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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (06/28/10)

Summer is finally here and the weather is gorgeous. The Primary Elections are over and we did not do too badly. I am devastated that Dolores Carr, our District Attorney, lost but when you have the Mercury News running news stories against her on the front page of the paper daily she did darned good. It should be a crime to do what they did and it is certainly stretching Freedom of the Press to do what they did. If I did not believe in the adage "Know Thy Enemy" I would cancel my subscription to the paper.

I need to pass on a Thank you from Larry Pegram, candidate for San Jose City Council, to Ellen Longworth and Louise Kenney for making phone calls for him. He is in the run-off for the council seat and will be asking for more help, later. Sam Blakeslee running for Abel Maldonado's State Senate Seat also sends thanks for help from our club and he will need more help in his run off race in August. If you can help let me or headquarters know. This is a very important race because the Dem's are only two Senate Seats away from being veto-proof on any legislation. The latest news is that Diane Lenning who came in third for State Superintendent of Schools with two Dem's coming in first and second has been okayed as a write-in candidate in the November election. Please write her in... and don't forget her name... DIANE LENNING... she is the only candidate not controlled by the unions and the only Republican. The state party thinks she has a good chance and is trying to get the word out to all Republican groups in the State. A big "thanks" to Eve Bretzke for agreeing to send out a summer News Letter!

This November's election may be the most important of our lives so please volunteer when you can... be it phone calls... walking precincts... sitting in a candidates office... registering voters or putting in time at Republican Headquarters every one of these activities needs as many volunteers as they can get.

Laura Riffle
President, SVRWF

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 4 Independence Day CELEBRATE
- July 10 Voter Registration 10-4 Valley Fair Shopping Center
Contact Shirley Harvey to Volunteer
- August 29 Board Meeting 11:30 Flinda and Charles Prevost's Home
- August SVRWF Summer Get Together – Date TBA
- Sept. 2 SVRWF General Meeting

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NEWS

Charles and Felinda Prevost will be hosting the 20th Board Meeting Luncheon for our club's officers. This is a special event. A "BIG Thank You" for all that you do for our club and for putting together the August Board Meeting all these years.

Get out there and do your part to educate your family, neighbors, and friends about all things Republican. Be prepared to win in 2010!

ELECTIONS UPDATE

Santa Clara County Results:

- Sheriff Laurie Smith won by a near statistical landslide garnering 62% of the vote.
- Dolores Carr narrowly lost re-election by a mere 2,700 votes.
- Mike Wasserman garnered the most votes for Board of Supervisors - District One
- Republican incumbent Pete Constant defeated two challengers with over 65% of the vote
- Larry Pegram won second position in the race for City Council District Nine.
- SVGOP endorsed Superior Court judge candidate Vanessa A. Zecher won Office No. 11 with over 62% of the vote. Superior Court Office No. 19 candidate Bob Camors won over 43% of the vote placing second in a tight race
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Statewide Results:

- Prop 13 passed with flying colors. This is great news for property owners and taxpayers who will now be protected from higher taxes should they decide to seismically retrofit their home or business.
- Prop 14 unfortunately passed. This means that come 2012 we will be voting in "top-two" fashion. The only office not affected by this measure is the office of the president. But don't worry; the measure might not last long. There is already talk of litigation in the works.
- Prop 15 failed! Thank the Lord voters realized that the state simply cannot afford to publicly finance campaigns, Secretary of State or otherwise.
- Prop 16 was a surprising fail, considering the amount of money that was spent on the "Yes" campaign.\
- Prop 17 failed as well. What can be taken away from the failures of both Props 16 and 17 is that consumers are perfectly content with electricity and auto insurance status quo.

National Results:

- Pat Toomey in Pennsylvania frightened then-Republican Senator Arlen Specter into switching party affiliations to Democrat, his original party affiliation before 1965. Toomey now faces a tough battle in the general election.
- Doug Hoffman in New York almost won a special House election by running under a well-organized third-party banner (most third parties are not well organized and, therefore, lose decisively) but lost after the leftist Republican establishment candidate suspended her campaign and endorsed the Democrat.
- Chris Christie in New Jersey defeated the well-financed Democrat incumbent to become the 55th governor of the usually solidly Democrat Garden State.
- Bob McDonnell became the 71st governor of Virginia in a landslide 18-point victory -- in a state Barack Obama had carried by seven points just a year earlier.
- Scott Brown became the first Republican since 1972 to be elected to the U.S. Senate from Massachusetts.
- Marco Rubio in Florida so alarmed sitting governor Charlie Crist in the Republican senate primary that Crist became an independent candidate. Rubio now faces a difficult three-way race in the general election.
- Spendthrift Senator Bob Bennett (R-UT), in office since 1992 and member of the all-powerful Senate Committee on Appropriations, was soundly defeated in the recent Utah Republican caucus.
- Rand Paul in Kentucky steamrolled his Republican establishment primary foe by championing constitutionally conservative ideals.

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OTHER

As for Silicon Valley's real estate market, the California Association of Realtors' report shows it's in better shape than elsewhere in the Golden State. In Santa Clara County, the median house price in May was \$630,000 — the highest in the state, followed by the San Francisco Bay Area as a whole at \$592,930. (It's important to note, though, that the Bay Area includes communities ranging from San Mateo County — where prices are higher than in Santa Clara County — to less-expensive locales in the East Bay.) The median price in Santa Clara County is up 41.6 percent from the market's lowest point, surpassed only by the Monterey and San Francisco Bay Area regions. At the same time, Santa Clara County has had the smallest drop from the market's peak, at 27.5 percent, followed by the Bay Area and Orange County. Four of the state's most expensive communities, meanwhile, are in Santa Clara County: Los Altos, at a median price of \$1.5 million; Saratoga at \$1.44 million; Palo Alto at \$1.29 million; and Los Gatos at \$1.09 million. Manhattan Beach had the state's highest median price at \$1.56 million. Also in the Top 10: Palo Verdes Estates, Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, Mill Valley and Lafayette. – 06/22/2010

Israel National News reports that 87 U.S. senators—an "overwhelming majority"—signed a letter to President Obama encouraging him to stand strongly behind Israel in the face of "challenges" to its international standing. A similar letter in the House of Representatives was signed by 75% of its members. As noted in the report, the letter, written in the midst of a continuing international onslaught against Israel in the wake of the flotilla-Gaza blockade situation, emphasizes that it is in "our national interest to support Israel at a moment when Israel faces multiple threats from Hamas in Gaza, Hizbullah in Lebanon, and the current regime in Iran."

"In modern America, everything is so complicated that we can't get simple things done. When you look at government -- the criminal justice system, the courts, the federal budget -- engines that used to work smoothly now are sputtering. They're all cog, no machine. That's why so many Americans are angry at the system -- it's all check, no balance." -- *columnist Debra Saunders*

Survey Says: Liberals Stingier, Stupider Than Conservatives. The left flunks Econ 101 Professor Klein, along with Zogby researcher Zeljka Buturovic, surveyed 4,835 American adults on eight questions covering fundamental economic principles. Those questions covered such issues as the impact of construction restrictions on housing prices, changes in the standard of living over the past thirty years, the impact of free trade on employment and what defines a "monopoly." For purposes of ideological classification, respondents were divided into six categories: very conservative, conservative, libertarian, moderate, liberal or progressive/very liberal. To be charitable, Klein and Buturovic even decided to grade only against flatly incorrect answers. Thus, "not sure" responses for those who considered the questions ambiguous or arguable were not penalized for their ambivalent responses. The results might again come as a shock to anyone confined to mainstream media sources, but they shouldn't surprise those of us who actually pay attention. Those identified as "very conservative" averaged 1.30 incorrect responses, "libertarians" were incorrect on 1.38 and "conservatives" averaged 1.67. In sharp contrast, "moderates" were incorrect on an average of 3.67 questions, "liberals" incorrect on 4.69 and "progressive/very liberal" respondents were incorrect on 5.26 of 8 questions. As succinctly summarized by Professor Klein, "Americans in the first three categories do reasonably well, but the left has trouble squaring economic thinking with their political psychology, morals and aesthetics." Klein and Buturovic also divided respondents by political party affiliation, and the results matched the Pew survey from October. According to Klein, "those responding Democratic averaged 4.59 incorrect answers. Republicans averaged 1.61 incorrect, and Libertarians 1.26 incorrect." So conservatives are more informed than liberals, but aren't liberals still kinder than conservatives? Again, no. In May 2008, a Gallup poll of 1,200 Americans confirmed once again that those who self-identify as "conservative" or "very conservative" contributed 56% of total charitable donations, despite constituting only 42% of the population. Those who self-identified as "liberal" or "very liberal," in contrast, constituted 29% of the population but made only 7% of donations. Notably, these results were independent of income level and religious affiliation, as those placing themselves on the right of the political spectrum donated a higher percentage of their income than those on the left. Distorted stereotypes die hard, but the word is getting out: conservatives are more informed and more charitable. Somebody sneak that into Obama's teleprompter feed. -- *By Timothy H. Lee, June 10 2010.*

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