Republicans must wake up and see the threat the liberalization of the legal system poses to our future. We must support and fund our conservative legal organizations. Then we must encourage them to stand up to the ACLU and stop their frivolous lawsuits. I fear that if we don't do this now we will not like the look of the future.

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From the President's Desk—

"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."

Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865)
16th president of the United States

Greetings all,

At a recent executive board meeting on Southern California Republican Women & Men, Richard Montaine was confirmed as Chair for the Nominating Committee of the 2008 Board of Directors. We are pleased to have Richard's insight and know-how to interview candidates for leadership positions with Southern California Republican Women & Men.

The executive board also evaluated the effectiveness of the SCRWM.org web site, email subscriptions and management, newsletter, and membership programs/luncheons. We will be utilizing a portion of our membership funds to upgrade and extend the reach of SCRWM so as to appeal to new members and new energy. Board members have sent letters to neighborhood Republicans to let our neighbors know that we have organized and casual groups of like-minded individuals. We get together and discuss our core beliefs which include less intrusion by the government, community-based solutions to community-based issues, entrepreneurial encouragement, personal responsibility and personal empowerment.

Through our newsletter, we discuss pending and future legislation being considered by our elected representatives, and our monthly forum is a special time to discuss the nuances and specifics of how our lawmakers are tending to our matters and who is on the horizon with leadership ideas, ideals, and skills for us to support financially as well as with our words and actions.

For me, the forum of SCRWM is a special treat.

From this time forward, all members will be mailed a postcard advising you of the location and speaker for the upcoming meeting of Southern California Republican Women & Men. Please make sure that we have your current email contact information so that we may advise you when the newsletter is available on our website. A limited number of newsletters will be printed and available for pickup at our monthly meetings.

Please join us at The Smoke House on July 14th, when our speaker will be Steve Baric, Esq.. Remember the forum begins at 11:30 a.m., with lunch and our speaker to follow.

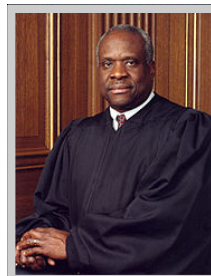
See you Saturday, July 14th.

... Louise Clarke Stone



July 7, 1981—President Ronald Reagan appoints first woman to the U.S. Supreme court, former Arizona Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; as Republican legislator in Arizona, she was first woman to serve as Majority Leader in any state.

July 8, 1991—President George H. W. Bush appoints Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court; he previously served on the U.S. Court of Appeals and as Chairman of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.



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SCRWM reserves the right to accept, reject and edit letters and other editorial material.

Letters and editorial material must include the name, telephone number and address of the person making the submission.

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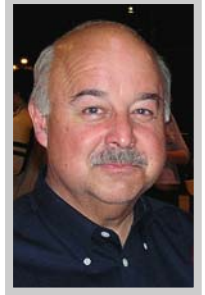
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Bill's Bills

In the words of Mark Anthony (okay, okay for the purists the words of the Bard put in Anthony's mouth), "If you have tears, prepare to shed them now." The reason – your legislature is hard at work, attempting every day to make California more like North Korea in every way. Below are just a few of the more egregious examples, virtually all of them headed for passage (and hopefully a quick veto):



William Saracino

SB 936, Perata, D-Oakland. Repeals a substantial portion of the cost savings California business realized as a result of the Governor's reforms of the Workman's Compensation system.

SB 180, Migden, D-San Francisco. A multi-pronged assault on business, the most grotesque feature of the bill would remove the secret ballot requirement for union elections while at the same time prohibits employee communication with employees during such an election.

AB 1511, Leno, D-San Francisco. Sets up a new state bureaucracy to establish guidelines and regulations to "instruct" parents how to provide sex education to their children.

AB 508, Swanson, D-Oakland. No commentary from me needed, the official summary of the bill lays it out: "Provides that persons convicted of drug felonies are eligible to receive food stamps."

AB 1334, Swanson, D-Oakland. If we're giving food stamps to drug dealers, why not free condoms to inmates? Yep, Swanson strikes again in a bill that would provide free condom distribution inside all state prisons.

AB 110, Laird, D-Santa Cruz. And just when you thought it couldn't get any more surreal, this gem would provide free "certified sterilized" needles to drug users – any drug user. Should be nicknamed the "heroin users peace of mind" bill.

AB 5, Wolk, D-Davis. Essentially stops all housing development in the central valley by mandating local housing agencies and authorities to adopt new flood control plans based on information that will not be available until 2011.

AB 16, Hernandez, Baldwin Park. Would allow schools to give girls shots of the HPV vaccine, with or without parental consent.

I've purposely focused on the follies of the Democrats. Republican legislators have introduced many good bills, but few of them will be approved. If you're interested in more of what the good-guys are doing I urge you to visit their websites. You can find a complete listing of GOP legislators at: www.legislature.ca.gov.

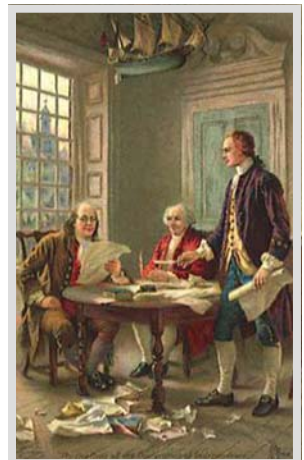
..... *Bill Saracino*

The Declaration of Independence

Drafted by Thomas Jefferson between June 11 and June 28, 1776, the Declaration of Independence is at once the nation's most cherished symbol of liberty and Jefferson's most enduring monument. Here, in exalted and unforgettable phrases, Jefferson expressed the convictions in the minds and hearts of the American people. The political philosophy of the Declaration was not new; its ideals of individual liberty had already been expressed by John Locke and the Continental philosophers. What Jefferson did was to summarize this philosophy in "self-evident truths" and set forth a list of grievances against the King in order to justify before the world the breaking of ties between the colonies and the mother country.

We invite you to take the time to read a transcript of the complete text of the Declaration.

Source: http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/declaration_history.html



Special Elections — An Editorial

— By Elissa Jackson

There are times when special elections are necessary. In the most recent case, On June 26th a special primary election was held for the voters from the 37th congressional district to replace Congresswoman Juanita Millendar-MacDonald who recently passed away in April after losing a battle with cancer. Replacing her should *not* result in *another* special election!

The City of Long Beach recently held a special election to fill the vacancy on the City Council Laura Richardson left after being elected to the State Assembly in November 2006. The special election cost the City of Long Beach approximately \$100,000. So how does Assembly member Richardson repay her constituency? After working as a State Assembly member for only five months, she has spent the last three months running for Congress.

In addition to Richardson, 10 democrats threw their hats into the ring, 4 Republicans, a Green Party Candidate, and a Libertarian.

Deciding the fate of congressional representation for this embattled 37th district, a whopping **12.35% of voters** made it to the polls. That is 32,736 out of a district voter registration of 265,102. (*source: Secretary of State website*)

With no candidate receiving a majority of the vote, Democrat Laura Richardson and Republican John Kanaley will face off in a run-off election on August 21st.

Democrats expect to take this seat hands down. However, with special election voter turn out notoriously low, and after a bitter battle between Richardson and State Senator Jenny Oropeza in the primary, there are many democrats who will most likely not make a special effort

to get to the polls on August 21st.

If republicans had a high voter turn out it would be possible to snatch victory from under their noses. The problem is how to turn out a republican base that is fed up with their own Party, and, with politics in general?

Now, because the district registration heavily favors democrats, the media has anointed Laura Richardson the heir apparent to the 37th Congressional District. This has led to a scramble amongst various City Council persons within the 55th AD to fill the seat Richardson would leave if she is elected. And then, they will need to fill the seat of whichever City Council person is elected to the 55th AD.

Special election after special election voters are the ones that pay the price. This is the chain reaction created by what is called the 'farm team' system; the process of starting off at the Neighborhood Council level or on a board or commission, then moving on to the City Council, then a state level position, and so on up the ladder. They usually wait until they are termed out of one level then move on to the next.

It provides for "seasoned", "experienced" representation. Call it what you may, it comes down to *career politicians*, pawns for special interest, labor or big business! Although most are not so blatant as Laura Richardson.

Is it possible to enact a law that would prohibit an elected official from running for an office whose term would begin before their current term expires? Or perhaps a law that would require an elected official that wins an office resulting in a special election to fill their vacancy would have to pay for the special election? I doubt it.

37 th Congressional District			
Dem	Rep	DS	Total
150,767	52,213	47,240	261,914
57.567%	19.94%	18.04%	



Alasdair MacIntyre and Richard Poirier discussing political philosophy at Notre Dame University's Modernity conference Nov. 29, 2006

Member Spotlight

Richard Poirier, former board member and current member, has been invited to be a presentation speaker at a three-day international political philosophy conference at London Metropolitan University, London England June 29 through July 1, 2007. The conference entitled "Alasdair MacIntyre's Revolutionary Aristotelianism: Ethics, Resistance and Utopia" focuses on MacIntyre's belief that the Aristotelian tradition provides solutions to many of the problems in society today. MacIntyre's adoption of Thomistic thought, along with his emphasis on virtue ethics, has provided the

foundation for a much needed re-examination of the sources of

moral and political philosophy. His commitment to realism highlights relativism's limits and contests the idea that morality and politics are matters of mere social consensus. MacIntyre's ethics of human flourishing, politics of resistance and practical utopianism contribute powerfully to the contemporary resurgence to seek alternative ways to solve intractable political problems. The conference will explore the importance of MacIntyre's ideas.

Richard Poirier's presentation entitled "Ushering in MacIntyre's Notions of Political Transformation in Modernity" is published in the Daily News website at:

<http://valleynews.com/NorthHollywood/Blogs/News-Politics/Commentary/Blog~324924.aspx>

After participating in the London conference Richard Poirier will be visiting the philosophy faculty at the University of Cambridge and the University of Oxford before returning to Los Angeles on the 4th of July.

Letter to the Editor

Re: Clean up the DWP: Latest scandal demands drastic action to protect public
(Daily News Thursday, June 14 2007)

The key words when one is elected or appointed to a position in government are "protect and serve the public." This applies to City Council, the Mayor, the IBEW workers, the clerks, the appointed Water and Power commissioners, and the hired help. Has the City heard of "Compliance Officers"? Compliance with what you might ask: 1) To ensure that the public is served and protected; 2) to ensure that charging in excess of that which is

permitted by law or ordinance not occur, and 3) report to public and officials without omission. When will we hold the Mayor and City Council accountable for their use of the DWP as they personal "cash cow?" Obviously the 10% utility tax collected for the City is inadequate for the Council and the Mayor. What about those appointed W&P Commissioners -- maybe a seminar on "tough love" would be appropriate.

— Louise Clarke Stone

Clean up the DWP:
Latest scandal demands drastic action to protect public
Daily News Thursday, June 14 2007

NOW we know that the politicians in Los Angeles City Hall are so insatiable for ever more money to squander that they'll even cannibalize our schools to get it. Indeed, they've been doing so for a decade.

Does it get any lower than this? On Tuesday, San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge John P. Wade ruled that the city's Department of Water and Power overcharged the Los Angeles Unified School District and other public agencies between 1997 and 2006 - to the tune of \$222 million, which the DWP must repay.

Under state law, the utility was barred from charging these agencies more than cost for electricity, but that didn't stop the DWP from making a profit on the service.

That's because the utility has served as City Hall's piggy bank, a slush fund for the politicians. Every year, the department transfers a huge pile of cash to the city general fund. This year the transfer will amount to an astonishing \$185 million.

Which is to say, City Hall uses the DWP to suck money out of the LAUSD and the public and funnel it into its own coffers.

Or as California Attorney General Jerry Brown put it: "It was a political move. This way the City Council gets more money to spend on their special projects. This takes money away from the schools, the colleges, the Highway Patrol."

Worse yet, it takes money away from all of us. It is taxpayers who pay the bills for these agencies, and taxpayers who will bear all the costs of the litigation of this trial. DWP ratepayers - that is, all residents of L.A. - are also going to be stuck with paying back the \$222 million.

It's not enough that the DWP needs to repay those it over billed. Every public official involved in this rip-off must be held accountable.

If the mayor and the City Council don't clean up this mess, they don't deserve to hold public office. It's as simple as that.

Reviews—The Film PBS does not want you to see

— By Eldon Quick

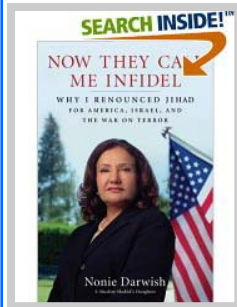
My original intention for occasional contributions to this space was to share with you my impressions of commercial movies presented to the Screen Actors Guild Film Society. But last evening I was in the audience for a screening that there is very little chance of your ever seeing without making an extraordinary effort -- unless maybe there is a DVD release in the distant future.

The film was "Islam vs. Islamists". This is the film commissioned by, and made for the PBS Broadcasting System, and then pulled from their schedule because it did not meet PBS's broadcasting standards. The producers and the director of the film, -- experienced professionals quite familiar with PBS's standards -- had lots of evidence that the objection to their film was not one of quality but of political point of view. PBS was censoring their film because it did not support the idea that the radical Islamists are the wronged party and their violence is justified.

The producer and director's intent was to make a film showing the existence of some moderate Muslims who were

speaking out against the violence and politicization of Islam. To balance their presentation they interviewed activist Imams who expressed the opinion that anyone criticizing the faith was not a true Muslim and death would be a proper punishment. They further said Muslims were subject only to Sharia law and not subject to the laws of the countries they were residing in -- among a number of other frightening things offensive to Western ears. The Imams and Radical Muslims condemned themselves with their own words. It was necessary to show this side in order to show what the Moderates were speaking out against, and to make believable their claims that their lives had been threatened because of what they had said.

The film was both frightening and hopeful. It was frightening in that it showed how intense the hatred for all non-Muslims is among certain segments of Muslim society. It is hopeful in that it shows not all Muslims think that way and that some are brave enough to speak out, even risking death to do so. So far only in Europe are such voices heard. But, they are finding support among other moderate Muslims, though they are not yet strong enough to come out of the closet.



June Speaker — *Nonie Darwish*

Author of “Now They Call Me Infidel”

If you missed the June luncheon, you missed a great speaker!

We take so much for granted.



Photos: C. Springfield



Eldon Quick

Political Forum—June 10, 2007

— By *Eldon Quick*

The SCRW&M Forum is an excellent place to get in touch with ‘grass-roots’ opinion in the Republican Party. It’s also a testing ground for ones views and a place to hear an idea you hadn’t thought of. It’s also a jolly good time.

Michael Lerew again chaired the forum coming prepared with thoughtful questions designed to elicit provocative opinion.

Since almost all of the news for the preceding week was devoted to the tribulations of one frail young lady, Michael was forced to start with Paris Hilton. But he came up with a most interesting twist on the subject. Why, he asked, is the sheriff compelled to release prisoners before they have served their time due to overcrowding? Why does LA County not have enough jail space?

Opinions offered were; (1) finding space to build new jails is difficult due to the old “Not in my back yard” attitude, (2) illegals have filled jail space faster than expected, and (3) and most popular – there is just no political will. The answers brought a follow up question about the competence of Sheriff Baca. The Forum expressed no confidence in him and we learned he is the largest recipient of campaign contributions ever in the department.

Next came the really hot subject of the day – the Immigration Bill. Starting with, should the U.S. give amnesty to 12 million illegals? The Forum was overwhelmingly against amnesty and we gave many reasons why accepting illegals is detrimental to our society. Then Michael stopped us with the question, is our objection to amnesty a question of morality, or practicality? That was a hard one. I think we came down about 50 / 50 on that one.

On the question of should points or family be given more weight in determining who can come in? Points was the strong favorite, but it was pointed out that many prominent and successful people in the U.S. would have not made it in on points. But points and a job were still considered the best way to screen immigrants.

So if having a job is a good way to screen applicants, how about ‘Guest Workers’? Lots of action on this

question; First: It is not demonstrated that there are jobs legals won’t do at any reasonable wage. If and when that is demonstrated then guest workers can be considered. (Ed. Note – “There are jobs no white man can or will do” was the argument the South used to continue slavery) Other points made were -- only 3% of illegals work in the fields, many Republicans want a source of low paid workers, and the Mexican ruling class wants to use the U.S. as a safety valve for their impoverished and rebellious population in order to keep themselves in power. Allowing them into the U.S. hurts both the U.S. and the chance for political improvement in Mexico.

So, where should America go from here? The first step, all agree, is to secure the border. Then determine our need. We are not here just to be humanitarians we have the right to select who can come in, just like every other country. As for the 12 to 20 million already here – let’s talk about it. The best solution is to give them incentive to return home and come back legally if they really want to become citizens.

A question from the floor was put to the Forum. “In the primary should you vote for the candidate you like most, or for the candidate you feel has the best chance of winning in the general?” It was pointed out that these are not necessarily two different people. But the forum was split between strict adherence to principals and taking the candidate who can win – after all, the thought of Hillary as President is just too awful to endure. One argument for voting for ones favorite is that the candidate may not be selected in the primary but at the convention, and the combined wisdom of the delegates can be depended on to come up with the best candidate.

There was much more but this covers the highlights. If you want to get the full experience of the Forum come join us at 11:30 on meeting day and join the fun.

The Political Forum, a round table discussion of current topics, sets SCRW&M apart from other Republican organizations. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the discussion and debate of current issues.

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

Come Join the Fun!

Saturday, July 14, 2007

Steve Baric

President, California Republican Lawyers Association
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.*

4420 West Lakeside Drive
Burbank, California 91505

Political Forum at 11:30am

Luncheon at 1:00pm

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

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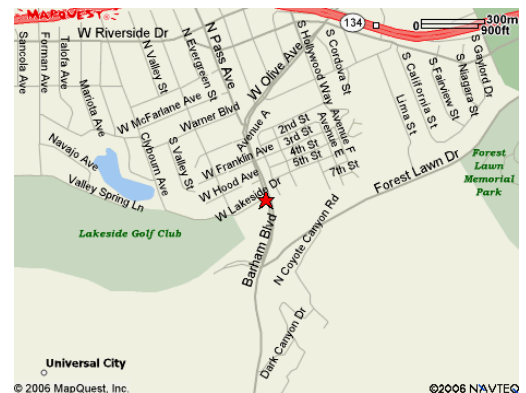
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