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Elephant Stampede

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Turn Up The Heat, Vet Every Candidate

The battle has begun. As predicted, 2010 is shaping up to be the year of “Throw ‘Em Out.”

American citizens are being fed a constant stream of silliness by the current Administration and Congress. Even with every major news networks marching in lockstep with fantasy stories of economic recovery, the need for increased taxes, the need for healthcare, the need for salvation from ourselves, the American public isn’t buying and is only becoming increasingly disgusted.

There is a big fat target centered on the incumbents that created the mess and they know it. They’re scrambling. Which is fun to watch.

Now the work for us freedom-loving citizens in Arizona is to thoroughly vet every candidate for office during the primary

process, which is active with full fields for almost every office. Carol G. is doing a great job rounding up these electoral hopefuls, you’ll get the chance to meet practically everyone who is running between now and the primary.

Pay attention, ask the tough questions, and remember your vote counts.

We want to welcome new board members, Mary Ann Farley and Chris Lutz. Mary Ann is now our Volunteer Coordinator, she is going to help all of our new members find a committee to work on that matches their skills and interests. Chris is our Hospitality Coordinator, she will greet and introduce new members, so we can all get to know each other better. If you bring a guest to a meeting, be sure and let Chris know, so she can do suitable introductions.

February 17, Meeting

At LOS ABRIGADOS, in the ballroom.

We have planned an exciting and lively political discussion with Jim Deakin, candidate for United States Senate an Arizona businessman who is frustrated with the direction of our government and representatives.

Gubernatorial candidate John Munger will also con-

tribute to our program and speak on necessary changes needed to elevate Arizona out of our financial disaster and his plans for our State if he is elected. Los Abrigados serves a buffet luncheon, along with tea, coffee and desert.

NEW reservation system. WE ARE NOT GOING TO CALL YOU FOR RESERVATIONS. PLEASE E-

Mail or Call with your reservation, as we have been EXCEEDING our set-ups and targets. If you don’t have a reservation, we’ll get you a seat, but you may not get lunch. Or call Erna, 284-4248, if you don’t have internet. Reminder calls will still go out to those who don’t have internet.

Membership Form

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Scare Taxiss, Arizona Scrambles To Pay Bills

As predicted, the AZ State Budget remains in a state of utter crisis. It will get worse throughout the year, due to two inevitable trends. Tax revenues will continue to fall, as the economy continues to hammer Arizona taxpayers, and more strapped citizens will be placing ever more demands on government. Expect the lay-off of many state, county and city employees and curtailment of all non-essential services. Expect park closings. Expect the closure of government agencies. Worst of all, expect more scare tactics similar to Phoenix, which threatened to lay off firemen and police if they didn't get their food tax. Now the Phoenix budget is pretty much impenetrable to the average citizen, and while I considered going through it with a marker and eliminating my own list of wasteful spending, I decided to forego the effort. Let it simply be assumed, a safe bet I assure you, there are many services in Phoenix that could be cut before considering cutting police and fire. Start with slush funds like the Salt River Restoration Project, or how about that phenomenally expensive Light Rail To Nowhere. Or the bail-out of the theme park. Or special tax breaks to the

Wyndham Hotel, and other private developments.

Elected Representatives and citizens simply must come to the reckoning that while many many projects are worthy and popular, we simply cannot afford every popular project.

Our infrastructure has simply become too bloated and expensive.

There was a time when government employees were paid less than the private sector, trading security for higher pay.

There was a time when most parks were locally owned and controlled, and relied upon local and voluntary funding. There was a time when many good ideas were not pursued because they were too expensive.

Here in Sedona, as well as Cottonwood, the cities actually employ full-time economists. Had either of these professionals resulted in lower taxes, balanced budgets and a sustainable economic outlook, perhaps they would have been worth it. Unfortunately under the guidance of these hapless administrators our economies have turned south.

However, there is a silver lining. The downturn offers an opportunity to eliminate waste, reduce the burden of government and provide more freedom and opportunity to citizens.