

## Sacramento Spectator

### There He Goes Again

FIRST UP for you faithful *Spectatorites* is an item from the "They Never Learn" department concerning Governor Wilson's efforts to recruit GOP candidates for the various statewide offices next year. Given Pettey's tenuous poll standings and his past history of picking fights willy-nilly with us conservatives, most seasoned (that's well-seasoned, as with gin, scotch, etc.) Capitol observers thought Wilson would demonstrate some concern for party unity in his recruitment efforts. Not so.



Those the governor's office is supporting or urging to run are *all* pro-abortion and pro-Wilson tax increase (Santa Barbara Representative Michael Huffington, for instance) and *most* also share the governor's knee-jerk antipathy toward all things conservative — in short, Wilson clones. To quote the late, largely-unlamented George Bush, "This is bad, BAAD." The governor could have used these recruiting efforts to reach out to conservatives. Instead, he is using his time to slap us again. If indeed actions do speak louder than words, he is simply repeating by his actions his famous sentiment from 1991, that conservatives are "f\*\*\*ing irrelevant."

Yet come the fall campaign, you can be sure that we irrelevant conservatives will be told that we must vote for Wilson in the name of party unity or to keep the evil Democrat nominee out of the governor's office. Once again, Wilson is going out of his way to express his contempt for those he somehow expects to re-elect him.

IN THE good news department, Bill Clinton continues to be a tonic for generic Republicanism. New registrants in California continue to favor the GOP over the Democrats by a healthy margin, exactly the reverse of one year ago.

The boys and girls in the Legislature ended their session relatively on time and without the usual ranor and name calling on the last session night (which ran until 3:30 the next morning). And while they didn't accomplish anything particularly noteworthy, neither did they pass anything that threatens the life and liberty of our citizens. For that, let us be truly thankful.

YOUR *SPECTATOR* believes you heard it here first — that freshman state Senator Rob Hurtt of Orange County is likely to have *de facto* control of the Senate Republican Caucus by January, whether or not Fresno's Ken Maddy retains the title of "leader." That is largely good news. Even some of Hurtt's closest friends, however, are a little concerned that he has moved too far too fast. He has made some rather strange alliances along the way so far, the kind of alliances that can come back and bite him later if he's not extremely careful. Stay tuned, this should be a fascinating story to watch unfold since Hurtt will be a major player in the Capitol for the foreseeable future.

*Sacramento Bee* columnist Dan Walters has surprised even his friends by the gratuitous and venomous attacks on Assemblyman Pat Nolan contained in several of his recent columns. Going out of his way to kick Nolan while he is down, Walters repeats stories he *has* to know are questionable, asserts "facts" he *has* to know are false, and clearly goes out of his way to put Nolan in the worst light possible.

Even though Walters' contempt for things conservative is fairly well known, the mean-spirited and vitriolic tone of these columns is surprising. Nolan and company never were willing to brown-nose Walters while Nolan was GOP Assembly leader, and he is apparently now paying the price.

A LITTLE item the California Teachers Association won't report — seven years and \$1.3 *billion!!!* after federal Judge Russell Clark ordered the state of Missouri to bury Kansas City's public schools in money to "save" them, the results are in: pupils in elementary schools *not* receiving the extra money are *outperforming* those in the schools receiving the cash, where math scores began falling and the drop-out rate soaring (now at 60 percent) shortly after the judge's order went into effect. Thought you'd like to know.

— A.P.C.

your hair." Another reader complained and *Sesame Street* Contributing Editor Rebecca Herman responded that "by altering the line ... we felt we could be more inclusive" — an Orwellian transformation: systematic *exclusion* of things Western or religious blithely re-named "*inclusion*" — and all's well. It is revealing that *Sesame Street* magazine, in its effort to narrow down and close off the workings of young minds, should choose religion for exclusion. It was, after all, religion — the West's Judeo-Christian heritage — that taught Europe's superstitious, self-absorbed barbarians to open their minds to the larger realities of the real world, and thus to create Western civilization with its quaint notions about science, law, morality, and, of course, tolerance.

Reverting to brain-dead barbarism would naturally require first of all the elimination of religion, of "say your prayers" in favor of "comb your hair." A promising note: editor Herman's response to the "Teddy Bear" complaint, after her line

about being "more inclusive," went on: "However, after reading your letter, I can see that in the future we will have to weigh such decisions differently." Just what she meant by "differently" remains to be seen, but this must be interpreted as at least a small sign that intelligent life survives at *Sesame Street* magazine. We have grounds for hope.

## A Little Journalistic Integrity

A REMARKABLE article appeared in the American Medical Association's July 12 *American Medical News* — remarkable in that it looked, without blinking, at an issue usually met only with evasions. "The notion," it ran, "that the nurses, doctors, counselors, and others who work in the abortion field have qualms about the work they do is a well-kept secret ....

"When it comes to abortion, probably nothing is more gut-wrenching than the issues raised by late-term procedures,

# DESTROYING THE AMERICAN CHARACTER

by Paul Golis

A THINKING American by the name of Thoreau wrote over 100 years ago:

"... This government never of itself furthered any enterprise, but by the alacrity with which it got out of the way. It does not keep the country free .... It does not educate.

"The character inherent in the American people has done all that has been accomplished; and it would have done somewhat more, if the government had not sometimes got in its way."

His statement is even more true today. And it was to dramatize the current fashion to destroy this "character inherent in the American people" that I wrote a novel, *A Day in the Life of Jay Peter Sweetly*, about the crushing of a man's initiative and imagination by government and the bureaucratic mentality.

Government is not moving out of the way; but is stultifying the creativity,

the ingenuity, and the optimism of the American people by repressive laws, unintelligible, nonsensical regulations, and bumbling, arbitrary bureaucrats.

This torture and the murder of the American soul is being done by legislators seeking to "protect the consumer," "repair the environment," "provide for the public safety," "improve the quality of life."

The results are exactly the opposite as the bureaucratic devils are quoting scripture for their bad purposes.

These persons are frauds, con artists. Their real motives (note the results) are to advance their position by convincing each group of creators-producers that the other is cheating him.

The farmer is selling only culls; the automobile manufacturer makes only lemons; and the retailer is using short weights.

I would remind all Americans, before they are taken in by these charlatans, that legislators and bureaucrats grow no food, make no clothes, construct no homes, factories or stores, dig no coal, drill for no oil.

Government may dole out some food, clothing, power, or transportation but only because they take from those who have grown or made it. Today Thoreau would conclude that the sabotaging parasites who have brought our economy to a halt are such excellent bunco artists they have placed the blame on those Americans who have made trade and commerce possible.

And before any American producer, worker, or consumer is gulled any further to request or allow more restrictive laws of these legislators and bureaucrats, ask yourself the following:

WOULD YOU want these men to run your farms, build your automobiles and tractors, fly your airplanes, build your homes, run your stores? Why not then relegate them to shoveling bull manure physically, not merely literally?

But the most pervasive damage is in the loss of optimism and faith in the future. The message of the *Sweetly* book: Workers, farmers, builders, producers, creators, investors of America, unite! You've done a hell of a good job; we've got a good thing going! Don't let government destroy it.

STAND UP AND FIGHT!

CPR

*Seventy-six-year-old Paul Golis has been a business man, attorney, realtor, and writer, and is a life-long Democrat. He wrote a somewhat longer version of this article in 1975, a time, it appears, remarkably like our own. He lives in Thousand Oaks.*