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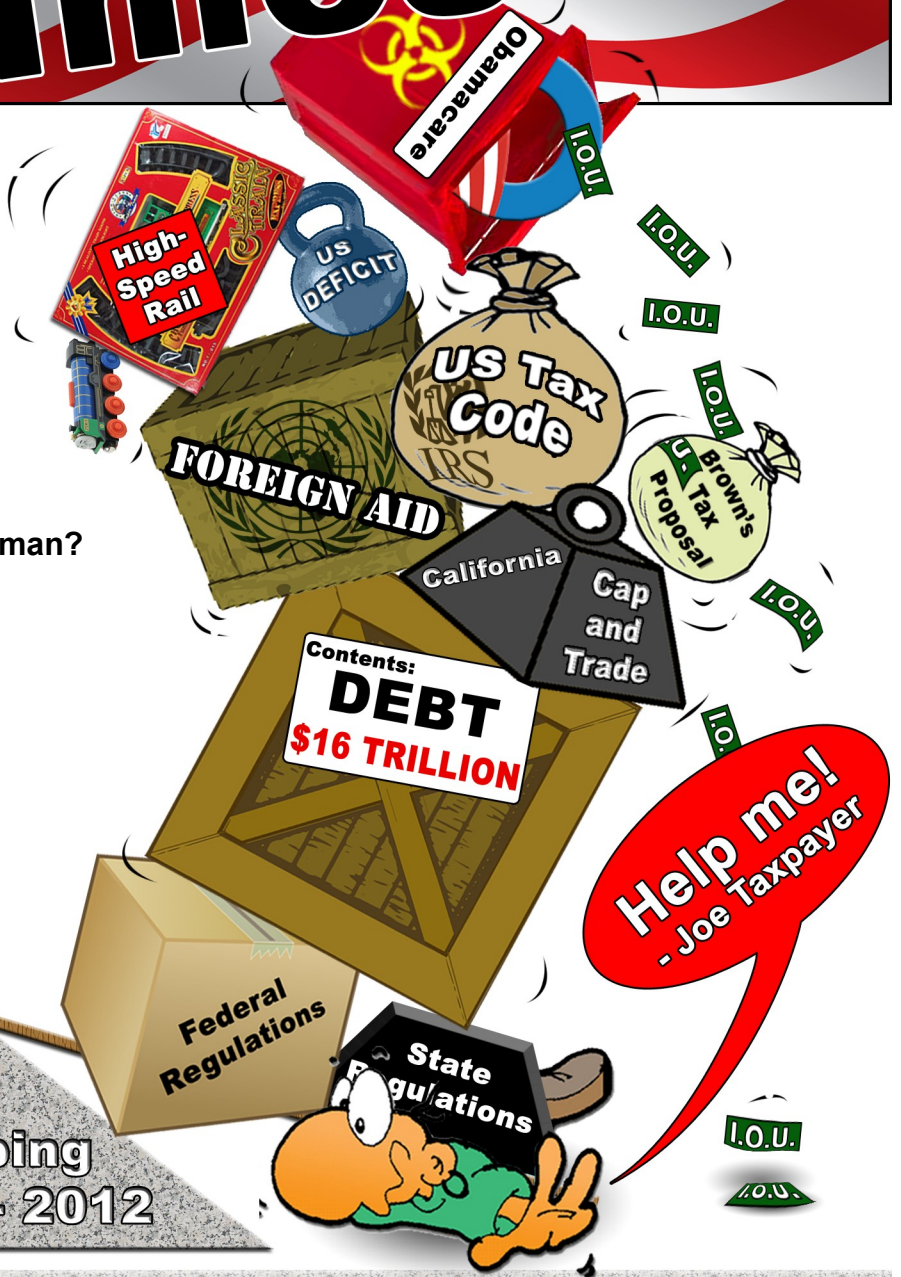
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See "Debt to the Penny" at

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## NATIONAL DEFICIT

The difference between the amount spent by Congress and the revenue received by the IRS

**\$1,317,397,674,181**

## FEDERAL REGULATIONS

**\$1,500,000,000,000 economic costs**

## OBAMACARE

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Loss of liberty: unfathomable

## U. S. Tax Code

13,458 pages

## California HIGH-SPEED RAIL

**+\$100,000,000,000.00**

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**Jan. 26. At Madera County Board of Supervisors meeting, where the board voted to withdraw support of the high-speed rail plan.**

**On a die-hard Hanford Tea Partier's property**



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BBQ at Little Church In The Pines  
across from Duceys  
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# How to Explain to Your Friends Why High-Speed Rail Can't Work

By Paul Szopa, Clovis

When making your case to friends, family and politicians on why you believe the California High-Speed Rail Project, approved by voters with Prop 1A in 2008, is not worthy of support, it's important to separate fact from fiction and give a strong yet simple explanation to support your argument. Those of us in opposition to the HSR project need to be absolutely certain that our information is rock-solid and that we offer an alternative plan so as to avoid being labeled NIM-BYs or "decline-ists," the new, derogatory word pro-HSR folks are using to describe those opposed to HSR.

There are many reasons given by proponents of High-Speed Rail to explain why the HSR project will be good for California. Some of the *seemingly* stronger ones are: It will bring in construction jobs; it will create many permanent jobs for the state; it will save on greenhouse gas emissions; a lot of money will have to be spent on infrastructure anyway and HSR will actually be cheaper; and the train will pay for itself once operational.

When I hear these points, I must admit, they sound good. I, too, am in favor of saving infrastructure money and having jobs come to California, but once you begin digging into the business plan, these "facts" just don't hold up. So how do you respond when someone in favor of HSR throws out some of these well-publicized talking points?

## *Where are the jobs?*

The first one, jobs, seems tough to argue with, right? Who's not for jobs? However, just a little investigation reveals problems with the California High-Speed Rail Authority's (CHSRA) figures. The truth is, CHSRA chose to play games with the numbers in an attempt to make them sound better and sell the plan to the public and the local politicians. Instead of just counting up the people who would actually be employed by the construction, they use a fancy term, "job-years," to obfuscate. This means that one person who works on the project for five years is counted as five jobs. If the numbers were strong, they could just be honest with us and not have to invent new terms to make things sound better. One analysis, using the CHSRA's figure of 16,666 actual jobs created concludes that, "Even using the CHSRA optimistic job creation estimates for Phase I (in actual jobs, not job-years), California investment will be about... *\$5.8 million per direct job created.*"<sup>1</sup>

The other major flaw in their job calculations is that they don't take into account two other important factors: (1) lost jobs and tax revenue from businesses directly impacted by the track destroying their property, and (2) the "broken window fallacy." The first is a very important and significant number, but it is self-explanatory, so I won't elaborate. The

second needs to be explained for those who haven't heard of this theory.

## *Broken Window Fallacy*

The Broken Window Fallacy is the incorrect idea that jobs are created when something gets broken, i.e. a kid throws a rock through the window of a shoemaker's shop. The flawed thinking goes like this: The shoemaker with the newly-broken window has to go out and buy a replacement from the glassmaker, and the glassmaker has to hire someone to make the window and, voila, a job is "created." What this fails to consider, though, is that the shoemaker might have purchased a new suit or a beer at the bar with his money if he didn't have to buy another window. So, a job that would have been created at the suit shop or the bar moves to the glassmaker's shop.

In the case of HSR, the "broken window" is the money going into HSR that would have been spent by taxpayers (the shoemaker) on other infrastructure projects or even on personal items such as a new refrigerator, carpet for the house, etc. So, what will happen is that jobs that would have been created in other places by the free market are being concentrated into the HSR project (the glassmaker). Therefore, net jobs created are likely to be a wash; it's just that the jobs are reallocated to a different part of the economy.

The second "job-fact," permanent jobs created, is even more dubious. In the U.S., Amtrak employs 19,000 people on a 28,000-mile track system – about one person for every 1.4 miles of track. The CHSRA is claiming that there will be approximately 4,500 permanent jobs for the 500-mile HSR system in California – one for every 475 feet – *about 16 times the Amtrak per-mile figure.*

## *Reduce GHG's?*

Greenhouse gases? When voters approved Prop 1A, CHSRA claimed that the project would reduce GHG by 5.4 million metric tons. The current business plan estimates a 2.7 million metric ton reduction in GHG – 50% less than what we were told on the ballot, and CHSRA provides no data to support these estimates and no explanation for the change. Furthermore,

*Researchers at UC Berkeley examined the "break-even" point for high-speed rail, when greenhouse gas savings from HSR operation pay back the greenhouse gas emissions from HSR construction. At low ridership estimates, HSR will never achieve a return-on-investment on greenhouse gas emissions, resulting in permanent environmental damage.*<sup>2</sup>

So much for saving the environment.

## *HSR costs vs. highways & airports*

Another of the proponents' arguments is that if we don't build HSR for \$100 billion, then "providing equivalent new capacity through investment in highways and aviation would cost California almost twice as much as the Phase 1 high-speed rail system...\$170 billion." (Quoted from 2012 CHSRA Draft Business Plan) This is perhaps the most deceptive of all the "facts" put forth by CHSRA. The figure of \$170 billion comes from an estimate by a contracting firm, Parsons Brinckerhoff, *who helped fund the political campaign in favor of Prop 1A*, and is based on the *theoretical capacity* of the HSR system, not even the smaller, but still highly-overestimated ridership projections used by CHSRA. Parsons Brinckerhoff's capacity figures are that the train system *could* carry 116 million passengers a year, based on trains with 1,000 seats running both north and south every five minutes, 19 hours a day and 365 days a year. The study assumes the trains would be 70% full on average.<sup>4</sup> Using that figure, they reverse engineered how many roads, airport gates and runways would have to be constructed to handle 116 million travelers if HSR wasn't built. So, it's an assumption derived from a ridiculous assumption. Their figures only pan out if the train has more than 2.5 times the riders than even CHSRA itself is claiming. This study would be laughable if it wasn't such a serious fraud.

In many cases, rail infrastructure projections are wildly optimistic. According to Richard White, a professor of history at Stanford University and the author of *Railroaded*,

*..these kinds of projects always overestimate their ridership. Actual ridership of the BART line to San Francisco's airport, for example, was in 2009 only 25% of the 2003 prediction. If California high-speed rail captured the same percentage of riders as Amtrak's Acela does today in the Northeast corridor, an area with a long tradition of rail travel and a higher population than California, it would have about 5 million riders, not 28 million to 37 million [currently up to 43 million in latest business plan].*<sup>3</sup>

### *Profits?*

Finally, the real kicker "fact." CHSRA estimates in 2035 that net annual profits of Phase 1 will be up to \$1.2 billion.<sup>5</sup> Last year, Amtrak, for the *entire nation* only had \$2.5 billion in revenue, with \$3.7 billion in expenses for a loss of \$1.2 billion.<sup>6</sup> So, CHSRA is claiming it will have a *profit* (above and beyond all operating expenses, mind you) equaling half of all the money Amtrak took in nationwide. I ask you, which is more likely, CHSRA's numbers being right or permanent taxpayer subsidy?

### *Disneyland, anyone?*

I have found that one of the best ways to get people to consider your side of the argument is to ask them questions that

they will have a tough time answering. For example, ask your average HSR proponent with a family of four and a middle-class income if he will pay \$648 (business plan's estimated \$81 average one-way fare) to take his family round-trip on HSR from San Francisco to Los Angeles to go to Disneyland. Don't forget to add in car rental from the end of the line (north of Los Angeles) to Disneyland – another \$100 or so for a few days rental. Or, ask him, will he instead load up his car and drive the same trip for the price of a couple tanks of gas in the comfort of his own car and with less hassle than trying to carry suitcases for his whole family onto the train, off the train, and into a rental car – only to repeat on the return trip – *while paying to park his car in the HSR lot back home?* His likely answer seems pretty obvious to me.

This line of thinking – that we'll even have the choice to ride on the HSR train – assumes the project ever gets completed. The current funding only allows for the construction of a test section – *without train cars or electrification or train stations* – between Merced and Bakersfield. It's not even a "train to nowhere;" it's only a "track to nowhere." The project will need another \$20 billion – \$30 billion<sup>5</sup> in additional funding and many more years before it's a functioning rail system and that still won't connect San Francisco to L.A. Meanwhile, the existing infrastructure will still have to be maintained and expanded because HSR will not even begin to save on those expenditures for over 20 years – if ever.

### *There are alternatives.*

In general, opponents of this project aren't opposed to HSR in theory, we're just opposed to this plan at this time with the current financial crisis that is sinking our state. It is irresponsible to even consider building this when funding for schools and emergency services is being cut. So what do we offer instead? Are we just naysayers? No. We have an Amtrak line that covers a great deal of the state. For a fraction of the cost of the current HSR plan, the system could be upgraded to have trains run at 120 MPH, so it might take five hours instead of three hours to get from S.F. to L.A. – a small price to pay for saving nearly \$100 billion. This would be a reasonable step in creating a reliable, affordable train system in California – one that we should all consider supporting if it has a viable plan for the right price.

So, the next time you talk to a friend, family member or local politician in favor of HSR, make sure you remember these ideas to persuade them: goofy job-years, inflated permanent job numbers that are 16 times higher than actual Amtrak figures, doubtful greenhouse gas savings, infrastructure savings based on highly unreliable, best-case capacity models, a crazy prediction of profits, and a ticket price that will cost a family of four \$648 per round trip – and that's if the project can even be completed. With these facts in hand, you just might be able to convince even the most die-hard HSR fan out there.

See footnotes on page 9.



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# Dedication

This edition of the Tea Party Times is dedicated to issues involving the June 5<sup>th</sup> California primary election and laying the groundwork for the all-important November general election.

Our country is at the tipping point, with totalitarianism and bankruptcy on one side and individual liberty and fiscal sanity on the other. Some say the scales have tipped hopelessly toward government control and all is lost. But we, as resilient and independent Americans, must not give up and cede our children's and grandchildren's future to power-hungry politicians. The road back to a nation of personal responsibility and limited government will require hard work and tough decisions. Our first step, indeed our duty, is to elect officials who are fiscally responsible and dedicated to constitutionally guaranteed freedoms—and who have the courage to make gut-wrenching but necessary decisions.

At this writing, the constitutionality of the Obamacare “individual mandate” is being heard by the Supreme Court. Since the outcome is unknown, we must assume that the law will still be on the books at the time of the November election; so in these pages we will offer our arguments against it and a fervent plea to repeal it altogether. Regardless of the future of this health care takeover, it is a prime example of government force that is totally inconsistent with liberty and which the Tea Party is working to reverse.

Please note: We use the term “Obamacare” because it is shorthand for Public Law 111-148, the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act”, and the name by which it is generally known. No disrespect for the president is intended. Indeed, since it is the law that he was proud to push through Congress and to sign, he should regard the term as complimentary. But since the law neither protects patients nor fosters affordability, and indeed does just the opposite, the Tea Party reserves the right to oppose it, work for its repeal, and support a free-market, common sense approach that preserves the doctor-patient relationship as the guiding force in health care decisions.

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### Get Involved

- Sign up for our e-mail list at [www.CentralValleyTeaParty.com](http://www.CentralValleyTeaParty.com). This is a must for staying informed on important issues, action items, and events.
- Attend meetings and events. Check the website for updates.
- Join a chapter near you and volunteer to help. See chapter information on pages 24-26.
- Share the Tea Party message by e-mail, phone, Facebook, Twitter, or person-to-person.
- Hand out copies of the Tea Party Times or recommend that folks read it on our website. You can pick up extra copies at CVTP meetings or at the friendly businesses listed on page 23.
- Volunteer to help in any way that you can.

### Donate online or at events

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Footnotes: “How to Explain High Speed Rail.”

Special thanks the *Save Bakersfield Committee* for providing some of the information in this article.

<sup>1</sup> CA Assemblywoman Diane Harkey's “Separating the Myth from Reality” analysis.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Mikhail Chester and Arpad Horvath, Life-cycle assessment of high-speed rail: the case of California, 2010 *Environ. Res. Lett.* 5.

<sup>3</sup> “Take this bullet train. Please.” by Richard White, Op-ed, LA Times, Nov. 6, 2011

<sup>4</sup> “New doubts about bullet train” by Ralph Vartabedian and Dan Weikel, LA Times, Jan. 17, 2012

<sup>5</sup> CHSRA 2012 Draft Business Plan

<sup>6</sup> Amtrak National Fact Sheet FY 2010 Final v3, Amtrak Media Relations, 2010

# Coming Events

## April 5, Action Night in Fresno

See Fresno Chapter, page 24.

## April 14 - Local Tax Day Events

See [www.CentralValleyTeaParty.com](http://www.CentralValleyTeaParty.com) for events

### April 14

NorCal Tea Party event

### 3rd Annual Tax Day Rally in Sacramento

11:30: Walk to the capitol from the Tower bridge/Old Sacramento  
Noon: Rally at the State Capitol in Sacramento

### Launch of the two-week

### "California Revolution—Rise Up Tour".

The bus will go from northern California to San Diego in 14 days, and various speakers will be challenging individuals up and down the state to be sure they know the conservative candidates.

For more information, go to [www.NorcalTeaParty.org](http://www.NorcalTeaParty.org)

### APRIL 15 -

**Many happy income tax returns!**

### April 17

**Taxed Enough Already fundraiser  
for the July 4th "Freedom Fest"**

See page 22.

### April 18

**Debate: Fresno County Board of Supervisors District 2  
Candidates Andeas Borgeas and Larry Fortune**

### May 2

**Debate: State Assembly District candidates**  
See page 37.

### May 3, Action Night in Fresno

See Fresno Chapter, page 24

### May 5

**Kirk MacKenzie speaks Defending Rural America**  
See page 37.

### May 12

**Second Annual "Motorcycle Run" Fundraiser**  
Sanger to Bass Lake  
See page 5.

### May 16

**Debate : Fresno City Council District 2 candidates**  
See page 37.

### June 7, Action Night in Fresno

See Fresno Chapter page 24.

### July 4

**"Freedom Fest Celebration" in Coarsegold**  
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# Central Valley Tea Party

## Core Values

**Free Markets - Constitutionally Limited Government - Fiscal Responsibility**

The Tea Party is not a political “party” but took its name from the historic Boston Tea Party tax revolt of 1773. The Central Valley Tea Party (CVTP) is a grassroots, loosely organized group of like-minded individuals who work together voluntarily, according to its core values, to:

- limit the government’s power to only that which is defined in the Constitution,
- retain the greatest degree of individual liberty and responsibility,
- rein in the economy-crushing government spending, debt and deficits, and
- encourage free-market enterprise by a free people.

The Tea Party burst on the scene in 2009 to protest runaway government spending, debt and bailouts -- as well as the proposed government takeover of one-sixth of the economy and trampling of individual liberties through the healthcare takeover, later passed and now known as Obamacare. But although Tea Party groups across the country still “take to the streets” in peaceful demonstrations for specific issues, the movement has matured into an organization that educates fellow citizens on historic, constitutional and political matters; works within the system to hold elected officials accountable; and spurs citizen action on local, state and federal issues and elections. There is a growing realization that we can most easily influence those governments closest to us (cities, counties, schools, regional councils of governments, and the state) while at the same time not neglecting national policies and elections.

CVTP and its 12 chapters from Bakersfield to Mariposa have become active in local governments: attending and speaking at meetings, organizing petitions and rallies, interacting with elected officials and their staffs, and educating them on specific issues such as our opposition to the misguided high-speed rail plans.

## Vetting Candidates

Although we do not “endorse” candidates, candidates for all offices are invited to visit our website ([www.CentralValleyTeaParty.com](http://www.CentralValleyTeaParty.com)) and endorse the Tea Party and its core values, answer a questionnaire, and sign a letter pledging not to raise taxes. These endorsements will be available to the public on the website.

This year, as no other before, it is crucial that we vet all candidates and know exactly where they stand on the crucial issues of the day. To this end, CVTP is participating with The Lincoln Club of Fresno County to host three debates for local candidates. Please see page 37 for details.

## Tea Party Merchandise

Tee shirts, sweatshirts, hats, bumper stickers—and more—are for sale at Central Valley Tea Party meetings and events. All proceeds are used to cover Tea Party event expenses.

Purchasing Tea Party merchandise and apparel is a great way to support our continuing educational outreach as well as to demonstrate to your local community that you really do care about our country and the founding principles of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.

**Show your support and spread the word by wearing Tea Party apparel.**

# Making Sense of the Propositions

Even seasoned Tea Party folks who study such things scratch their heads at the confusing ballot measures. Pity the poor guy or gal who doesn't eat, sleep and breathe government policy but who still wants to vote according to conservative principles. Here are a few reminders that we hope will be helpful in wading through the maze.

Reading the Official Voter Information Guide's summary, analysis and arguments for and against the proposition may tell you enough to know whether you definitely support or definitely oppose the measure. But beware!

The *only* way to *really* know what the proposition means and says is to read it and study it until you understand it. That's what we want our legislators to do before they vote, isn't it? (Like the umpteen-page healthcare bill that we were told needed to be passed so that we would know what was in it?)

But short of that, you might read assessments of a proposition by people or organizations that you trust. Or you might talk to someone with particular knowledge of the subject - again, someone whose opinion you trust. See page 18 for a review of the two propositions that have been approved for the June ballot at this time..

## *Reading Between the Lies*

**The Official Voters' Guide information may be slanted.** Imagine that.

The summary is written by the Attorney General and has been known to be slanted. And of course the Voters' Guide pros and cons are, by definition, biased and can make outlandish claims. For instance, the argument for the high-speed rail in 2008 stated that you would ride the bullet train from San Francisco to Los Angeles for \$50 a ticket, a claim that had no basis in reality.

The "fiscal effects" in the Voters' Guide are based on assumptions, and one assumption bound to come true is that when the government is involved, the actual cost will greatly exceed the estimate.

## *Bonds are not "free money".*

When bond measure proponents say that "this won't raise taxes," they are flat wrong but are hoping that you won't think it through.

Bond money does not drop from the sky. By selling bonds, the state borrows money that must be repaid, with interest, out of the general fund. For instance, if the \$9.95 billion high-speed rail bonds are sold, as approved in 2008 by an unsuspecting electorate, the \$9.95 billion plus another \$9.95 billion in interest (the proponent's own estimate) must be repaid. Where does that money come from except the taxpayer's pocket? Or in the case of our current California fiscal crisis, from more borrowed money, which adds more interest, and which eventually will come due to our children and grandchildren.

Even if you support the objective of the bond measure, you might ask yourself if the politicians who will spend this money have earned your trust. If not, then voting Yes will be just a waste of money, regardless of the good intentions. Remember that California politicians have spent and bonded us into \$362 billion in debt.

## *"Teachers support this" means teachers' UNIONS.*

Or "firefighters" or "police chiefs" or "law enforcement officers".

While individuals in these unions may individually support or oppose the measure, in campaign literature it is usually the unions that support it—such as the California Teachers Association, the Firefighters Association, and others, without a vote of the membership.

This is another way to play on your emotions. Who doesn't respect teachers, firefighters, and police officers? However, we might or might not agree with their unions, which have a vested interest in the outcome of the proposition, either through added membership and union dues or political influence and power.

*"In politics, a lie unanswered becomes truth within 24 hours."*

— Willie Brown

## ***Appealing to the Heart Strings***

Don't fall for the ads and the emotional hype. Both sides, pro and con, know that most of us don't have or take the time to get the facts, so they bombard us with emotional and slanted sound bites, such as: "Grandma will be eating dog food" or "It's for the children's education". Get the facts and read the school bond measures and propositions critically. Spending more money or passing another law may or may not solve a problem, and it usually does the latter.

Unlike political candidates whose backgrounds and true ideas may take months to vet, every word of every proposition and measure is printed in the Voters' Guide. You can know exactly what you're voting for or against.

### ***Think twice before signing that petition.***

The friendly gentleman motioning to you from the table in front of Walmart asks for your signature to help qualify a proposition for the ballot, and he tells you it's to "hold the politicians accountable" or maybe to "cut spending". Sounds great! You can't sign fast enough! But what you don't know is that he may be paid from \$1 to \$5 for every signature he gets and therefore has an incentive to deceive you into signing.

Worse, some signature gatherers enhance their paychecks by faking signatures on petitions. Governor Brown admitted the problem when he vetoed Senate Bill 168 last August that would have outlawed paying or receiving money based on the number of signatures obtained on a state or local ballot measure. In his veto letter he stated, "While I understand the potential abuses of the current per-signature payment system, I believe this bill is flawed..." (Emphasis added.)

This of course doesn't mean that every signature gatherer, paid or not, is misrepresenting the facts or that we should not sign ballot measure petitions. It does mean, however, that we should do our homework before helping to qualify a measure for the ballot with which we may vehemently disagree. You can read the text of every proposition on the Secretary of State's website ([www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)). Mr. Nice Guy will be at Walmart the next time you pop in for groceries, and then you can sign his petition if you still agree that it's a measure you want to support.

## ***The Good, the Bad and the Ugly***

**The good.** Initiatives allow citizens to bypass the legislature and bring propositions to a vote of the people. Some are good measures that the legislature would never touch, such as 1978's Proposition 13 that limited property taxes. The Central Valley Tea Party supports just such an initiative that would return California to a part-time legislature and limit politicians' pay and their time spent in the capital with lobbyists. See pages 20 and 21 for an analysis of this measure and to find out where you can sign a petition to qualify it for the November ballot.

**The bad and the ugly.** Qualifying a measure for the ballot can cost \$1 million to \$3 million dollars for advertising and paid signature gatherers, so "ordinary citizens" are not likely to get measures qualified for the ballot. That leaves the process as a rule to big organizations and special interests. Bad propositions, ones that overspend and waste money or institute bad public policy, outnumber the good ones by far. And far too many times they are passed by voters who are well intentioned and believe the hype, scare tactics or flat-out lies.

See page 18 for an analysis of two propositions already qualified for the June ballot.



“Man will occasionally stumble over the truth,  
but usually manages to pick himself up,  
walk over or around it, and carry on.”

—Benjamin Franklin

# Are you a good citizen?

By Kevin D'Arcy, Clovis

To fully participate as an American citizen, one must have a good knowledge of and appreciation for the Constitution of the United States. This document, which limits the power of the state and guarantees the rights and liberties of the people, will be forever regarded as the single most important contract produced by the mind of man.

The Constitution is not normally thought of as a contract, but that is exactly what it is. A contract creates an obligation between two parties. In the case of the Constitution, the obligation is between the government and the governed. We know what the obligations of the government are. They are to faithfully implement the three-branch structure as outlined by the Constitution, and to protect the liberties of the individual citizen as delineated by the Bill of Rights. But we don't often hear about the obligations upon the other party to that contract – the ones that are placed on "we the people." The reason we don't hear about them is because our obligations, the citizen's obligations, are often more implied than explicit, but they are nonetheless real, and absolutely binding morally.

Some of the obligations of a citizen are relatively undemanding, such as serving on a jury or paying your taxes. Well, okay, paying your taxes is not exactly light duty, but as long as the government upholds its part of the contract, it is our moral obligation to pay our taxes.

But the most important obligation of a free citizen is also the most demanding. Most people know that every member of the United States military takes an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America." But very few civilians have taken that oath. Does that mean they are off the hook, that they do not have to support and defend the Constitution? No. Each of us has a moral obligation to defend the Constitution because we benefit from it. In every contract there must be "consideration." That is, each party must give something of value. Ultimately, the thing of value that each of us must be willing to give is our very life, if necessary because in the end, we the citizens are the final defenders of the Constitution and liberty. And if need be, we must be willing to fight – at risk of death – to preserve it for our posterity. After all, that is what our Founding Fathers did, isn't it? Each generation must have that same principled courage to preserve freedom or it may be lost to despotism.

Does that mean that each of us has an obligation to join the military? Every young, able-bodied person should consider that option because it is a highly honorable way to serve the Constitution and your fellow citizens. Without a strong military the Constitution would have been lost long ago. Everything we have we owe to the soldiers, beginning with George Washington and his men at Valley Forge and continuing today with the men and women who helped topple the Taliban in Afghanistan and who brought Bin Laden to his just reward. With that in mind, please don't ever miss a chance to thank a serviceman or veteran for defending your right to pursue happiness. As George Washington said, "Nothing is a greater stranger to my breast, or a sin that my soul more abhors, than that black and detestable one, ingratitude."

The military is not for everyone, and there is not enough room in the military for every American, but there are other ways for the citizen to support and defend the Constitution. The most essential responsibility of a citizen is to gain knowledge. Our Republic cannot survive without an educated, alert citizenry. James Madison wrote, "Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." So, one of our implicit obligations is to stay informed. Every citizen should read and understand the Constitution itself. We must know our rights, and we must know what is permitted of the government and what is prohibited.

We cannot depend on the courts and the politicians to be the sole guardians of our liberties. We must be careful to elect only those representatives who have a deep respect for our founding documents and who will do nothing to

defile them. Then, we must remain alert to their actions, for if they stray from the constitutional course, they must be replaced. Remember, we are the citizens. We are the ultimate power, and we must exercise that power with knowledge. If you do not know what your representatives are doing, you are an inadequate citizen. If you are not holding them accountable to the constraints of the Constitution, you are an inadequate citizen. If you are not defending the Constitution through your voting habits, you are an inadequate citizen. If you are uninformed you are an inadequate citizen. Apathy and ignorance are the habits of the enslaved; if they become the habits of the free, the free will not long know freedom.

Yet, far too many Americans are apathetic and ignorant today. Most Americans do not even know the name of their Representative in Congress. If they do not know their representative's name, how can they know anything about how their representative is voting? He could be defending the Constitution or destroying it. The ill-informed citizens are therefore depending upon others to guard their liberties, and many of those guardians are in the Tea Party – doing the heavy lifting for the citizen-freeloaders who can't be bothered to read a newspaper or book.

Of course, there have always been ignorant citizens. But it was not easy to be informed 200 years ago. Books were expensive, newspapers were of varying quality, and most people lived in areas too far from the centers of commerce and politics to stay well informed about current events, history, or philosophical matters. However, today there is no excuse. Your Congressman's voting record can be found on the Internet in seconds, and the entire text of the Constitution can be found just as fast. Alexis de Tocqueville's classic examination of the American character, *Democracy in America*, can be read online for free. We have instant access to Washington's Inaugural Addresses, the Lincoln Douglas Debates, and the Federalist Papers. Our Founders were men of action but they were also men of books. Can you imagine how thrilled Franklin, Adams, Jefferson, Hamilton, and Madison would be to have such a wealth of knowledge literally at their fingertips? And yet, so many Americans ignore those online treasures and go straight to the latest pop singer's video or Internet game.

America is facing difficult challenges. We shoulder an incredibly burdensome national debt of more than 15 trillion dollars. In the time it takes you to read this article, we will have added 30 million dollars to that debt. We run a trade deficit of 500 billion dollars every year, and every week more American manufacturing is relocated to Asia and Latin America. We are falling behind other nations in math and science education. We are dependent upon foreign oil, much of it controlled by a cartel of our enemies, and we face a fanatical, terrorist foe who hides behind women and children and has not the scruples to wear a uniform.

I could go on but my point is not to dwell on our challenges because every one of them can be overcome if we accept our responsibilities as citizens. Challenges are nothing new to Americans -- we have certainly had our share -- but we have always survived and come back stronger. We have taken on the responsibilities of citizenship when necessary, and we will again. One great advantage that we have over other nations is the huge number of veterans among us -- more than 20 million -- many of whom are still in their twenties and thirties. This is a tremendous reserve of active and informed citizens who take seriously their oath to defend the Constitution. They are warriors and patriots who will never let apathy and ignorance join forces with tyranny to defeat liberty and the rule of law.

God blessed us with the greatest minds and men of the finest character at our Founding. We are their moral and philosophical descendants and within us dwells that same love of liberty and law. Your local Tea Party is dedicated to arming the citizenry with tyranny's greatest weapon, knowledge. At your local Tea Party, you will learn history, current events, civics, and even philosophy. And you will learn how to become active in your community and how to use unity and the strength of numbers, just as our well-organized opponents of liberty and the Constitution have been doing for decades.

If you are not already a Tea Party member, please consider joining us in the defense of liberty by exercising your right of self-governance. Make a conscious decision to fully accept the burdens of citizenship so that our children and grandchildren will know freedom. Your parents and grandparents did it for you. Now it is your turn.

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# Keep your politics local and focused

By Robert Jeffers, Lompoc Phone calls, commercials, fliers, mailers, walkers, debates, forums, fairs... anyone get the idea there's an election or something coming up?

It's very easy to get overwhelmed with the maelstrom that the 2012 election season already has become. We're more than half a year into this and have been subject to approximately 11,920,235.3 Republican Presidential debates. Some people live for this stuff, but the rest of us can't wait for it to be over, right?

As tiring as this process is, not a single one of us can afford to get overwhelmed, take the phone off the ringer and tune out until November. Too much rests on the success of Tea Party-style candidates winning big in June and November - especially here in California. The results are disastrous if we give in to our own fatigue.

So what to do? How do you get engaged and not stretch yourself too thin? First, chose your candidates, and then separate out a few that you want to become advocates for - but only a few (personally I'm choosing three, maybe four, candidates to help).

Of the choices to make, local elections are desperately important, yet frustratingly neglected. City Council and Mayoral races, County Supervisors, School Boards, Water Districts, even your partisan Central Committees, make just as large an impact in your life as the Governor, Senator, or President does. Granted, that balance of power is swinging startlingly fast towards the national election, but our local offices play vital roles in our everyday lives. One has to look no further than the cities of Bell and Stockton to see the ruinous consequences of local government run amok with budget deficits that have no end.

We've all heard "all politics is local", so I urge you to keep your eyes as local as you can. Everyone complains about the swamp in Washington D.C., but the fact of the matter is there's a poisoned swamp in D.C. because of the poisoned springs that start in the heart of every city and county across the nation. We can "drain the swamp", but unless we clean up our own communities first, it'll just end up polluted again.

Just a thought for those of us here in California about

fixating on the presidential election - our state's electoral college is going to count for Obama no matter who we pick for the Republican candidate. Even in the primary, California shows up at the very end of the process - so far down in the decision-making process that our presidential nominee may be largely decided for us at that point. It would take a groundswell in the millions to make California meaningful in any way towards affecting that outcome.

Your local guy, however, can win or lose by 10 votes. State Senator Tony Strickland won his seat in his election by only 900 votes - that's only a handful of votes in each precinct. In my own town of Lompoc, candidates have won citywide office by 70 votes. Just think of the impact you can have in your own neighborhood - for good if you act, for ill if you don't.

Lastly, whomever you support, do so with the passion that spawned the Tea Party to begin with. You'll be surprised how many people feel just the way you do, with a fire ready to burst forth - it just needs a direction and a spark - be that spark.

June is coming fast, gang. Many of our candidates are strong underdogs in this still-polluted California political sphere, where established politicians have heavy war chests and a false sense of their own inevitability. The Tea Party changes all of that, and gives those poorer candidates not only a fighting chance but an energy source untapped in California politics. The spark lies within you - imagine the enormous change you can bring about! Let's roll up our sleeves and get to work.



Photo by Lynn Bartels/The Denver Post

# The June Propositions

By Jared Gordon

While the June ballot will not feature tax increases from Gov. Brown and others, the part-time legislature amendment, or the paycheck protection initiative, there are still two statewide measures on the ballot. Here are one Tea Partier's views on those initiatives, seen through the Tea Party's core principles of constitutionally limited government, fiscal responsibility, and free markets.

## **Proposition 28 – Vote No**

Proposition 28, the “Legislative Term Limits Reform Act of 2010,” claims to reduce the length of time a politician can serve in the California Legislature from a combined 14 years to 12 years. While it is true that the total possible time a politician could be in the legislature would be reduced, practically speaking, it will result in substantially increasing the length of time most legislators are in office.

Current law allows Members of the Assembly to serve up to 6 years, and State Senators to serve up to 8 years, for a total possible time of 14 years in both houses. Proposition 28 would make that term limit a combined 12 years in both houses.

What is misleading about this proposition is that most legislators do not serve in both houses, so this amendment would effectively be an increase in term limits for most legislators. A study by U.S. Term Limits found that 80% of California legislators would actually have had their time in office increased, while only 8% would have had their term decreased, if these term limits had been in place since term limits were adopted in California.

While it is not obvious that term limits directly impact any of our core principles, most Tea Partiers would agree that we would prefer a more responsive, citizen Legislature than a Legislature of mostly professional politicians. Proposition 28 would lead to legislators spending more time in office on average, and thus more career politicians in the Legislature. And the initiative's backers seem to have been intentionally dishonest in how they are promoting this change. For these reasons, I would suggest that you Vote “No” on Proposition 28.

## **Proposition 29 – Vote No**

Voting “No” on Proposition 29, the California Cancer Research Act, is an easy decision. Essentially, the proposition would add an additional \$1 per pack cigarette tax, with the revenues dedicated to funding research against tobacco-related cancers and heart disease, buildings used in that research, and smoking prevention efforts. While I am personally strongly against tobacco use, and lost two of my grandparents to tobacco-related cancers, I still think this initiative is bad for the people of California.

Prop 29 is another example of ballot box budgeting, where an initiative sets aside specific money for a program without regard to other priorities like law enforcement, education, state parks, etc. Even worse, it is a tax increase, and one that will fall hardest on the most economically disadvantaged in our state (who are more likely to smoke), even though they are least likely to be able to afford it. This proposition is clearly contrary to our principle of fiscal responsibility, and for that reason alone Tea Partiers should oppose it, even if, like me, they support cancer research and oppose smoking personally.

The California Cancer Research Act is also inconsistent with the Tea Party's support for free markets. This initiative would tax citizens and redistribute the money to scientists and researchers favored by a “citizens' committee” of political appointees that is unaccountable and unchecked by the Legislature. What we have seen in the similar stem cell research initiative is that such an approach does not result in much scientific progress being achieved, and the grants often go to the friends and cronies of the committee and its executives, many of which will not even be in California. That kind of cronyism is endemic in contemporary America, and it has dramatically undermined the free market. That is an additional reason why the Tea Party should oppose Proposition 29.

# California ~~or~~ is Bust!

## “California worse than 44 states on ‘Tax Freedom Day’ list”

San Francisco Business Times, March 1, 2012

“The Golden State is the sixth worst state for tax freedom on a list put out by the Tax Foundation... Washington State and California shared the same Tax Freedom Day -- April 16.”

<http://www.bizjournals.com/>

## “California among least business-friendly states”, report says

January 26, 2012 | By Marc Lifsher, Los Angeles Times

Reporting from Sacramento — California's combination of business, sales, income and other taxes ranks it close to the bottom of the 50 states for being business-friendly, according to a conservative Washington think tank.

California placed 48th, ahead of New York at 49th place and New Jersey at 50th, said a report released Wednesday by the Tax Foundation.

## California worst run state in America

November 28, 2011 . <http://247wallst.com>

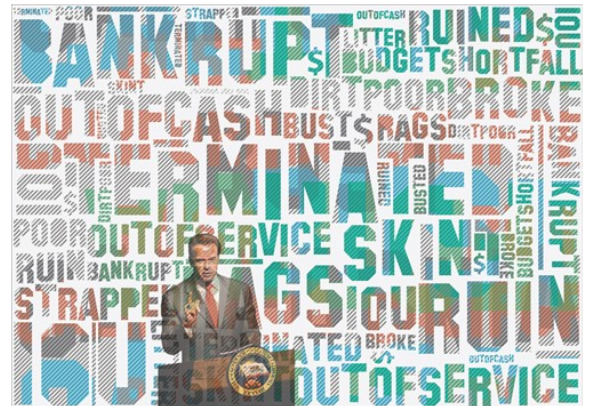
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### 50. California

- > State debt per capita: \$3,660 (21st highest)
- > Pct. without health insurance: 18.5% (8th highest)
- > Pct. below poverty line: 14.5% (tied for 21st highest)
- > Unemployment: 11.9% (2nd highest)

For the second year, 24/7 Wall St. has reviewed data on financial health, standard of living and government services by state to determine how well each state is managed. Based on this data, 24/7 Wall St. ranked the 50 states from the best to worst run. The best-run state is Wyoming. The worst-run state is California.

Despite these differences, states can do a great deal to control their fate. Well-run states have a great deal in common with well-run corporations. Books are kept balanced. Investment is prudent. Debt is sustainable. Innovation is prized. Workers are well-chosen and well-trained. Executives, including elected and appointed officials, are retained based on merit and not politics.



### California Debt

**Total: \$361,588,266.898.00**

**Debt per citizen: \$9,661.00**

As of 9:58 a.m., March 28, 2012

[www.USDebtClock.org](http://www.USDebtClock.org)

**Remember this when someone asks you to sign a petition to place Governor Brown's tax increase on the ballot.** He has claimed it will tax only the “rich”, a fallacy; and the increased sales tax provision will tax everyone more and will hurt poorer people the most. Should the worst-run government in the country receive more tax money to squander?

Or should the politicians who created this mess be replaced in November?

# Send the politicians home!

## “Citizen Legislature Initiative”

By J. D. Bennett

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### Return California to a part-time legislature!

*“Legislators must come back to the real world and live by the laws they have enacted.”*

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Assemblywoman Shannon Grove of the 32nd Assembly District, comprised largely of the Kern County area, has introduced this initiative which would return California's legislature to part-time. She enlisted the services of Ted Costa of People's Advocate, a highly-successful petition advocate, and they gained approval from the Attorney General's office to circulate a petition to qualify the initiative for the November 2012, ballot for voter approval.

We must work relentlessly to obtain enough signatures on petitions to insure that this measure qualifies for the ballot. To sign

the petition, you must be a registered voter and you must sign as you signed your voter registration card. Signed petitions must be received at their office no later than June 15.

Any registered voter may circulate petitions to gather signatures. Central Valley Tea Party chapters and coordinators will have petitions available for signatures at meetings and events through June 15. Check out [www.CentralValleyTeaParty.com](http://www.CentralValleyTeaParty.com) for a list of local businesses that are participating in signature gathering, and you can simply stop by one of them and sign the petition.

You can read the text of the initiative at <http://www.sos.ca.gov> under “Ballot Measures,” then “Cleared for Circulation.” The initiative number is A. B. 1566. You can also get information from the [CitizenLegislatureNow.com](http://CitizenLegislatureNow.com) website.

### *What's happening in California today?*

Crumbling roads and highways  
Education sitting at bottom of national rankings  
Highest percentage of welfare recipients in the nation  
Prisons cost double other states' spending  
Water held hostage to the tiny Delta smelt, and liberals choking off California's agricultural basin  
Massive public employee pension debt (\$500 Billion)  
Governor Brown going ahead on the \$100 billion-plus scandal-plagued High-Speed Rail program

This way out, fellas!



### *What does the Citizen Legislature Initiative propose?*

Returning California to a responsible, citizen-run part-time legislature such as we had prior to 1966, and which most states still have today  
Requiring that the legislature meets only 90 days per year, with exceptions allowed for emergencies called by the governor  
Enacting a two-year balanced budget  
Requiring that the first year of the two-year legislative session to be reserved strictly for adopting a two-year certified budget and the second year to be reserved for introducing legislation  
Docking the pay, travel and living expenses of members of the legislature for any and all days that a balanced budget is not passed following the June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, and requiring that the forfeited amount cannot be paid retroactively  
Lowering legislator's salaries to \$1,500 per month from almost \$8,000 per month, and limiting per-diem and travel expenses

**What does the Citizen Legislature Initiative Propose (cont.)**

Barring legislators from receiving pay from any state governmental agency while they are in office, although they may hold other employment

Requiring a five-year waiting period before termed-out, retired, or defeated legislators may receive pay for (1) any appointive state governmental position, or (2) lobbying before the legislature or state government agency

*Results of a part-time legislature:*

Possibly mitigate some of the damage caused by a full-time legislature.

In 2011, the Legislature passed 3,000 bills which resulted in the governor signing 800 new laws

A part-time legislature would keep this limited to every other year.

Save California nearly 100 million dollars each year in salaries and per-diem.

Potentially save hundreds of millions of tax dollars spent on lobbying legislation and the special interests involved

*What do we have to lose?*

We lose full-time legislators who, by and large, spend most of their time and your hard-earned tax dollars on frivolous legislation for special interest groups that want to ban sippy cups or force private businesses to provide separate bathrooms for transgender individuals. Or how about banning plastic grocery bags? These proposed measures have failed, but not before spending your hard earned (paid) tax dollars to lobby for the legislation. What do we have to lose? Not much.

What do we have to gain? How about balanced budgets, reduced frivolous spending, legislators who must come back to the real world and live by the rules and laws they have enacted. Will this work? Yes. It works in the majority of states that now have part-time citizen legislatures.

**Let's get California back to the prosperous state it once was, with balanced budgets and reduced legislation.**

Ineptocracy (in-ep-toc-ra-cy) - Noun. A system of government where the least capable to lead are elected by those least capable of producing, and where the members of society least likely to sustain themselves or succeed are rewarded with goods and services paid for by the confiscated wealth of a diminishing number of producers



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Silent Auction

Coarsegold Community Center

Adults \$10—Children \$5

#### •May 12th—Old Fashioned Family Fun for all ages

5:00 pm

Peach Cobbler & line dancing!!  
Community Center, Oakhurst— \$5

#### •June 14th—Flag Day

Oakhurst Park —silent auction



## Coarsegold Historic Village – 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2012

Thank you for your support for our 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Family Freedom Fest, in beautiful Coarsegold, CA. This will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> year bringing this **FREE** Patriotic event to the Community with live music, inspiring speakers, children's activities, including bounce house & water slide, as well as food and craft vendors.

**Donations & Sponsors:** Because this is a free event, we rely on sponsors, cash donations and donations of products and services (for silent auction and for event) from businesses and individuals. Donors and sponsors will be recognized in our program as well as when we have our silent auctions.

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Business Card Ad \$70 / Coupon size \$187.50/ half page color \$400

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**Vendors:** We welcome vendors for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Booths are only \$25!

**Make out checks to 'Central Valley Tea Party' and mail to:  
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### AUBERRY

**Contact:** Ron and Amanda Arteno  
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**Website:** www.CentralValleyTeaParty.com  
**Meetings:** Third Wednesday of the each  
**Time:** 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Pizza Factory  
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We discuss legislation and candidates on a local level.

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**Website:** www.BakersfieldTeaParty.com  
**Meetings:** Fourth Thursday of each month  
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3510 Wible Road, Bakersfield  
Just north of the Southwest Bowling Alley

In April and May we will be vetting political candidates.

For meeting and event information, email us to join the email list.  
info@centralvalleyteaparty.com

**Book Club** meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 at Coco's Restaurant at Coffee and Rosedale Highway.

**Action Team** is working to clear up the Kern voter rolls. To volunteer or for information, email smallteamvolunteers@yahoo.com.

### FRESNO

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**Monthly Action Night meetings:**  
First Thursday of each month  
**Time:** 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** New Covenant Church  
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**Facebook:** Kings County Tea Party  
**Meetings:** Second Thursday of each month  
**Time:** 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** St. Brigid's Youth Hall  
319 N. Harris St., Hanford

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**Meetings:** Third Monday of each month  
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2026 N. Granada Dr., Madera

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**Website:** www.MariposaTeaParty.com  
**Meetings:** Third Saturday of each month  
**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Location:** VFW Hall  
Corner of Hwy 140 and 49 North  
Located below the Visitor's Center  
**Event:** May 5. Butterfly Days Parade. Volunteers needed.  
We are sponsoring a scholarship fund to be awarded in May to a patriotic Mariposa County graduate.

If you would like information about starting an independent Tea Party chapter in your area, please email:  
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**Contact:** John and Jannai Pero  
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**E-mail:** matp@sti.net  
**Meetings:** Third Tuesday of each month  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Call or email to confirm. We usually meet at Best Western Yosemite Gateway Inn Restaurant 40530 Highway 41, Oakhurst  
We meet at 5:30 to have dinner together

Call or email to get on the contact list for meetings & events.  
See page 8 for information on our big 4th of July Freedom Fest in Coarsegold. Looking for volunteers—see page 8.

### PORTERVILLE

**Contact:** Al Watts - 559-333-0246  
Gail Nuckols—559-784-6377

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### REEDLEY

**Email:** Kelly@centralvalleyteaparty.com  
**Meetings:** Second Thursday of each month  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m. Come early for dinner if you want.  
**Location:** School House Restaurant and Tavern  
Hwy 180 and Frankwood Ave.

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**Meetings:** First Thursday of each month  
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**Meetings:** Third Wednesday of each month  
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 6994 Bridget Court, Winton

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**Meetings:** Second & fourth Wednesdays of each month  
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**Location:** Café Bravo  
 1275 East F Street, Oakdale

### PATTERSON

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 mrvcasas@live.com  
**Website:** www.nvtp.com  
**Meetings:** Third Wednesday of each month  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Mills Bar and Grill  
 100 South Del Puerto, Patterson

### TURLOCK

**Contact:** Marie and Christie  
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**Facebook:** North Valley Patriots  
**Meetings:** Second and fourth Thursday of each month  
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This is a popular forwarded email that is attributed to a 1985 *Orlando Sentinel* column by journalist Charley Rose. It is an indictment of both Republicans Democrats politicians, and it is as true today as it was then. The economic upheaval of the last few years demonstrates that we must drastically change the caliber of public officials in all levels of government .

### Politicians are the only people in the world who create a problem and then campaign against it.

Have you ever wondered:

- If both the Democrats and the Republicans are against deficits, **WHY** do we have deficits?
- If all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, **WHY** do we have inflation and high taxes?

You and I don't propose a federal budget. The president does.

You and I don't have the Constitutional authority to vote on appropriations. The House of Representatives does.

You and I don't write the tax code, Congress does.

You and I don't set fiscal policy, Congress does.

You and I don't control monetary policy, the Federal Reserve Bank does.

**One hundred senators, 435 Congressmen, one president, and nine Supreme Court justices—545 human beings out of the 300 million [now 312 million] are directly, legally, morally, and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.**

I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Board because that problem was created by the Congress. In 1913, Congress delegated its Constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered, but private, central bank.

I excluded all the special interests and lobbyists for a sound reason. They have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman, or a president to do one cotton-picking thing. I don't care if they offer a politician \$1 million dollars in cash.

The politician has the power to accept or reject it. No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes.

Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common con regardless of party.

What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall. No normal human being would have the gall of a Speaker, who stood up and criticized the President for creating deficits. The presi-

dent can only propose a budget. He cannot force the Congress to accept it.

The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, gives sole responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating and approving appropriations and taxes. Who is the speaker of the House? Tip O'Neill. [Now John Boehner.]

He and fellow House members, not the president, can approve any budget they want. If the president vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto if they agree to.

It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 300 million [now 312 million] cannot replace 545 people who stand convicted -- by present facts -- of incompetence and irresponsibility. I can't think of a single domestic problem that is not traceable directly to those 545 people. When you fully grasp the plain truth that 545 people exercise the power of the federal government, then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist.

If the tax code is unfair, it's because they want it unfair.

If the budget is in the red, it's because they want it in the red.

If they do not receive social security but are on an elite retirement plan not available to the people, it's because they want it that way.

### There are no insoluble government problems.

Do not let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, whose gifts and advice they can reject; to regulators, to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take this power. Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exists disembodied mystical forces like "the economy," "inflation," or "politics" that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

### Those 545 people, and they alone, are responsible.

They, and they alone, have the power.

**They, and they alone, should be booted out by we, the people.**

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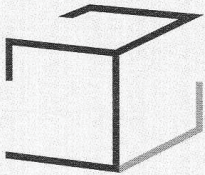
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on previous page

### The Old Political Math

- 1 President
- 9 Supreme Court Justices
- 100 Senators
- 435 Members of Congress
  
- 545 Politicians who are responsible  
for the domestic problems that  
plague this country

### 2012 Election Math

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- 1 of me
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# The effects of AB 32 On Agriculture in the Central Valley

by Ron Arteno, Auberry

## **Alarming information comes out at symposium**

A symposium was held in October by the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, attended by:

- 29<sup>th</sup> District Assembly member Linda Halderman, Chair of the Legislative Rural Caucus (LRC)
- 30<sup>th</sup> District Assembly member David Valadao, Member LRC
- 32<sup>nd</sup> District Assembly member Shannon Grove, Member LRC
- Mona Shulman - Pacific Coast Producers, Corporate Compliance and Governance
- Ben Curti - Dairymen and Director of Land-O-Lakes Advisory Board
- Marian Balaster - Olan Spices and Vegetables
- Dorene (Dee Dee) D'Adamo – California Air Resource Board/ Agricultural Air Quality Advisory Board.

## **Impact of AB 32 on the Ag Industry**

Mona Shulman, Ben Curti and Marian Balaster talked about the effects and impact of AB 32, California's Cap and Trade (C&T) law, on their industry. **Modification to their industry is costly with minimal impact on our air quality.** C&T is unpredictable with its budget regarding purchase of carbon credits and corresponding carbon restriction days (usually during the summer heat) which traps pollution in the Central Valley.

Air Alert episodes will be declared during the summer when conditions are conducive for ozone formation. When that occurs, the Air District urges residents and businesses to put air-friendly practices into place that may avert unacceptable limits. The industry has done nearly all it can do technologically to reduce their carbon footprint.

**Their only resort now is to reduce the production of food.** This has been cleverly labeled "Leakage Risk" and the California Air Resource Board (CARB) has dictated levels: high, medium and low. Leakage Risk equates to **forced industry shut-downs, loss of production, loss of jobs and loss of food**, (which is measured in metric tons). The far-reaching effect of C&T also will impact the energy production industry, but

again, **only in California as the cost of energy in the future will skyrocket in an effort to further clean our air.**

August, 2011, was the first time in recorded history that the San Joaquin Valley air basin did not incur an excess of the standard. Exceeding the one-hour ozone standard triggers federal monetary penalties. **Because of a handful of excessive limit days in 2010, the air basin was assessed a \$29 million penalty, which will be paid through fees on valley businesses and residents.** In order to reach attainment and remove a \$29 million federal penalty, none of the air basin's monitoring stations may exceed the ozone threshold of 125 ppb more than three times in three years. This year was the longest the valley had gone without exceeding the standard, yet with Clovis exceeding the limits at the very end of the 2011 ozone season, the valley could not show attainment until 2013, according to the district. This penalty does not recognize the incredible improvements we have made across the board in our air quality.

Dorene D'Adamo of CARB is an environmental lawyer married to a farmer. While she acknowledged the importance of global agricultural trade in the Central Valley, she believes in the global warming concept that mankind can affect global temperature.

**California is the only state in the nation experimenting with C&T.** The point was made that displaced industry is moving to China, whose pollution takes only four days to reach California. Abandoned industries will move to other states or nations with the loss of a multi-billion dollar industry to California. Agricultural production will be reduced or even cease, and air quality will be minimally impacted. More loss of jobs, less use of natural resources. More poverty and hunger.

Mrs. D'Adamo appeared to be unsympathetic, even arrogant, to industry concerns. Several members of the audience thanked her for her consideration of high-level leakage risks, which was like a child thanking a parent for not beating them again!

**The only solution will be legislation that will reverse or slow down AB 32**, like the failed 2008 Prop. 23 which would have stopped AB 32 until a 5.5% state unemployment rate was attained for four consecutive quarters.





# How do the candidates MEASURE UP?

As we inch closer to the June 5th primary election, it is imperative that we measure the candidates. **Does your candidate measure up?**

**Measure twice, vote once!** Use this worksheet and make sure!



**Adhering to the Constitution:**

**Cutting spending and debt:**

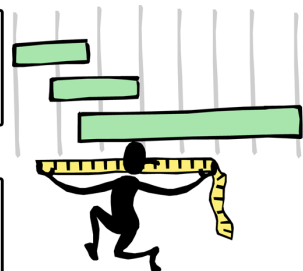
**Repealing Obamacare:**

**Saying "no" to bailouts:**

**Standing up for free markets:**

**Cutting regulations:**

**Saying "No" to environmental extremism:**



# IS THIS THE MOST POWERFUL WOMAN IN AMERICA?

## And what is she smiling about?

*Kathleen Sebelius was governor of Kansas until President Obama named her Secretary of Health and Human Services.*

*Unlike Dorothy who was whisked by tornado from Kansas to the Land of Oz, Ms. Sebelius rode the 2009 progressive storm into Washington, D.C. In her appointed federal position, she controls all of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act:*



### **OBAMACARE!**

Now she has power over you, your body, your doctor, your insurance company, the cost of your medical care, the cost of your insurance, what insurance will be available to you and what it will cover, what care you can or cannot receive, what insurance coverage employers must provide, what you must buy, what doctors are paid, new regulations on hospitals, what states can and cannot do, what taxpayers will fund, what your rights are (including newly invented ones), how much grant money will be awarded and to whom, how to cut \$500 billion from Medicare, and on and on. See the chart on page 36.

In 2010, Obamacare was so important to Nancy Pelosi, Barack Obama, Harry Reid and an ultra-liberal congress that they crammed down our throats this massive government takeover of the nation's health care system—by dubious methods, in the dead of night, and against the will of a majority of the people. But somehow it wasn't important enough for them to read it, know what was in it or include the specifics of the mandates contained in the monstrous law. Instead:

*Most provisions of Obamacare are open-ended and  
“shall be determined” by one person:  
Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius.*

Public Law 111-148, Obamacare, creates 159 new federal government agencies to be established or overseen by Secretary Sebelius plus countless agencies and programs that must be adopted by the states, and approved by HHS, in order to fulfill Obamacare's mandates.

It states 700 times that “the Secretary shall”, another 200 times that “the Secretary may”, and 139 that “the Secretary shall determine”. Searching at random, we found on page 49: “(b) Regulations. The secretary shall promulgate regulations to define the dependents to which coverage shall be made available under subsection (a).” On page 152: “Determination of Covered Individuals. The Secretary shall determine the number of covered lives under a health plan based upon the most recent statements and filings that have been submitted by such plan to the Securities Exchange Commission.”

*So as Mark Steyn wrote:  
The Secretary may and shall determine pretty much anything she wants.*

Think about that for a minute. Major health care decisions for over 312 million Americans are in the hands of one person—a lifetime state politician who just *happened* to be appointed Secretary of HHS. She does not know you, your family, your deeply held beliefs, or your unique circumstances. Her decisions are one-size-fits-all and have the force of law over your life—unless you can get a special waiver as did a thousand or so of the president’s best friends.

If you have a few days, you can read the complete text of Obamacare at [www.gpo.gov](http://www.gpo.gov) under Public Law 111-148.

*Ms. Sebelius, Mr. Obama, and Obamacare vs. churches*  
An example of their unbridled power and audacity.

Recently they *invented the idea* that contraception is a necessary women’s “right.” Then they *determined* that churches’ insurance policies for employees of their hospitals, charities and universities *shall* cover contraception services, sterilization and abortifacient drugs. After the firestorm of protest, President Obama “compromised” and said that he would not require the churches to pay for these things after all. Oh, well. He would just force insurance companies to provide coverage for these items, which means they will have to raise premiums to cover the cost, churches will still be paying for items that specifically violate their religious beliefs, and the right to self-determination will go down the drain!

*It’s a freedom issue.*

Conservatives fell into the progressive trap by denouncing this as *just* a religious issue, but at its core, it’s a *freedom* issue. Blogger Ann Coulter stated it well: “Liberals huffily ask why it’s so important to the Catholic Church not to pay for insurance plans that cover birth control, but the better question is: Why is it so important to liberals to force them to?”

*Is there no end to their tyranny?*

No. Not until we repeal Obamacare and kick the politicians-who-would-be-dictators out of office. There is only one person in this country who knows what is best for you, and who once was a free citizen. That is you.

**VOTE FOR CANDIDATES WHO WILL REPEAL OBAMACARE!**

***Inside the Pages and Pages and Pages of Obamacare***

*Here are a couple of random examples of actual language from the Obamacare mess. Feel free to glance through the law yourself. It’s enlightening to find what Pelosi and Company didn’t know was in there.*

**From the Table of Contents:**

“Subtitle D—Available Coverage Choices for All Americans.  
Part 1—Establishment of Qualified Health Plans.”

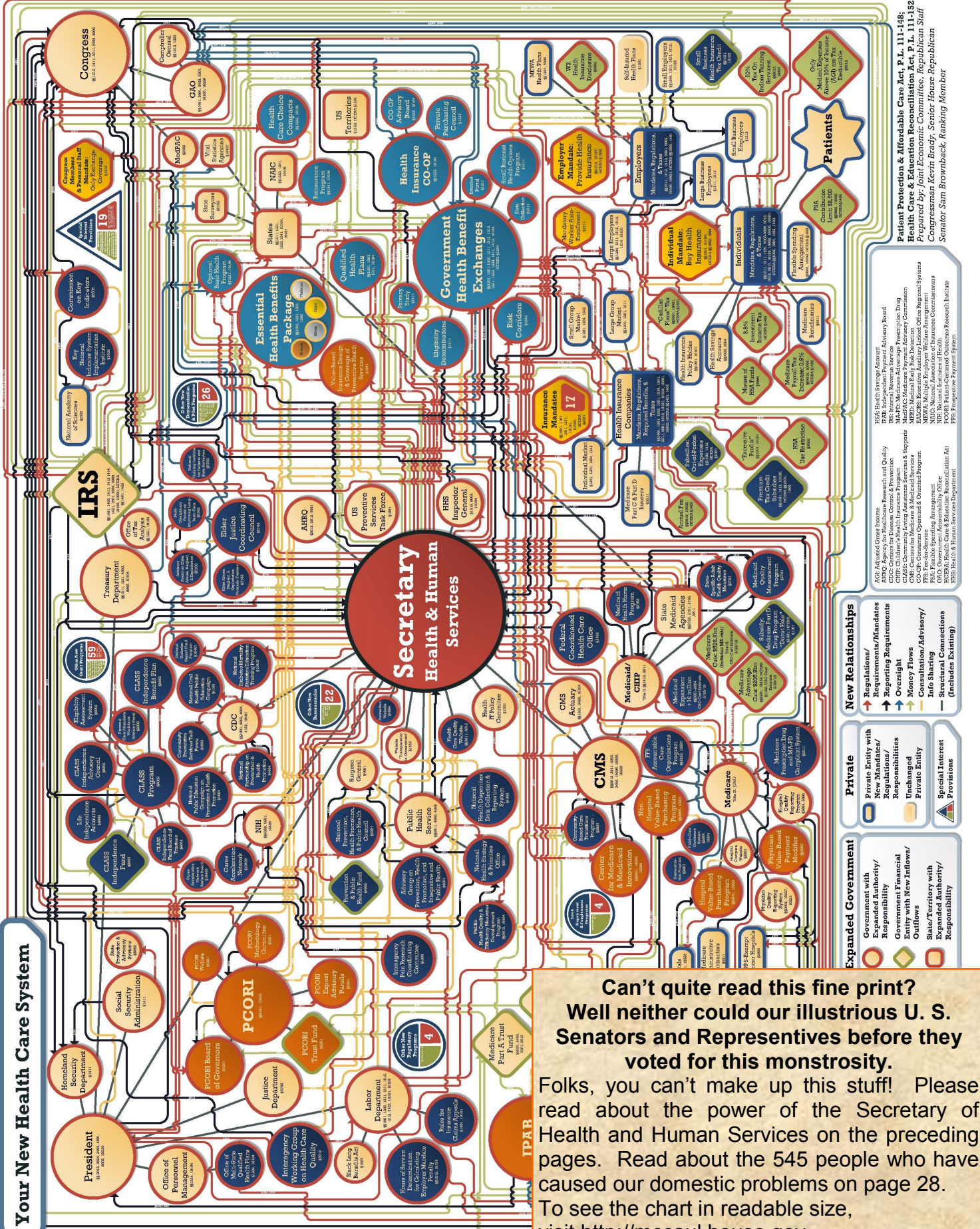
**Comment:** How thoughtful of them to tell all 312 million of us the only choices *they* will allow.

**And on page 450:** “The purpose of this section is to facilitate collaborative processes between patients, caregivers or authorized representatives, and clinicians that engages the patient, caregiver or authorized representative in decisionmaking (sic), provides patients, caregivers or authorized representatives with information about trade-offs among treatment options, and facilitates the incorporation of patient preferences and values into the medical plan.”

**Comment:** Why do politicians need to “play doctor” by “facilitating processes” between our *real* doctors and us?

See the chart on the following page.

**Your New Health Care System**



**Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148;  
Health Care & Education Reconciliation Act, P.L. 111-152**  
Prepared by: Joint Economic Committee, Republican Staff  
Congressman Kevin Brady, Senior House Republican  
Senator Sam Brownback, Ranking Member

**Expanded Government**

- Government with Expanded Authority/Responsibility
- Government Financial Outlets
- State/Territory with Expanded Authority/Responsibility

**Private**

- Private Entity with New Mandates/Regulations/Responsibilities
- Unchanged Private Entity
- Special Interest Provisions

**New Relationships**

- Regulations/Mandates Requirements
- Reporting Requirements
- Overnight
- Money Flows
- Consultation/Advisory
- Info Sharing
- Structural Connections (Includes Existing)

**Legend:**

- Blue circle: Expanded Government
- Red circle: Private
- Green circle: New Relationships
- Yellow circle: Government with Expanded Authority/Responsibility
- Orange circle: Government Financial Outlets
- Pink circle: State/Territory with Expanded Authority/Responsibility
- Grey circle: Private Entity with New Mandates/Regulations/Responsibilities
- Light blue circle: Unchanged Private Entity
- Light green circle: Special Interest Provisions
- Light orange circle: Consultation/Advisory
- Light pink circle: Info Sharing
- Light purple circle: Structural Connections

**Can't quite read this fine print? Well neither could our illustrious U. S. Senators and Representatives before they voted for this monstrosity.**

Folks, you can't make up this stuff! Please read about the power of the Secretary of Health and Human Services on the preceding pages. Read about the 545 people who have caused our domestic problems on page 28. To see the chart in readable size, visit <http://mccaull.house.gov>.



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## Are we winning the battle for our valley's water and jobs?

By Russ Waymire, Hanford

### Are we winning or losing the battle for our valley's water and jobs?

The good news is that Congressman Devin Nunes has sponsored water legislation (HR 1837) that would resolve the water crisis at its root.

We in the ag community thank all our urban neighbors for participating in the water marches and placing signs on their properties. Both actions illustrated the seriousness of the valley water crisis to those driving through the valley and to the national and international news organizations.

The bad news is, water restrictions and lost jobs really hit us in the face again last year – even when 2011 was a flood year. Even worse, farmers in Kings and Kern Counties received only 80% of the water they are contracted to receive in 2011 while being required to pay for 100% of that water in advance. This is outrageous and puts our valley's economy at dire risk every year. Previous annual cuts were even worse. While farmers paid for 100%, they only received 35% in 2008, 40% in 2009, 50% in 2010, and only 80% in 2011 - a flood year. These water cuts are forcing valley farms out of business, driving up feed cost for dairies and causing higher food cost for families everywhere.

The good news is that Congressman Nunes' water bill, the "The Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act" gives us an opportunity to solve the water crisis. This bill needs to be passed by the U. S. Congress and U.S. Senate and be signed into law by the president. We need to take advantage of this opportunity to solve the annual water crisis threatening our way of life and our valley economy. The Bay area politicians and their liberal allies are falsely claiming this water legislation will destroy water rights, when in fact it preserves them. Bay area politicians want to continue stealing our water to build more homes in their area, to grow their economy at our expense and to flush their sewage pollution to the ocean.

For more information on the water legislation, you can access two web sites: [www.nunes.house.gov/water](http://www.nunes.house.gov/water) or Families Protecting the Valley web [www.familiesprotectingthevalley.com](http://www.familiesprotectingthevalley.com). Congressman Nunes explains the water legislation in a radio interview with Ray Appleton and names those opposing this "water crisis" solution.

The truth is, over 60 water agencies in Northern California even support HR 1837.

You can do your part to save our valley economy, reduce food costs and save California jobs by sending this message to your friends, relatives and elected officials. Working together we can solve this annual threat to our economy.

Frank  
**BIGELOW**  
FOR ASSEMBLY ~ 5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT

*"Frank Bigelow opposes the \$100 billion High Speed Rail Boondoggle and is fighting to protect our property rights. I trust him, he's earned it."*

CENTRAL VALLEY TEA PARTY CHAIRMAN  
Richard Farinelli

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The advertisement features a portrait of Frank Bigelow, a man with a mustache wearing a cowboy hat and a suit, set against a background of a landscape with mountains and a seagull. The text is arranged in a structured layout, with the candidate's name and district prominently displayed at the top. A quote from Richard Farinelli, Chairman of the Central Valley Tea Party, is presented in a white box with a black border. The bottom of the ad features a bold slogan and a small box with the number 38.

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★ **Career** ★

Went to work at the opening of the Georgia-Pacific Corporation Container Plant in 1972 in general labor and became the Senior Director by the end of my 30<sup>th</sup> year. In 2002, went to work for The Newark Group as Vice President of Northern, Central and South America and started the first Solid Fiber Greenfield Plant in the U.S. Then brought product to the produce market and sold to organic farmers. In 2004, went to work for Berry Construction, Inc., as Vice President of Production, Marketing and Leasing. Worked on projects with all county and city planning commissions and department heads. Started project team meetings with heads of all departments from the county and city, from conceptual to finished projects. **When working for Berry Construction, Inc., brought over 380 jobs to Madera through our leasing programs.** In 2009, became a self employed businessman, the owner of two companies.

**ELECT**  
**Richard J. (Rick) Farinelli**  
**Madera County Supervisor**  
**District III**  
 —Self-employed businessman—

★ **Personal Achievements** ★

- United States Navy Veteran
- UFF & VA Board Member
- FBA, Produce and Meat Standardization Committee
- St. Joachim's School Board Member for four years
- Soccer Board and coach for eight years and current
- Reedley College Agricultural Committee for four years
- Madera County Industrial Develop. member, 1987-1999
- Madera High School Engineering Advisory Committee, 2006 to present
- Madera County Republican Committee, 2006 to present
- Co-Chairman of the Madera Business Coalition, 2006 to present
- Life-time member of the VFW Post 1981
- Republican Central Committee District III treasurer and delegate, 2008 to present
- Republican Women Federated Group Associate member 2008 to present

I have lived in Madera County and City all my life. I went to LaVina Elementary School, then Madera High School, and served in the U. S. Navy in the Vietnam War. Jan and I have been married for 41 years. Age: 61. ★

**www.RickFarinelli.com**

**My years of business planning and budgeting management have proved that I am well qualified to serve on the Madera County Board of Supervisors.**





Robert Kolstad

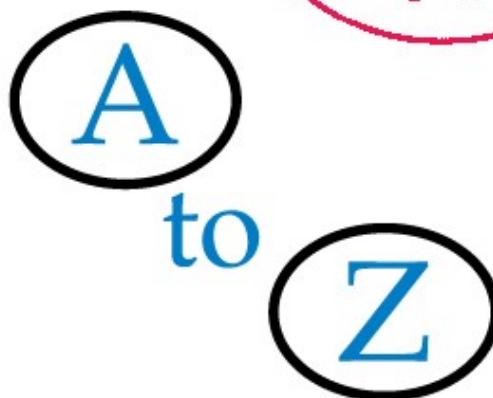


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