For all those climate change deniers, stick your head outside and “feel the burn.” For everyone else, the August issue of RCDP monthly newsletter is sizzling. Check out the Table of Contents and you will see this issue is meant to set you aflame.

We have had some wonderful names submitted for the newsletter. If you still haven’t submitted your ideas, there is still time. The names will be submitted for a vote at the RCDP Central Committee meeting on Monday, August 13. Don’t miss out on your chance to win a dinner for two with Steve and myself at Brandon’s Diner at an RCDP Eboard meeting of your choice plus your choice of either a bottle of California wine, a ¼ ounce of California cannabis or ½ gallon of California orange juice. Submissions should be sent to lannyswerdlown@yahoo.com.

If you would like to write an article, send a letter to the editor, publicize an event/meeting, seek help for your candidacy or communicate in any way, please send your literary masterpiece, scathing letter, event/meet info or comments to lannyswerdlown@yahoo.com. Deadline for articles and letters is August15.

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President Trump’s continuing genuflection to Russian President Vladimir Putin is so beyond-the-pale that even his most ardent supporters are having difficulty explaining it. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi has stated "the Russians have something on the President." This explanation that Putin has some thing or some things on Trump has always been simmering on the back burner. Maybe it is time to bring it to the front burner. WARNING: This story contains graphic language that some may find offensive. READ MORE CLICK HERE

The Chair’s Corner

By Steve Ruth
Chair, Riverside County Democratic Party

A little nostalgia for this month’s “Chair” photo - remembering when we had a president who deserved sitting in that chair, at that desk, in that office, in the People’s House.

June Primary Results

It’s been an exciting month. After all the ballots have been received and counted the overall turnout in Riverside County for the June Primary exceeded expectations – approximately 35%- which far outpaced our 2014 primary voter turnout of 22%. READ MORE CLICK HERE
California had been the most densely populated area for Native Americans in U.S. territory with over 100 successful, prosperous and healthy tribes throughout the state.

With the conquest of California by Spain, there began an unforgiving and relentless reign of terror for California’s natives. Wanting to expropriate Native lands and resources, the Spanish used the Roman Catholic missions to Christianize the Natives while enslaving them.

Founded by Father Junipero Serra in 1769, he set in motion and oversaw the beginnings of the California Holocaust. His elevation to sainthood has been meet with widespread protests and petitions to Pope Francis and political leaders demanding the truth be told of the horrors undertaken at the 21 missions. READ MORE CLICK HERE.
I believe that a complete overhaul and re-writing of the U.S. Constitution is long overdue. But before you burn me at the proverbial stake, please allow me to explain.

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As an Executive Board member of the California Democratic Party, I was invited to attend "Breakfast with Diane" where Senator Diane Feinstein spoke about her re-election bid. After representing the Party for 24 years, it was kind of sad to see her at the Executive Board meeting fighting an endorsement battle. READ MORE CLICK HERE
Grand Jury Probe of Fox News Continues Despite Preet. A federal grand jury criminal probe of Fox News Channel's business practices is set to begin soon despite the firing over the weekend of U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara by President Donald Trump. READ MORE CLICK HERE

The Dialysis Industry is Putting Profits Over Patients and a California Democratic Party Official is quietly helping them. When the California Democratic Party announced that it would no longer accept contributions from the private prison industry, it was a heartening reversal of pay-to-play politics, but pay-to-play still has a role within the party. READ MORE CLICK HERE

Pulitzer-winning reporter David Cay Johnston: "The evidence suggests Trump is a traitor." The saga of President Donald Trump consists of several parallel and intersecting stories. There is the structural dimension. Trump’s victory over Hillary Clinton was not entirely unpredictable or shocking. READ MORE CLICK HERE

Reproductive rights threatened - Does the recent nomination of Brett Kavanaugh as a Supreme Court Justice to fill the seat vacated by Justice Kennedy represents an extreme threat to a woman’s right to choose? READ MORE CLICK HERE

Coming Next Issue

A special man on the street report!

VOTO MORENA!
LOPEZ OBREDO’S STRANGE RIDE
By Bob Warburton

From 1995 until 2006 we owned a condo on an extremely busy 6 lane boulevard in the middle of Mexico City just 4 blocks from the Bascilica de Guadalupe. From our 4th floor walk-up perched on the northeast hills we could see half of the Distrito Federal’s 10 million inhabitants, and we could tell the general state of the City. At times it was
precarious. There was a period in the 90s when the parks were not watered, trash accumulated. there were pot holes in the streets, unemployment was 25%, no one went out at night, and literally the street lamp outside our door was broken at the base and rested against our building still giving faint light.

Then in the year 2000 Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador became our first minority party Mayor, Mexican President Zedillo gave the City the tax monies it was due, and the City improved. People were hired to fix the City, major infrastructure projects were built, and for the first-time people over the age of 65 received Social Security payments. By the end of his term in 2005 the City was much improved, and most people thought he would be the next President.

But he barely lost or was the election stolen? He never conceded. For the next year he traveled Mexico attacking President Calderon and his administration as illegitimate. In 2012 he really lost badly to current President Pena Nieto, and still he said the election was stolen. Shortly he began to fight with his leftist PRD Party and had to create his own MORENA Party. I thought sure he was a goner. However, it is now 2018 and Lopez Obrador won an unprecedented victory July 1st. Not only did he win 53% of the vote with two other major candidates splitting most of the rest of the vote, his MORENA Party won majorities in both legislative houses, something that had never happened since real democracy came to Mexico in the year 2000.

I have several friends in this Country who made special efforts to vote this year to make sure Lopez Obrador won. They are happy that he is the anti-Trump, even though usually most Mexicans since the 1980s have been very pro-American. Now that he has won Lopez Obrador as President of Mexico has numerous problems, many caused by the consumption of illegal drugs in the US.

I will be traveling south of the border to my former haunts in Mexico City next month and hope to report back to you on feelings there.

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