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Republicans of River City meeting for July is **CANCELLED**.

The board hopes you have a wonderful and restful July and that you will visit our Sacramento Republican Central Committee booth at Cal Expo.

GOVERNOR BROWN AND GLOBAL WARMING

By Carl Burton

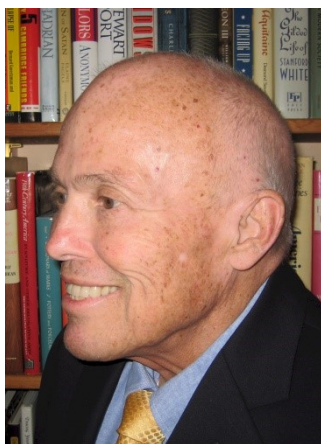
Governor Brown makes the atmosphere hotter!

That lush green grass and abundant beautiful trees growing around our parks, homes and along our streets help to keep us cooler in the heat of the hot California summer sun.

Now we are forced by Governor Brown, and some of his environmental friends, to cut back on our water use and this will help to kill our trees and grass as the state becomes hotter. Brown's action only leads to greater climate change and heats up California where more of the state will become hotter and look more like the Mojave desert.

Brown (perfectly named) has been Governor longer than any other individual in California history and unfortunately he forgot that California has a long history that includes recurring droughts.

In the mid-1950s, Brown was intent on becoming a Catholic priest while studying at Sacred Heart Novitiate; I'm sure he read or at least heard



TIDBITS

By Robert Evans

Tesla CEO Elon Musk has come up with another hit product. With \$800 million in orders for his new solar energy storage batteries in only a week, Tesla's biggest problem now is building them fast enough.

Even more interesting is that \$625 million of those orders are for the commercial-scale "Powerpack" units. The buyers reportedly include Target, Amazon and electric utilities like Southern California Edison (SCE) and Texas-based Oncor.

Utilities are far more interested in Tesla's new batteries than individual homeowners are. How come? The companies looked at the specs and made a logical cost-benefit choice.

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VOTING RIGHTS ACT

By Carl Burton

As we prepare to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, signed into law on Aug. 6, 1965, it is imperative that we clear any barriers that prevent eligible voters from participating in the election process.

The Voting Rights Act prohibits every state and local government from imposing any voting law that results in discrimination against racial or language minorities. Other general provisions specifically outlaw literacy tests and similar devices that were historically used by the Democratic Party to disenfranchise racial minorities.

The 1965 Voting Rights Act was introduced in Congress on March 17 as S1564 and it was jointly sponsored by Senate Minority Leader Republican Everett Dirksen of Illinois and Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-MT). Dirksen enlisted other Republicans to support the legislation in order to block intransigent Democrats who would try and filibuster the legislation. The Senate approved the bill by a 77-19 vote with Senators representing Southern states voting against it and sending it to the House.

The Democrat control House approved the conference bill on August 3, 1965 with 217 Democrats voting in favor of the bill along with 111 Republicans. Fifty-four Democrats from the South and 20 Republicans voted against the bill. On August 4 the Senate approved the final bill 79-18 with only one Republican voting against the bill and 17 Democrats voting against.

President Lyndon Johnson signed the bill into law on Aug 6, 1965, with Senator Dirksen, Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, John Lewis and other civil rights leaders in attendance.



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about Joseph in the book of Genesis where Joseph interpreted the Pharaoh's dream about a time of plenty and a time of drought in Egypt.

Brown and his environmental friends fail to remember (or learn?) from Joseph's experience and from the past water history of California and support the efforts to build new reservoirs to store up water in times of plenty for the recurring time of drought. When Brown was Governor back in the 1970s he stopped building California dams, canals and reservoirs needed to store and carry water under the mistaken notion that if California didn't build it then people wouldn't move here (recall that movie where a voice

said "build it and they will come." Brown must of seen that movie and thought well, if I don't build it, they WON'T come.).

Now I'm not going to blame Brown and his environmental friends for the drought. But they are to blame for helping to heat up the atmosphere and making the earth hotter for everyone. Because of Brown and his lack of understanding or inaction in storing water for California, the earth will become hotter as it undergoes climate change.

INCOME INEQUALITY

By Robert Evans

Researchers, led by Jae Song of the Social Security Administration, had access to confidential Social Security earnings data, including companies' tax identification numbers. The team were able to look at all earnings and they were able to examine whole firms rather than just establishments. (The difference is that a company may have multiple locations).

Finding: From 1978 to 2012, effectively all of the increase in wage inequality nationally is due to increasing disparities from company to company. As the researchers note, "the wage gap between the most highly paid employees within these firms (CEOs and high level executives) and the average employee has increased only by a small amount, refuting oft-made claims that such widening gaps account for a large fraction of rising inequality in the population." The team also found that the male-female wage gap within companies has shrunk.

When some politician intones that we have a terrible wage gap that government must solve, be sure to ask why some companies are outpacing others in raising wages for their workers.

**INCOME ISSUES REVEAL
DEMOCRAT HYPOCRISY**

By Deroy Murdock

Democrats' relentless efforts to tell Americans what to do might be a few microns less annoying if they obeyed the rules and exhortations that they inflict on everyone else. Alas, hypocrisy has become a core Democrat principle.

Consider one pot that they pound loudly: raising the minimum wage.

"We owe it to workers across the country to make sure our minimum wage is set to a level that works for them and their families," Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., insisted last month, as she introduced the Raise the Wage Act. It would boost the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$12.00 per hour by 2020 — a 66 percent hike.

Added House co-sponsor Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va.: "We can't build a strong economy on the backs of impoverished workers." Thirty-two senators have co-sponsored this bill as have 165 House members.

Amazingly, the Employment Policies Institute reports that 94 percent of these 197 Democrats pay their interns zero. Sen. Murray pays her interns bupkis,

as does Congressmen Scott.

According to EPI (minimumwage.com), such minimum-wage-hike cheerleaders as Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., House Democrat leader Nancy Pelosi of California, and Democrat National Chairwoman Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida also pay their interns nothing.

But wait, House Democrat Whip Steny Hoyer of Maryland responds, "Interns will gain practical experience."

True. But interns could do this and make more than \$0.00 per hour if their liberal bosses did not subject them to what Karl Marx denounced as "the alienation of labor."

Of course, if private employers tried to offer interns real-life know-how, marketable skills, and, say, \$5.00 per hour, they would be prosecuted.

The Gang of 197 should explain why it's OK for them to pay interns \$0.00 per hour, yet it's a federal crime for others to pay them up to \$7.24, even if they want to make some money, rather than none. Any private payment would be less exploitive than the "wages" of these "defenders of the downtrodden."

Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton banged a related skillet in South Carolina.

"Too many women earn less than men on the job," she said Wednesday. "When a woman is short-changed, the entire family is short-changed."

Too bad Clinton short-changed her female staffers.

Although Clinton complains that "women who work full-time, year round, earn just 77 cents for every dollar that a man makes," she paid her female Senate employees just 72 cents for every dollar their male colleagues saw.

The Washington Free Beacon's analysis of Clinton's Senate expenditures demonstrated that her women earned median annual salaries of \$40,791.55; men pocketed \$56,499.93. Thus, Hillary Clinton's \$15,708.38 gender pay gap favored men over women.

Obama also plays the equal-pay cowbell.

"Ensuring equal pay for women is a no-brainer," Obama declared last month. He failed this test.

"The average male White House employee currently earns about \$88,600, while the average female White House employee earns about \$78,400," The Washington Post's Zachary Goldfarb reported last July. "That is a gap of 13 percent."

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Citing White House data, the Post added, “In 2009, male employees made an average of about \$82,000, compared to an average of \$72,700 earned by female employees — also a 13 percent wage gap.”

So, after five years of pay-gap chest beating, Obama’s “change” equals zero. Literally.

Obama this month bellyached that “those who are doing better and better . . . are withdrawing from sort of the commons.” He further moaned: “Kids start going to private schools. Kids start working out at private clubs instead of the public parks.”

Huh?

Obama’s kids entered Sidwell

Friends, Washington’s poshest private school, early in his reign. As for those evil private clubs, Farm Neck, Reflection Bay, and Royal Hawaiian are just three privately owned clubs where Obama has golfed as president. Surely some kids work out at those places.

Democrats, including Hillary Clinton, should stop making fools of themselves by following her advice: “Our credibility depends on practicing what we preach.”



Did you see our booth at the 4th of July event? No? Well, here it is. We are quite proud of how our booth looked and we had a grand time chatting with many nice people who came by and told us they are really really tired of the Democrats.



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