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## Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> Program: Democratic Runoffs and Organizing for America

Don't forget to attend our Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting when we will hear from candidates who are in runoffs. We will also hear from someone with Organizing for America (previously known as Obama for America).

Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am at Luby's, Floyd Curl and Huebner.

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## Special Projects: Families in Need

This month we are collecting items a family in need. The family is Veronica Cantu and her two daughters (ages 9 and 13).

Veronica is going to school under the Project Quest program to become a medical coder.

She only asked for a monthly bus pass, a calendar, a calculator, highlighters, ironing board, iron, and towels.

We are already working on the bus pass, the calendar, the ironing board, and the iron.

Some other items you might get are gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, or H-E-B that she can use for both herself and her daughters. She also didn't request any items for her daughters so we also thought about collecting items for girls aged 9 and 13. If you do get something for the girls, we suggest make it the same item (for example, two hair dryers just different colors).

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## A Few 'Joyce' Words

*by Joyce Dorrycott*

The recent Democratic Primary saw some changes in the Democratic judicial nominees for the fall. In addition, we still face two county-wide races in the April 13<sup>th</sup> Democratic Party Primary Run-Off. Both the 290<sup>th</sup> District Judge race and the race for County Clerk Democratic nominees will be decided in this election.

Norma Gonzales and Sylvia Lopez are the candidates in the April 13<sup>th</sup> election, and Carla Vela and Tim Ybarra are the County Clerk candidates. All have been invited to attend the March 20<sup>th</sup> Northwest Democrats meeting to persuade us to vote for them in the run-off. Please attend so that you may make a rational choice as to who is best for each office, and then go out to vote for your choice.

There are troubling considerations in the County Clerk race when we think back to the losses that occurred to the citizens of this state when a Democratic official allegedly misappropriated over \$200,000 in funds provided by the Secretary of State to fund our 2008 Democratic Primary. This money comes from us - the taxpayers. The implications of having someone involved in the negative publicity generated by this monetary loss as the nominee of our party are extremely troubling. None of us should doubt the media will focus on such a nominee to the detriment of the rest of our ballot.

The failure of so many of our voters to return to vote in run-off elections means the electorate is extremely restricted. It is bad enough that only 12.47% of the electorate voted. But, the gap between Republicans and Democrats is significant. While 67,263 Republicans voted in the primary, only 43,338 voted Democratic. Even if all those Democrats come out to vote in November, we will still have to reach other Democrats and Independents to win. But, that is our job between April and November. Our job now is to get our people back to the polls for the run-off. And, it won't be easy. With only two county-wide races and one JP race in Pct. 4, those of us in other parts of the county must get out to vote - and take all our friends and relatives with us - or Pct. 4 may have a disproportionate impact on the outcome.

Before we leave the subject of the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Democratic Primary, we need to say "thank you" for their years of service to Judges Linda Penn, Karen Crouch and Michael Mery. While they still have more than 9 months on their terms, this is a good time to tell them how very much we appreciate their service to us. They have served us well, and we are grateful.

Once the run-off is over, Northwest Democrats will begin planning for the fall election. There will be much to do, and we encourage all those interested to become involved. So, watch next month's newsletter for information on the time and place of the planning meeting. Meantime, don't forget to VOTE!

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We are also going to be having a meeting about our (Northwest Democrats) general election effort. For anyone who wants to attend this meeting let us know and we'll provide the time and location. We'll also announce the time and location at our Saturday meeting.

If you have an idea about what we should do in the fall, this is the time to let us know.

## Hail Freedonia!

by Jacob Middleton

I know a lot has happened, but I wrote this back in February after a certain state finally added that last straw that broke my camel's back. Having said that, there are runoff elections and you should all go vote.

For any fan of the Marx Brothers, you'll remember that Freedonia was the name of one of the countries in the movie Duck Soup. Today I would like to propose that the U.S. Congress (along with the courts and the president) create the country of Freedonia. How is this done you ask?

Step 1: Allow South Carolina to secede and rename it Freedonia. For me this is a close vote between either South Carolina, Mississippi or Alabama, but I'd go with the Palmetto State. For students of American History, we remember that South Carolina almost caused a civil war during the Andrew Jackson presidency over the nullification issue (and now we're still fighting this issue cause some want to nullify the healthcare bill once it becomes law). One of its congressmen literally beat, with a cane, a Massachusetts senator because the senator spoke out against slavery. Of course South Carolina got its wish, seceded, and started the Civil War. Some other reasons: Strom Thurmond, Bob Jones University, Jim DeMint, Mark Sanford, and Joe "You Lie" Wilson. Add to these reasons, that a South Carolina State Rep. has filed a bill to ban paper U.S. currency in the state. This state is a thorn in the side of this country and I think it's time to bid it goodbye.

Step 2: Mass migration. Allow everyone in South Carolina who wants to leave, move to another state; and anyone who wants to move to South Carolina, move in. This is where we as Democrats donate money to an independent PAC that floods the airwaves and mailboxes of Tea Partiers and the like that encourages them to "throw off the socialist chains of this government and move to a land that offers them freedom and liberty for patriotic citizens."

Think about it, and remember it's a whole new country: Freedonia President Sarah Palin and Vice President Michelle Bachmann. Jim DeMint could be the Freedonia Senate Majority Leader. Tom Coburn could be HHS Secretary or Surgeon General. Fox News could move there and become Freedonia National News Network. Pat Robertson or John Hagee could be head of the Freedonia Church, which will be a government position (remember, no separation of church and state). We'd definitely see a fight for Speaker of the House between Joe Wilson and Virginia Foxx. James Inhofe or Joe Barton can head up EPA. Rick Perry could be Secretary of State (he has foreign policy experience because Texas borders Mexico). John Ensign or David Vitter could be head of FBI, with its new focus being on morality. And don't worry, we'll make sure we build a wall around Freedonia; wouldn't want an illegal immigrants coming into the United States.

I know what all the naysayers are thinking: we're going to have to redo all those flags with 50 stars on them. Easily fixable. We can give D.C. full representation in Congress and categorize it as a state or we can add Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, or the Northern Mariana Islands (all of which have delegates in Congress) as the new 50<sup>th</sup> state.

Again, I am serious about this. Recently Justice Antonin Scalia said that states couldn't secede. But if the Congress passed and the states ratified a constitutional amendment that said South Carolina could secede, what could he do?

I have laid out the plan for South Carolinian secession, let's get the ball rolling. I formally nominate Rick Perry and Debra Medina to be Co-Chairs of the South Carolina Secession Committee.

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## **Runoff Voting**

Reminder: Early voting for the Runoff begins April 5 and ends April 9.

Election Day for the Runoff is April 13.

The early voting sites will be the same as they were for the March primaries.