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President's Message

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Your editor has taken a "Burt Story" and inserted it here because it is so timely –Enjoy!

"During the previous administration three contractors were invited to bid on a repair to the White House fence.... One was from **Chicago**, another from **Kentucky**, and the third from **New Orleans**. All three went with a White House official to examine the fence.



The **New Orleans** contractor took out a tape measure and did some measuring, then worked some figures with a pencil "Well," he says, "I figure the job will run about \$9,000. That's \$4,000 for materials, \$4,000 for my crew and \$1,000 profit for me."

The **Kentucky** contractor also did some measuring and figuring, then says, "I can do this job for \$7,000. That's \$3,000 for materials, \$3,000 for my crew and \$1,000 profit for me."

The **Chicago** contractor did not measure or figure, but leaned over to the White House official and whispered "\$27,000." The official, incredulous, says, "You didn't even measure like the other guys!! How did you come up with such a figure ??? "The Chicago contractor whispers back, "\$10,000 for me, \$10,000 for you, and we hire the guy from Kentucky to fix the fence" "Done!" replies the government official. That, my friends, is how the Government Stimulus plan was supposed to work.....

Please keep in mind the following: Four boxes keep us free; the **soap box**, the **jury box**, the **ammunition box** and, most especially, the **ballot box.**" *G. Burt Lancaster*

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Pictured L-R: Mayoral Candidate **Steve Brown**, who ran second in the Mayoral race and was our very informed and informative speaker at our May Meeting, with wife **Rosa**, and **June Hayes** along with our ever present President **Burt Lancaster**

Next General Meeting **September 27th** 10:00 – Noon; Foothill Center

Next Board Meeting **TBD** 10:00 Cribari Conf. Room



**Publicity Chairman
Gary Hill**

The Villages Republican Club is pleased to announce that our repeat guest speaker at our **10:00 AM to Noon Brunch meeting on September 27th** in Foothill Center will be **Gloria Hom**, who will speak on the numerous ballot **issues/Measures/ Proposition's** that frequently only serve to confuse the electorate. We think it would best serve members to have some advice early as many of you will mail in your ballots for the November election before having an opportunity to hear an unbiased presentation. If you haven't heard Gloria's presentations before you are in for a treat.



**1st Vice President
Bill Eckert**

Results of June 5th primary:

U.S. Senate: Feinstein D 44% shoo in; **Gov:** Newsom D 33% vs John Cox R 26% (Allen R 10%) **Rep total 36%;**
Lt. Gov: Two Democrats; **Sec. of State:** Padilla D 52% (elected); **Controller:** Yee D 61% (elected);
Treasurer: Ma D 43% vs Hugh Conlan R 22% (Jack Guerrero R 20%) **Rep total 42% (still a race);**
Atty General: Becerra D 45% vs Steven Bailey R 25% (Eric Early R 15%) **Rep total 40% (still a race);**
Ins. Comm: Lara D 41% vs Steve Poizner R 41%; **Sup of Pub Inst:** Thurmond D 34% vs Marshall Tuck R 37%
Dist. 2 Bd of Equal: Cohen D 36% vs Mark Burns R 29%; **House of Rep.** Dist 17, 18, 19, 20 incumbents won.
State Assembly Dist. 25: Chu D 49.7% vs Bob Brunton R 25%; **Dist 26 Sigala** D 30% vs Devon Mathis R 30% *
* 3rd Pl. in Dist 26 Warren Gubler R 29% (**Republicans got 59% of votes - looking very good**)
Recall: Yes (terrible outcome by #Metoo zealots lacking historic perspective); **Replacement:** Hendrickson
Sherriff: Laurie Smith 44% vs Hirokawa 30% (Hirokawa will get most of other candidates votes but not enough to overtake Smith; **Mayor:** Licardo won. **Measures:** **State** - 68 Yes; 69 YES; 70 NO; 71 YES; 72 Yes; RM3 Yes; **City:** B NO; C YES; G Yes. **Note taken of the following:** **Gov. Race** - Travis Allen 10%, which gave Repubs 36% of vote vs Newsom 33% - *Gavin (Nor Cal) must get large portion of Villaraigosa (So Cal) and John Cox is So Cal - San Diego;* **Treasurer:** Repubs Conlan & Guerrara got 42% vs Ma D 43% - *still a race;* There should be competitive races in Nov for Gov, Treas, Att Gen, Sup of Pub Inst, Bd of Equal Dist 2, and State Assem Dist 26. It should also be noted that the "top two regardless of party" nonsense has worked for Republicans in a number of Congressional Districts. It would be my amateur observation that California Republicans should take heart - things are getting better but our work has only begun. Dan Affourtit

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General Meeting Sept. 27, 2018

10:00 AM to Noon Foothill Center
Gloria Hom Speaking on Measures/Propositions
Continental Breakfast
Bagels, Donuts, Coffee, Tea, Juice
Contributions Expected

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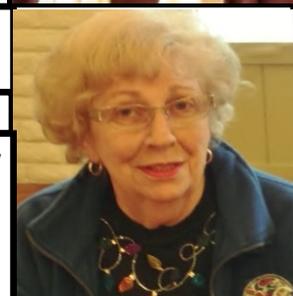
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Roger Lasson back in hospital with complications. Still struggling mightily - Anne with Roger every day. Jean Corrigan continuing her recovering from Cataract surgery (and Dan A. suspects she is using Champagne to improve her blurry vision— see picture above) Also our Emeritus Everything **Bill Eckert** has taken a fall, broken a bone in his hip, out of action for awhile—a special guy!!!!!!
Keep them in your prayers.!



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER IS FINALLY BACK ON A PARTIAL BASIS. BELOW IS HIS EXCELLENT UNDERSTANDING OF WHO DONALD TRUMP IS: A **PRAGMATIST.**

He had taken time off for surgery, and this is his first piece of writing since his return. Charles Krauthammer did not go for Trump, BUT read what he thinks of him now! To my friends "of a different persuasion" I'm not trying to sell anything or anyone but I do feel this is an interesting take on our very controversial president who I truly believe is neither Republican nor Democrat.

A TAKE ON DONALD TRUMP

Trump Is Not A Liberal or Conservative, He's a "Pragmatist." (Definition: A pragmatist is someone who is practical and focused on reaching a goal. A pragmatist usually has a straightforward, matter-of-fact approach and doesn't let emotion distract him or her.)

"We recently enjoyed a belated holiday dinner with friends at the home of other friends. The dinner conversation varied from discussions about antique glass and china to theology and politics. At one point, reference was made to Donald Trump being a conservative, to which I responded that Trump is not a conservative.

I said that I neither view nor do I believe Trump views himself as a conservative. I stated it was my opinion that Trump is a pragmatist. He sees a problem and understands it must be fixed. He doesn't see the problem as liberal or conservative, he sees it only as a problem. That is a quality that should be admired and applauded, not condemned. But I get ahead of myself.

Viewing problems from a Liberal perspective has resulted in the creation of more problems, more entitlement programs, more victims, more government, more political correctness, and more attacks on the working class in all economic strata.

Viewing things according to the so-called Republican conservative perspective has brought continued spending and globalism to the detriment of American interests and well being, denial of what the real problems are, weak, ineffective, milquetoast, leadership that amounts to Barney Fife Deputy Sheriff, appeasement oriented and afraid of its own shadow. In brief, it has brought liberal ideology with a pachyderm as a mascot juxtaposed to the ass of the Democrat Party.

Immigration isn't a Republican problem, it isn't a Liberal problem, it is a problem that threatens the very fabric and infrastructure of America. It demands a pragmatic approach not an approach that is intended to appease one group or another.

The impending collapse of the economy wasn't a Liberal or Conservative problem, it is an American problem. That said, until it is viewed as a problem that demands a common sense approach to resolution, it will never be fixed because the Democrats and Republicans know only one way to fix things and the longevity of their impracticality has proven to have no lasting effect.

Successful businessmen like Donald Trump find ways to make things work, they do not promise to accommodate.

Trump uniquely understands that China's manipulation of currency is not a Republican problem or a Democrat problem. It is a problem that threatens our financial stability and he understands the proper balance needed to fix it.

Here again, successful businessmen, like Trump, who have weathered the changing tides of economic reality understand what is necessary to make business work, and they, unlike both sides of the political aisle, know that if something doesn't work, you don't continue trying to make it work hoping that at some point it will.

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As a pragmatist, Donald Trump hasn't made wild pie-in-the-sky promises of a cell phone in every pocket, free college tuition, and a \$15 hour minimum wage for working the drive-through at Carl's Hamburgers.

I argue that America needs pragmatists because pragmatists see a problem and find ways to fix them. They do not see a problem and compound it by creating more problems.

You may not like Donald Trump, but I suspect that the reason some people do not like him is because:

- (1) he is antithetical to the "good old boy" method of brokering backroom deals that fatten the coffers of politicians;
- (2) they are unaccustomed to hearing a president speak who is unencumbered by the financial shackles of those who he owes vis-a-vis donations;
- (3) he is someone who is free of idiomatic political ideology;
- (4) he says what he is thinking, is unapologetic for his outspoken thoughts, speaks very straightforward using everyday language that can be understood by all (and is offensive to some who dislike him anyway) making him a great communicator, for the most part, does what he says he will do and;
- (5) he is someone who understands that it takes more than hollow promises and political correctness to make America great again.

Listening to Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders talk about fixing America is like listening to two lunatics trying to "out crazy" one another. Jeb Bush, John Kasich and Marco Rubio are owned lock, stock, and barrel by the bankers, corporations, and big dollar donors funding their campaigns. Bush can deny it, but common sense tells anyone willing to face facts is that people don't give tens of millions without expecting something in return.

We have had Democrats and Republican ideologues and what has it brought us? Are we better off today or worse off? Has it happened overnight or has it been a steady decline brought on by both parties?

I submit that a pragmatist is just what America needs right now. People are quick to confuse and despise confidence as arrogance, but that is common among those who have never accomplished anything in their lives (or politicians who never really solved a problem, because it's better to still have an "issue(s) to be solved," so re-elect me to solve it, (which never happens) and those who have always played it safe (again, all politicians) not willing to risk failure, to try and achieve success).

Donald Trump put his total financial empire at risk in running for president and certainly did not need or possibly even want the job; that says it all. He wants success for the U.S. and her citizens because he loves his country.

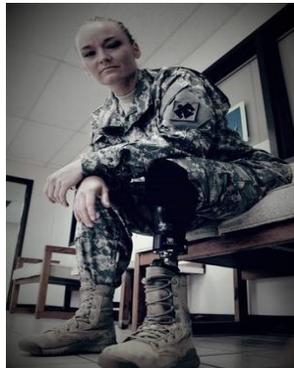
In light of the recent "Rules" set forth by the NFL owners as they prepare for the 2018 season (and the Philadelphia Eagles, Cleveland Cavaliers, and Golden State Warriors) I felt this well done summary I received is timely. Dan Affourtit

To the NFL (and maybe the NBA too) and its players

If I have brain cancer, I don't ask my dentist what I should do. If my car has a problem, I don't seek help from a plumber! Why do you think the public cares what a football player thinks about politics? If we want to know about football, then depending on the information we seek, we might consult with you, but even a quarterback doesn't seek advice on playing his position from a defensive tackle!

You seem to have this over inflated view of yourselves, thinking because you enjoy working on such a large scale stage, that somehow your opinion about everything matters. The NFL realizes the importance of its "image" so it has rules that specify the clothes and insignia you can wear, the language you use, and your "antics" after a touchdown or other "great" play. But somehow you and your employer don't seem to care that you disgrace the entire nation and its 320 million people in the eyes of the world by publicly disrespecting this country, its flag, and its anthem! The taxpaying citizens of this country subsidize your plush work environments, yet you choose to use those venues to openly offend those very citizens. Do you even understand what the flag of this country means to so many of its citizens before you choose to "take a knee" in protest of this "country" during our national anthem?

You may think because you are paid so much that your job is tough, but you are clueless when it comes to tough. Let me show you those whose job is really tough.



You think you that you deserve immediate medical attention and the best medical facilities and doctors when injured. Let me show you what it's like for those who really need and deserve medical attention.



Source: VA patient access data

Raoul Rafoa @latimesgraphics

You think you have the right to disrespect the flag of the United States, the one our veterans fought for, risked limbs and mental stability to defend, in many cases died for. Let me show you what our flag means to them, their families, and their friends.

You believe you are our heroes, when in reality you are nothing but overpaid entertainers, who exist solely for our enjoyment! Well, your current antics are neither entertaining nor enjoyable, but rather a disgrace to this country, its citizens, all our veterans and their families, and the sacrifices they have made to ensure this country remains free. You choose to openly disgrace this country in the eyes of the rest of the world, yet with all your money, still choose to live here rather than in any other country. People with even the slightest amount of "Class" will stand and respect our flag.. Where does that put you? You want to see heroes... here are this countries heroes!



As a wrap up you might choose to watch/listen to the "U-Tube "accessed below:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/uPNnsi2dJIQ>

The Green Thing: Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags are not good for the environment. The woman apologized to the young girl and explained, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days." The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations." The older lady said that she was right -- our generation didn't have the "green thing" in its day. The older lady went on to explain: Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things. Most memorable besides household garbage bags was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our school books. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribbings. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags. But, too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then. We walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day. Back then we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right; we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Back then we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; we didn't have the "green thing" back then. We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blade in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's \$45,000 SUV or van, which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing." We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint. But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the "green thing" back then?

This is being passed on to other selfish old people who needs a lesson in conservation from a smart ass young person. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to piss us off... Especially from a tattooed, multiple pierced smartass who can't make change without the cash register telling them how much.

(Rec'd in an E-Mail I felt compelled to share - Dan Affourtit)

Bill of Non-Rights: New Preamble to the Constitution.

This is probably the best e-mail I've seen in a long, long time. It has been attributed to Lewis Napper, a Jackson, Mississippi computer programmer. He didn't expect his essay -- a tart 10-point list of "rights" Americans don't have -- to become an Internet legend.

'We the sensible people of the United States, in an attempt to help everyone get along, restore some semblance of justice, avoid more riots, keep our nation safe, promote positive behavior, and secure the blessings of debt-free liberty to ourselves and our great-great-great-grandchildren, hereby try one more time to ordain and establish some common sense guidelines for the terminally whiny, guilt ridden, delusional. We hold these truths to be self-evident: that a whole lot of people are confused by the Bill of Rights and are so dim they require a Bill of NON-Rights.'

ARTICLE I: You do not have the right to a new car, big screen TV, or any other form of wealth.. More power to you if you can legally acquire them, but no one is guaranteeing anything.

ARTICLE II: You do not have the right to never be offended. This country is based on freedom, and that means freedom for everyone -- not just you! You may leave the room, turn the channel, express a different opinion, etc.; but the world is full of dummies, and probably always will be.

ARTICLE III: You do not have the right to be free from harm. If you stick a screwdriver in your eye, learn to be more careful; do not expect the tool manufacturer to make you and all your relatives independently wealthy.

ARTICLE IV: You do not have the right to free food and housing. Americans are the most charitable people to be found, and will gladly help anyone in need, but we are quickly growing weary of subsidizing generation after generation of professional couch potatoes who achieve nothing more than the creation of another generation of professional couch potatoes.

ARTICLE V: You do not have the right to free health care. That would be nice, but from the looks of public housing, we're just not interested in public health care.

ARTICLE VI: You do not have the right to physically harm other people. If you kidnap, rape, intentionally maim, or kill someone, don't be surprised if the rest of us want to see you get the blue juice.

ARTICLE VII: You do not have the right to the possessions of others. If you rob, cheat, or coerce away the goods or services of other citizens, don't be surprised if the rest of us get together and lock you away in a place where you still won't have the right to a big screen color TV or a life of leisure..

ARTICLE VIII: You do not have the right to a job. All of us sure want you to have a job, and will gladly help you along in hard times, but we expect you to take advantage of the opportunities of education and vocational training laid before you to make yourself useful.

ARTICLE IX: You do not have the right to happiness. Being an American means that you have the right to PURSUE happiness, which by the way, is a lot easier if you are unencumbered by an overabundance of idiotic laws created by those of you who were confused by the Bill of Rights.

ARTICLE X: This is an English speaking country. We don't care where you came from, English is our language. Learn it! Lastly

ARTICLE XI: You do not have the right to change our country's history or heritage. This country was founded on the belief in one true God. And yet, you are given the freedom to believe in any religion, any faith, or no faith at all; with no fear of persecution. The phrase IN GOD WE TRUST is part of our heritage and history, sorry if you are uncomfortable with it.

It's about time common sense is allowed to flourish. Sensible people of the United States must speak out because if you do not, who will?

Below is an excellent video accessed by a click on the website address:

- The Inconvenient Truth About the Republican Party

https://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=OURy5WFp0zk&feature=youtu.be

President Trump's First Year and a Half:

- Stock Market has reached record highs;
 - Passed Tax Cuts & Jobs Act and reduced taxation from Affordable Care Act:
 - GDP up 3% for 2 straight quarters:
 - Congressional Review Act passed reducing or eliminating 66 regs for each one added;
 - ISIS is almost eliminated-No Caliphate;
 - Brought home 4 North Korean captors to the U.S., and a "Summit" is in the plans;
 - Appointed & confirmed Neil Gorsuch for SCOTUS, re-establishing "conservative" majority;
 - Passed NASA Transition Authorization Act of 2017;
 - Executed White House Space Policy Directive 1, a public-private program for humans to continue to Mars & beyond;
 - Reduced illegal immigration to its lowest on record, and the "fence" is coming;
 - Jan 2018 to May 2018, Energy production at its highest level in years;
 - VA Accountability & Whistleblower Protection Act signed, allowing over 500 employees to be fired for incompetence;
 - Veteran Affairs Choice Act allowing vets a choice for their health care;
 - Instituted NATO reforms requiring allies to pay their fair share;
 - Unemployment rate at near all-time low;
 - MS-13 is being destroyed;
 - Created a commission on child trafficking;
 - Declared a Nationwide Emergency on Opioid use:
 - Food stamps at their lowest level in 7 years.
 - Funded our military to be able to once again increase its size to meet our commitments and for the first time in history there will be an audit of the Pentagon.
 - This is just a start as there have been 81 separate legislative acts passed to make America safer, and economically stronger.
 - President Trump has achieved this accomplishment with no support from the Democratic Party, not all of his own party and continuous and unbridled resistance from the media.
- I would say that is an incredible accomplishment and he is just beginning.