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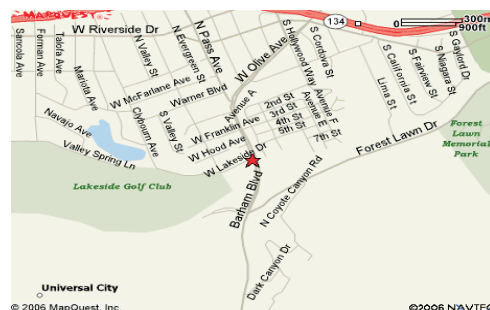
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August 13th Luncheon  
Speaker TBA

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## Stephen Frank publisher of California Political News and Views, Speaks on the Great California Depression of 2011

Is the Internet Newsletter the coming source for news? As Stephen Frank says in the footnote of his newsletter, "Note: No trees were killed in the sending of this message, but a large number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced." The internet newsletter needs no staff of writers and editors, no huge printing presses, no tons of paper and barrels of ink. All it needs is a writer, with an email list and the time to read through the many sources he or she has access to, and the skill to edit the wheat from the chaff. And, oh boy is there ever a lot of chaff out there.

Somehow my email address has been given to a large number of newsletters, blogs, and just individuals who think they have something to say. By far the best source for local news the LA Times will not print is Stephen Frank's "California Political News and Views".

His Newsletter began back in 1993 as a weekly fax called "Frankly Speaking" sent to some 200 people. Over the years it grew and evolved till in 2002 he went on the internet with a web site and an almost every day email called "California Political News and Views". His sources used to be main stream media, but now he relies almost exclusively on investigative web sites, local web sites and organizational sites for single issues. His goal is to show the corruption of the system, how unions and illegal aliens are the cause of our economic problems and that government is the direct cause of the collapse of our economy and values.

Stephen has long been an active Republican, beginning with working for Richard Nixon in his 1960 bid for President and lastly working for Rudolph Giuliani in 2008, and every Republican Presidential candidate in between. He was the founder of the National Federation of Republican Assemblies, and was President of the California Republican Assembly. He has served three terms as California Republican Party Parliamentarian and currently holds that post. He also has worked with numerous D.C. based organizations such as Americans for Tax Reform, NRA, prolife groups as well as many of the supporting groups of CPAC. Besides his daily Newsletter he also is a columnist for the Beverly Hills Courier, and guests 3 - 5 times a week on talk radio, including a weekly spot on the KSFO San Francisco Brian Sussman show.

He is also an advisor to people involved in campaigns or promoting causes on the use of the internet for building the base, moving the message, broadening the reach of phone banks and voter contact. He also advises candidates on local political issues, leadership and potential support.

He graduated from Los Angeles High School and Los Angeles City College, Served in Viet Nam in the First Infantry Division then received his B.S. from the University of Redlands. He has been married for 38 years to Leslie, an educator, and they have two daughters, both 32, and a granddaughter.

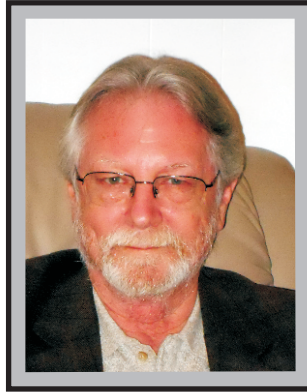
Stephen as much as anybody in the public sphere is familiar with the crisis facing California, from the runaway Democrat dominated legislature to the partisanship of a Governor who blames all our problem on the Republicans refusal to compromise on increasing taxes. His subject for Saturday's Luncheon will be "The Great California Depression of 2011" It will be interesting to see if he feels, as so many of us do, that a complete break down may be inevitable, and only after such a breakdown can a new State be rebuilt on the ruins of the old. The new one unencumbered with union contracts and entitlements so as to be able to bring prosperity back to the State.



Stephen Frank

*From the President's Desk----*

Do you remember 1995 - 6? I do. In the 1994 election Gingrich and the Republicans had made great inroads getting majorities in Congress. They were set to pass into law the "Contract with America" that had gotten them elected. We would have thought Republicans would hold a majority for years to come. But the Democrats had no intention of letting this happen. They came out with what seemed to be a coordinated attack on all Republicans. The successful passing of the Welfare reform Act, and a Capitol Gains tax cut was used by the Democrats to accuse the Republicans of wanting to starve children, throw senior citizens out of their rest homes into the street, to cause pollution to the air and to foul the water and to destroy the oceans.

*Eldon Quick*

Every place one turned, Newspapers, Network Television, Late Night Comedy Shows, conversation with your hairdresser; everyplace one turned the message was the same – Republicans want to starve children, throw old people into the street, pollute the air, and foul the water. The response from the Republican leadership was silence. Apparently, they thought, it would be beneath them to respond to such foolish accusations. Oh, the right wing talk radio huffed and puffed and bayed at the moon, but nothing from Newt, nothing from Trent Lott, the whole Republican Party Leadership was silent. Without an opposing voice from Republican leadership, the Democrat lie took hold and was believed by the man in the street.

The men, women in the street, at least in my neighborhood, began to look at Republicans differently. No longer were my wife and I, (known to be Republicans) greeted with a "Hi there" when we met our neighbors. Now we were greeted with a rather cold stare. My wife was asked to leave a yard sale because they didn't want any Republicans there. We, our neighbors believed, really did want children to starve, old people on to be on the street, and to breath foul air and drink polluted water.

Now we are hearing from the news media that it's the Republicans who are sabotaging the recovery. It's the Republicans who want to keep you out of a job, want to destroy the value of your home, want to protect the rich from paying their fair share. It's the Republicans who want to cause the United States to default on its debt obligations, It's the Republicans who want to cause the world economy to collapse. And who is defending me?

I think it's time to write letters to John Boehner, Mitch McConnell, leadership of the Republican Party, and all the candidates for President. Defense of the Republican Party, defense of Republicans is not up to Rush Limbaugh and Fox News, its up to the leadership of the Party. They must point out who's lying.

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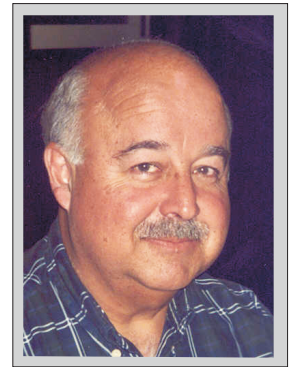
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## Bill's Bills

### Good news is bad news.....

.....at least for tax raising Democrats.

The "May revise" is an annual adjustment to the official state of California estimated revenue for the current fiscal year, done by the Department of Finance. Their recent "revise" showed the state revenues about \$5 billion more than estimated. This good news cuts the current deficit significantly, and also significantly undercuts the Democrat argument that taxes must be raised to balance the budget. Gov. Moonbeam and his fellow taxraisers were in full defense mode trying to explain why this dollar bonanza shouldn't lessen the need for higher taxes. Happily this new revenue has apparently stiffened some spines in the GOP caucuses – resulting in the Democrats last week having to pass a "cuts only" budget, so that our precious legislators could start getting paid again.



*William Saracino*

CA can't aspire to become the highest tax-state. We already are!

According to the Tax Foundation, California's tax ranking against other states is embarrassing (with 50th being the highest-taxed residents):

Property Tax: 18th  
 Corporate Income Tax: 33rd  
 Sales Tax: 49th  
 Capital Gains on Real Estate: 50th  
 Gasoline Tax: 50th  
 Utility User's Tax: 50th  
 School Parcel Tax: 50th  
 Overall Rank: 50th

According to the Democrats – this isn't enough. However they continue to work their magic driving jobs – and therefore tax revenue to the state – out of the state. Consider this from a recent Fortune magazine: "When chief executive officers respond to the annual poll on which state is the best place and which is the worst place to do business, there's hardly any surprise to see which ends up at the bottom of the list. Even so, it's worth mentioning. The big loser, for the seventh straight year, is California. More than 500 CEOs again based their choice on regulations, tax policies, quality of the work force, education resources, quality of living and infrastructure. The big winner, also for the seventh straight year, was Texas.

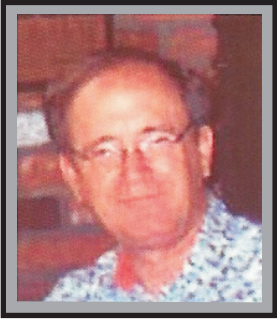
Highest in taxes? Worst in business climate? Dems pledge to do even more damage. Despite the above news the Democrat jihad to make California a poor version of North Korea rolls on. Below are just a few of the bills that promise to fulfill that liberal dream.

AB 10 – Alejo – D – Watsonville. Would automatically raise the minimum wage each year based on inflation. What will businesses do with this increased cost? Pass it on to the consumer or move to Texas.

SB 103 – Steingberg – D – Sacramento. The state version of the invidious federal "card check" union bill – would make secret ballot elections for union certification a thing of the past by

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## Forum Highlights, a report by Michael Lerew



Michael Lerew

Greetings, fellow conservatives, Republicans, and other perusers of our Newsletter! I hope that if you have not yet attended one of our open-to-everybody discussions on issues of national, state and local political interest, that you will do so soon. I would like to clarify a point that came up at the last meeting--our wonderful guest speaker, Peter Ford, mentioned that he could have commented on every topic, but he didn't because he was not a member.

The fact is, everyone is welcome to comment during the discussions, most definitely including visitors who aren't members. We want to hear what you think! And unlike vaudeville of old, no tomatoes, etc., are ever hurled at anybody!

During last month's Forum, we covered the issue of evaluating President Obama's strengths and weaknesses. Lynn noted that he has a charming personality and smile, though she doesn't care to listen to him. Susan remarked that he is on TV every day, which may be an advantage.

Marilyn said that this gave him a chance to push his liberal philosophy. Bill said he gives a good speech. A general sentiment was that he is out of touch with America.

The question came up, what happens in the next two months with this debt ceiling issue? Will Republicans in Congress cave in? Brad and Bo, among others, thought that they would cave.

We discussed the recent special election for Jack Kemp's former Congressional seat in upstate New York, which was won by a Democrat who ran on "Mediscare". Eldon, Frank and Bill agreed that Republicans need to be able to explain the Ryan Medicare reform proposal. Ron said that there should be a memo to Republicans--fearmongering works! Brad had a great advertisement idea--to respond to the Dem ad of a bad-guy Paul Ryan lookalike shoving Granny over a cliff in her wheelchair, then a superhero flies up and catches her, taking her to safety. He is the real Paul Ryan, and he gives her a quick word of explanation. I think this idea is better than any political ad I've ever seen! Good thinking, Brad!

On other topics, we discussed the ineffectual Brown governorship and the tangled state economic situation--and that was before this latest gimmick-filled budget was passed with only Democrat votes. We will certainly be discussing that budget at our next meeting, and the political implications of the fact that the temporary tax increases are really and truly temporary, having now expired. Come to the Smokehouse next time and air your own views as we take the big spenders and big taxers to the rhetorical woodshed!

### Bill's Bills cont.

mandating certification if a majority of a workforce sign cards asking for that. No potential for intimidation here, right?

SB 129 – Leno – D – Babylon by the Bay. Would make it illegal to fire or discipline employees who use “medical marijuana” on the job. Forget that rivet man...pass the bong!

AB 1130 – Skinner – D – Berzerkley. Raises the top tax rate (per above already the highest in the nation) on “higher income brackets” – most of which of course belong to small business owners. Texas must love this bill!

SB653 – Steinberg – D – Sacramento. Allows all counties and over 1,000 school districts to impose or raise local taxes on ALL products and services...by majority instead of 2/3rds vote. Did someone say “Texas here we come?”

But just to show we're not alone in suffering under liberalism, Barry O. and his boys in D.C. have managed to both ruin the economy AND re-ignite inflation, a fete not managed since that genius Jimmah Carter was President. Your picnic this 4th of July will cost a full 29% more than it did last year, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Ground beef is up 12.1 per cent from last year and sausages are up 6.2 per cent. And don't even think about potato salad. Apples are up 13.4 per cent, ice cream is up 5.1 per cent, beer up 2.4 per cent and coffee has increased by 13.8 per cent. Is it 2012 yet?

## Guest Editorial

### July 4 by Thomas Sowell

reprinted from Town Hall Magazine June 28, 2011

The Fourth of July may be just a holiday for fireworks to some people. But it was a momentous day for the history of this country and the history of the world.

Not only did July 4, 1776 mark American independence from England, it marked a radically different kind of government from the governments that prevailed around the world at the time -- and the kinds of governments that had prevailed for thousands of years before.

The American Revolution was not simply a rebellion against the King of England, it was a rebellion against being ruled by kings in general. That is why the opening salvo of the American Revolution was called "the shot heard round the world."

Autocratic rulers and their subjects heard that shot -- and things that had not been questioned for millennia were now open to challenge. As the generations went by, more and more autocratic governments around the world proved unable to meet that challenge.

Some clever people today ask whether the United States has really been "exceptional." You couldn't be more exceptional in the 18th century than to create your fundamental document -- the Constitution of the United States -- by opening with the momentous words, "We the people..."

Those three words were a slap in the face to those who thought themselves entitled to rule, and who regarded the people as if they were simply human livestock, destined to be herded and shepherded by their betters. Indeed, to this very day, elites who think that way -- and that includes many among the intelligentsia, as well as political messiahs -- find the Constitution of the United States a real pain because it stands in the way of their imposing their will and their presumptions on the rest of us.

More than a hundred years ago, so-called "Progressives" began a campaign to undermine the Constitution's strict limitations on government, which stood in the way of self-anointed political crusaders imposing their grand schemes on all the rest of us. That effort to discredit the Constitution continues to this day, and the arguments haven't really changed much in a hundred years.

The cover story in the July 4th issue of Time magazine is a classic example of this arrogance. It asks of the Constitution: "Does it still matter?"

A long and rambling essay by Time magazine's managing editor, Richard Stengel, manages to create a toxic blend of the irrelevant and the erroneous.

The irrelevant comes first, pointing out in big letters that those who wrote the Constitution "did not know about" all sorts of things in the world today, including airplanes, television, computers and DNA.

This may seem like a clever new gambit but, like many clever new gambits, it is a rehash of arguments made long ago. Back in 1908, Woodrow Wilson said, "When the Constitution was framed there were no railways, there was no telegraph, there was no telephone,"

In Mr. Stengel's rehash of this argument, he declares: "People on the right and left constantly ask what the framers would say about some event that is happening today."

Maybe that kind of talk goes on where he hangs out. But most people have enough common sense to know that a constitution does not exist to micro-manage particular "events" or express opinions about the passing scene.

A constitution exists to create a framework for government -- and the Constitution of the United States tries to keep the government inside that framework.

From the irrelevant to the erroneous is a short step for Mr. Stengel. He says, "If the Constitution was intended to limit the federal government, it certainly doesn't say so."

Apparently Mr. Stengel has not read the Tenth Amendment: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Perhaps Richard Stengel should follow the advice of another Stengel -- Casey Stengel, who said on a number of occasions, "You could look it up."

Does the Constitution matter? If it doesn't, then your Freedom doesn't matter.

## Notes from the Board

As there was no Board Meeting this month, there is little, actually nothing to report.

Following is a sample article from

### Stephen Frank's California Political News and Views



[School Districts Offer Incentives To Boost Attendance--why Waste \](#)

June 29, 2011, 09:27 AM

Our schools are overcrowded with illegal aliens. Maybe students would stay in class if the illegal aliens were not taking so much time from honest students.

Teachers promote radical ideas and ideology instead of academic learning. Maybe students would stick around if they were getting an education, not a union led indoctrination.

Instead of being forced into algebra classes, maybe vocational education would keep the students in class.

Do you really think a used clunker created the will for a UCLA bound student to stay in school?

What a farce. What nut created this program? Do we really need bullies, druggies, gangsters and illegal aliens hanging out in classrooms?

"Truant students cost the Sweetwater Union High School District (SUHSD) nearly \$12 million in the 2009-2010 school year. So school officials went to great lengths to get kids to school – like dangling a car as a prize for perfect attendance.

Last year, high school seniors Jemma Stentiford and Andres Perez had their names drawn during a raffle. From a pool of 51 seniors with perfect attendance, the two won a free refurbished car that had been donated to the district."

Those students who could learn are being harmed by a government that bribes kids into classrooms--not for education but a piece of candy.

These are not professional educators, they are charlatans pretending to educate. End the bribes and start the education.

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Membership

2011 Membership

SCRW&M wishes to thank the following returning and new members for 2011

If you wish to renew your membership for 2011, or join us a member, fill out the form below and mail it to Bill Saracino at 3625 Angelus Avenue, Glendale, CA. 91208

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