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*You're invited by the Incline Village-Crystal Bay
Republican Women to a luncheon*

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

at The Chateau, 955 Fairway Boulevard,
Incline Village | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

“Effective Outreach to Your Political Representatives”

Come, let our Legislative Chair (and Legislative Chair of the State Federation) **YOLANDA KNAAK** teach you to make your voice heard in Incline Village, Carson City and Washington, D.C.!

Vote Nevada



Tickets are \$25 per person and include lunch. A no-host bar is available. Attendees without reservations will not be able to have lunch. “No Shows” will be billed!

**Please RSVP to Shirley Appel at mrsradar@aol.com
or call 818-266-4402 no later than
Friday, March 8th.**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How 'bout all that snow?

You all know that our February meeting got "snowed out" and we have rescheduled it for March 12th. The subject, "Effective Outreach to Your Political Representatives," is very timely and much in the news since the biennial Nevada State Legislative Session began on February 4th. Actually, that day, the Legislature too was snowed out, but it is now in full swing.



Democrats have the majorities in both the Senate and the Assembly; and, of course, Governor Steve Sisolak is also a Democrat, so we will have our work cut out for us. You can expect to hear frequently from our Legislative Chair Yolanda Knaak!

The good news is that our Assemblywoman Lisa Krasner (who is also a member of our club), has invited us to visit her at the Nevada State Legislature. She can even arrange to have our members sit with her in the Assembly Chamber during a Floor Session. This opportunity is available from now until May 30th, bearing in mind that the schedule of legislative sessions can be somewhat irregular. If you are interested in visiting Lisa in her office and/or sitting with her during an Assembly session, please let Yolanda (our legislative chair) know and she will contact Lisa's office to make the arrangements. You can reach Yolanda via email at yolanda7777@ROCKETMAIL.COM or by phone at 916-532-4795.

Are you as tired as I am of being blamed (as Republicans and/or Trump supporters) for hoax "hate crimes"? See https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/jussie-smollett-case-the-latest-in-long-line-of-hoax-racist-attacks for a handy-dandy list of hoax "hate crimes" perpetrated just since President Trump was elected.

How 'bout that Green New Deal? Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has done it again! (Sarcasm alert!) David Harsanyi describes her "Green New Deal" as "a state-run system that coerces Americans to generate 100 percent of their energy through inefficient and expensive renewable sources within

10 years [that] would trigger a cratering of the U.S. economy" and "a poorly constructed Trojan horse teeming with such socialist favorites as 'free' higher education, guaranteed housing and 'economic security' for all Americans, even those who are 'unable or unwilling' to work, among many other things." (See https://townhall.com/columnists/davidharsanyi/2019/02/22/gop-pounces-by-allowing-democrats-to-vote-on-their-own-idea-n2542019 for details.) In short, the "Green New Deal" reads like a Republican-written parody of the delusions of the left; and let us hope that it leads the left to a disastrous defeat in 2020!

Patricia



NEW SEASONAL GUIDELINES FOR OUR LUNCHEONS AT THE CHATEAU

During the off-season our meetings at the Chateau are on a new, strict RSVP policy. All RSVP's MUST be in by the Friday before the meeting if you want to be able to eat. The Chateau kitchen is closed until sometime in May when the golf course reopens; and in order to feed us they need to have the food brought in. This means that you can still come and join us for the meeting but will not be able to eat lunch. This also means that any cancellations must also be by the Friday before the luncheon or we must ask you to pay for the lunch. Walk-ins will be seated after all on-time RSVPs have been seated.



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ABOUT OUR SPEAKER,
Yolanda Knaak
NvFRW Legislative Chair

In 2018 Yolanda Knaak successfully led our Incline Village/Crystal Bay Republican Women and our Nevada Federation of Republican



Women (NvFRW) as Legislative Chair in lobbying from home on behalf of Republican issues at the local, state and national levels.

At last year's Spring NvFRW meeting, Yolanda educated our members regarding the dangers of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. Yolanda has set up an email vote on State Resolutions for the Nevada Federation of Republican Women that started January 14th; she has also set up a Legislative Day on April 4th in Carson City.

Yolanda's recent email calling for "ALL HANDS ON DECK" informed us what we're up against with a Democrat governor and a Democrat majority state legislature (see her informative email reprinted herein). Yolanda has provided links so you can get your representatives' contact information and also explains how the email votes work on the Resolutions.

Yolanda Knaak has some 13 years of experience lobbying for Concerned Women for America, California, including nine months as that organization's Legislative Chair. She has a Bachelors' degree from Mount St. Mary's College and a Masters' degree from UCLA.



From
Yolanda Knaak
NvFRW Legislative Chair

Unfortunately we now have a Democrat governor and a Democrat legislative majority, and because of this, we need ALL HANDS ON DECK this Spring. Please come to the legislative hearings in Carson City (if at all possible) and please call our representatives to voice your opinions on legislation. The legislative session opened February 4th. The hot issues right now are same-day voter registration (that would not allow enough time to verify the eligibility to vote, which would be very dangerous in a state like Nevada that grants driver's licenses to noncitizens); and the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, which would effectively nullify the votes of any Nevadan who voted for a presidential candidate who did not win the nationwide popular vote and allow the votes of just three states – California, New York and Texas – to determine the winner of the presidency.

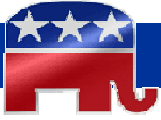
The State has 21 members so 8 Senators will stop the override. We only have 7. The Assembly has 42 members, so 15 are required to stop the override. We only have 13. Either house can stop an override. It only takes the Senate OR Assembly. – **So your help in lobbying some of the more moderate Democrats will be needed.**

I will be sending out legislative alerts. If you want, you can follow up to 10 bills being considered in the Legislature or by Governor Sisolak "for free." Below is the LINK:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Plt>

Also, I am providing the links to a list of all the Senators and Assemblymen in the Nevada Legislature for the 2019 term, opened February 4th. Their emails, numbers and addresses are all included. When we put out the alert on a certain bill that needs our lobbying efforts, please contact the Legislators involved. *If the links don't work properly in your browser, copy and paste into*

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your browser's http section.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Legislator/A/Senate/>
<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Legislator/A/Assembly>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMAIL VOTE ON PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

- The president of the Federation will direct the voting. The president does not get to vote unless there is a tie.
- She will present several proposed Federation resolutions to the Board for a vote, and ask for a motion.
- Someone must make the motion to approve some or all of the proposed resolutions.
- Someone else must second the motion.
- The president opens the motion or motions for discussion. All discussion will be sent to all members of the Board of Directors by Barb Hawn (Secretary of the NvFRW).
- All board members will have two days to contribute to the discussion via email.

After the discussion has closed, board members will have two days to submit their votes. Once the two days have elapsed and the voting has closed, the secretary will count the votes and publish the results. The vote and results will also be published in the minutes of the Federation.

Please use these links to know who your legislators are and how to contact them. You can even put their phone numbers in your phone, so at the touch of a button you can call them!

So that we have a greater impact on legislation, the Nevada Federation of Republican Women (NvFRW) Board of Directors formally took a position on several issues through an email vote of its Board of Directors on 9 Federation resolutions. All 9 resolutions were approved. Their titles are:

1. Build The Wall
2. Oppose SJR14 (an initiative that would effectively triple property taxes)
3. Oppose Sanctuary Cities and Oppose Nevada becoming a Sanctuary State
4. Oppose the National Popular Vote Interstate

Compact (NPVIC) or Any Other Legislation That Would Effectively Abolish the Electoral College

5. Pledge to Oppose Data Mining in Public Schools
6. Pledge to Oppose AJR 14: Price Controls on Nevada Hospitals
7. Oppose More Restrictive 2nd Amendment Legislation
8. Oppose an Increase in the Minimum Wage
9. Oppose Same-Day Voter Registration

Even if you do nothing else, PLEASE tell your legislators your opinion of bills by going to the Nevada State Legislature's anonymous-to-the-public opinion webpage: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Opinions/80th2019/>. When I say that this webpage is "anonymous to the public," I mean that even though you give your name and physical address, this information is NOT disclosed to the public. Only your position (for or against), your comments on the bill and the date you made them, will be displayed to the public.

Thank you for your Republican Passion!

My contact information:

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IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME



Another year has passed and again it is time to renew your membership in the IV/CB Republican Women's Club for the year of 2019. By renewing now and coming to our meetings you will hear great speakers that help educate all of us throughout the year. With 2020 coming up FAST we need to know all there is to know!

We will again have our monthly luncheon meetings at the Chateau on the second Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. We will begin our monthly meetings in February. We also plan to have our wonderful summer evening Garden Party meetings in July and August which are always a great success. Stay tuned for the full schedule of events, which will be coming soon.

So again, please send in your membership payment and application (see page 5) to P.O. Box 3009 Incline Village, NV 89450, along with your check for \$35. Remember that your husband can join IVCB Republican Women as well as an Associate member for \$15.

Shirley Appel

Second Vice President, Membership Chairman



Membership Application

New Member Renewing Membership

If you receive this application/renewal form via email, please print a copy and mail with your check to the address below.

NAME as it appears on VOTER REGISTRATION:

NAME as it appears on your NAMETAG: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS(es): _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

Home Phone with Area Code: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____ Birthday: Month _____ Date _____

Email address (for roster and newsletter):

PLEASE PRINT

MEMBERSHIP STATUS, PLEASE CHECK ONE:

Active \$35 any woman registered as a Republican

Associate \$15, any woman with a full membership in another Republican women's group,

_____ OR any man registered as a Republican

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Budget/Finance

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IV/CB Republican Women

P. O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450

Always more information for you at our website: ivcbrw.org



Record Immigration Surge at the Border

Arrests of families crossing into the U.S. illegally in the past five months hit a record, prompting the chief of Customs and Border Protection to say the system is at “the breaking point.”

From October through February, border agents arrested 136,150 people traveling in families for crossing the border illegally. The prior record for a 12-month period was 107,212, during the fiscal year that ended in September. More than 66,400 people were arrested in February, making it the busiest month since President Trump took office and the busiest February since 2008.



The numbers were the sharpest evidence yet that, despite Mr. Trump’s efforts to crack down on illegal immigration, the flow of migrants is only growing. “This situation is not sustainable,” Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan said while releasing the numbers Tuesday. “The system is well beyond capacity and remains at the breaking point.”

On Tuesday afternoon, the White House highlighted the new numbers, saying they “reflect an ever-worsening crisis on our southern border.” Mr. McAleenan said his agency was taking steps to establish a center near El Paso, Texas, specifically to process families and children, and in particular, to conduct medical assessments.

The volume of families, most of whom voluntarily turn themselves in to law enforcement to seek asylum, has in recent months overwhelmed government facilities intended to hold single adults for a few hours at a time. Some families spend days in cinder-block cells with no beds or showers while waiting to be processed by immigration officials. Two children died last year in the government’s custody after crossing the border with a parent.

While families, along with a relatively small number of unaccompanied children, now make up 60 percent of arrests at the border, total numbers are rising as well. The Border Patrol made 267,900 arrests between October, the start of the federal fiscal year, and February, compared

with 136,209 over the same period a year earlier.

Most of the migrant families come from Central American nations including El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, where they are fleeing violence, poverty and hunger, according to migrants, advocates and law enforcement. They typically don’t try to evade capture after crossing the border and instead surrender to border agents to seek asylum.

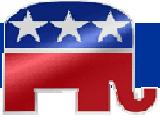
Arriving in the U.S. illegally as part of a family provides advantages, as those with children in tow are typically detained for shorter periods than adults traveling alone. There is a 20-day limit on jailing children, after which they are released into the U.S. with their parents while their claims are adjudicated. Single adults are typically deported back to their home countries more

quickly. The number of unaccompanied children has also been rising, though not nearly as fast as families. Through February, about 26,900 have been caught at the border this fiscal year, compared with 17,501 during the same period a year ago.

Article by Alicia A. Caldwell and Louise Radnofsky, updated March 5, 2019.

Source: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/more-migrant-families-arrested-at-border-in-five-months-than-any-previous-full-year-1155181065>

BORDER CRISIS: Today the San Diego area has more fencing than any other sector on the southwest border. It is also the stretch where Border Patrol agents confiscate the most heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine. There has not yet been a fence strong enough to break the supply-and-demand cycle of drug smuggling. The cartels, with almost limitless finances, have proven both tenacious and ingenious. One of many San Diego tunnels went 70 feet underground, with lighting and a vent system. Boats ferry narco cargo hundreds of miles offshore, skirting detection. Smugglers use ultralights and air canons to get drugs over the fence. Border Patrol counters with blimps, radar, drones, sensors, more agents, more barriers.



How Socialism Fails in Theory



Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Ed Markey, two progressive Democrats, recently introduced a

Green New Deal resolution that lays out an ambitious agenda to decarbonize and turbo-charge the economy. The resolution is co-sponsored by at least 60 House members and 9 senators.

By Auguste Meyrat

Even though Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal was a complete failure of a bill, not even making it to a vote in the House, liberals still hail it as a success. True, it did not become law, but it had noble goals and could have succeeded if it weren't for America's self-interested economic system and selfish, unimaginative politicians. . . . And this is how socialism wins in the end.

Democratic socialists, like Ocasio-Cortez and Bernie Sanders, claim to believe in what socialism promises – equality, social benefits, a compassionate state – and not in what it actually does, like impoverish and enslave the nations that adopt it. If anyone asks them how they plan to pay for these public goods, they never answer, but they claim the moral high ground, stating that they at least care about the poor and the environment and have started an important national conversation.

The label of “socialist” has long been the easiest way to virtue-signal – hence its popularity among college students. Whereas in the past, people would flaunt their Christian charity, in today’s secular culture, people flaunt their socialist politics – and the latter is much easier because it does not even require giving anything except repeating slogans like “health care for all!,” “universal daycare!,” or “down with the 1%!”

This is a problem, not only because it garners support from gullible audiences (as evidenced from the millions raised for Bernie Sanders's campaign in a matter of hours) and through media propaganda that normalizes a radical ideology, but also because socialism is fundamentally wrong. Even as a theory, socialism does not work. Not only does it distort the nature of human beings, but it misunderstands the nature of property and human need.

According to John Locke's foundational work *The Second Treatise of Government*, property is “whatsoever ... [a man] removes out of the state that Nature hath provided and left it in, he hath mixed his labor with, and joined to it something that is his own.” Whatever a person gains through work or innovation makes that his property. True, he can do whatever he wants with his property, like exchange it or give it away, but no one is entitled to his property except himself.



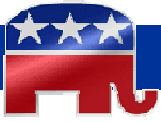
By contrast, socialism characterizes property as an indifferent good that everyone owns in common. Seizing someone's property, then, is not technically immoral. Ownership of property is based on need, which everyone has in equal capacity, not on productivity or work, which is naturally unequal. I.e., Jeff Bezos does not really need billions of dollars, so the democratic socialist has every right to take his property and redistribute it!

As such, what counts as theft in a free society equates to sharing in a socialist one. To go even farther, a socialist government would not only take Bezos's billions, but would either take over his business and have a more fair-minded, but less qualified, person run it, or force Bezos himself to work against his will for the good of his fellow man – **which is essentially slavery**. If Bezos resisted replacement or enslavement, he would not really be greedy, demanding more than his fair share; he would be human, demanding his natural rights (life, liberty, and property).

In addition to mis-defining property, theoretical socialism errs in regard to how it defines need. Is need just the bottom level of need for food, shelter, water, sleep, etc.? Is it all levels that involve more abstract goods – like friendship, education, and spiritual fulfillment, which most socialist politicians have to promise to pampered first-world audiences?

Need, though sounding objective and absolute, is mostly a relative concept; depending on the situation, a person could define need different ways. And only an individual himself can define what he needs, not

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How Socialism Fails in Theory

some distant government. He therefore meets his needs by producing things of value, which he can then trade to others who have what he needs. When a whole series of these trades occurs, the laws of supply and demand will determine the value of what people produce, incentivizing all members to produce more and meet everyone's needs along with wants.

When a government determines people's needs, instead of people determining this for themselves, the socialist nation will inevitably face shortages. First, with limited knowledge, political leaders will have to guess at what their people need, leading to scarcity in some areas and excess in others. Second, since government can only redistribute and not create, it will have to compel people to work at producing necessities and take them away from anything unnecessary which includes all forms of innovation and personal improvement – this means taking Bezos and other Big Tech executives out of their offices and putting them on farms and construction sites. Third, since government can plan only for what it knows, all unplanned events like war, natural disasters, rebellions, and large fluctuations in the workforce will result in even more shortages due to greater need and lower production.

Finally, a socialist government will need to find ways to maximize compliance and minimize disruptions, for even the most willing population will require some motivation. This will necessarily involve constant propaganda to

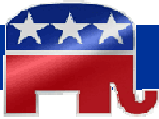
reinforce ideals of selflessness and worship of the state and eliminating or imprisoning those who dissent.

Thus, even in theory, socialism implicitly requires theft, enslavement, deprivation, imprisonment, murder, and mass deception. The country and its people make little difference to the downward progression. No other pair of countries illustrates the difference socialism makes than North and South Korea. Situated in the same place with the same group of people in the same circumstances, socialism alone made the difference between one becoming rich and developed and the other becoming a miniature Hell on Earth.

Socialism fails on all levels, and everyone should recognize this. Anyone who embraces the socialist label deserves scorn and correction, not praise and adulation, since they subscribe to a theory that is implicitly cruel and dysfunctional. For a desperate country looking for any kind of change to their misery, the appeal of socialism might make sense even if it won't work. But for the richest country in the history of the world, the appeal of socialism makes no sense. Only a profoundly lazy, ignorant, or morally corrupted society could accept it in any form – even in theory.

March 5, 2019: Columnist Auguste Meyrat is an English teacher in the Dallas area. He is the editor of The Everyman and has also written essays for The Federalist and The American Conservative.

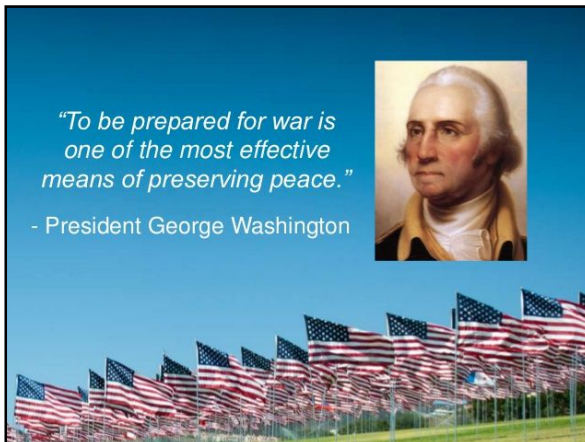




Check Out These 3 New Congressmen

- **Jim Baird**, Republican from Indiana, lost his left arm in Vietnam.
- **Brian Mast**, Republican from Florida, lost both legs in Afghanistan.
- **Dan Crenshaw**, Republican from Texas, lost his right eye in Afghanistan.

All three of these men are Purple Heart recipients. How often have you seen them on the evening news? How often have we seen the two Muslim women and the socialist from New York all blabbering vulgarities and spouting out anti-Israel/anti-American insults! Three Purple Heart Veterans were sworn into Congress with less publicity than “the new breed of women” and coverage over who wore what. As Representative Mast said, “5 eyes, 5 arms, 4 legs, all American.”



Meet the Newly-Elected Republican Veterans to Congress

There’s no question that the military molds ordinary citizens into incredible leaders, and it appears the rest of the country has begun to recognize that, too. At least 27 post-9/11 veterans won congressional races on November 8, while the current Congress includes 26 veterans. In addition, as of now, 18 veteran incumbents won reelection and three senators were not up for reelection this year. Here are 7 newly-elected Republican veterans to Congress.

DON BACON, Republican Representative of Nebraska's 2nd District



After almost 30 years in the Air Force, Bacon now works as an assistant professor at Bellevue

University, where he teaches courses on leadership and American values. He retired as a brigadier general and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, two Legions of Merit, and two Bronze Stars over the course of his career. In the race, he ousted Democratic incumbent Brad Ashford by running on strong national defense, family values, and a simplified tax code.

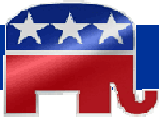
JIM BANKS, Republican Representative of Indiana’s 3rd District



In addition to having spent six years on the Indiana General Assembly, Banks works as

a commercial real estate broker in Fort Wayne. He currently serves in the Navy Reserve as a supply corps officer and took a leave of absence from the state senate in 2014 and 2015 to deploy to Afghanistan. He campaigned on strong national defense, the replacement of the Affordable Care Act, and religious freedom.

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**JACK BERGMAN, Republican
Representative of Michigan's 1st District**



Bergman is a retired Marine Corps Reserve three-star general. His civilian career included work as a pilot for Northwest Airlines and for a company that made hospital operating room equipment. He also started a firm that sold surgical microscopes and imaging equipment. Bergman ran on job creation, tax relief, and second amendment issues. He hopes to be selected to serve on the Veterans Affairs Committee.

**TOM GARRETT, Republican
Representative of Virginia's 5th District**



After getting his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Richmond, Garrett spent six years in the Army, deploying to the Balkans. In 2007, he served as the Commonwealth's Attorney, and was elected as the state senator for the 22nd district in 2011. His congressional campaign centered on job creation, drug testing for welfare, and his pro-life stance.

**BRIAN MAST, Republican Representative
of Florida's 18th District**



Mast enlisted in the Army in 1999 and became an explosive ordinance disposal technician. He deployed to Kandahar in 2010 where an IED blast resulted in the amputation of both his legs

and one of his fingers. After being discharged, Mast worked for the Department of Homeland Security as an explosives specialist. The race was his first, and he managed to turn a blue seat red. During his term, Mast hopes to save the coastal waters in Florida, replace Obamacare, and reform the Veterans Administration.

**MIKE GALLAGHER, Republican
Representative of Wisconsin's 8th District**



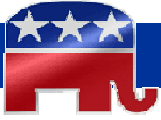
After graduating from Princeton, Gallagher joined the Marine Corps and spent seven years on active duty in Iraq where he gathered and analyzed human intelligence. Gallagher previously worked as a staff member on the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Committee and on Gov. Scott Walker's presidential campaign. During his term, he hopes to eliminate wasteful spending and focus on national security. In addition, he is a staunch advocate of Second Amendment rights.

**SCOTT TAYLOR, Republican Representative
of Virginia's 2nd District**



Taylor was a Navy SEAL for eight years. He served overseas in South and Central America in counter-narcotics and foreign internal defense missions. Taylor also deployed to Iraq as a SEAL sniper. A Republican, he ran as a candidate in the 2010 primary election for Virginia's 2nd congressional district, but lost to Scott Rigell. This was his second attempt, after Rigell stepped down. He plans to focus on national security and defense issues, including more investment in cyber defense and unmanned vehicles. Endorsed by the National Rifle Association, Taylor has said he opposes attempts to further restrict gun ownership.

Source: Article by Sarah Sicard <https://taskandpurpose.com/meet-7-veterans-newly-elected-congress>



A federal judge in New York recently sentenced Michael Cohen, former lawyer to President Donald Trump, to three years in prison for crimes

including tax evasion, making hush-money payments, and lying to Congress about past business dealings in Russia. U.S. District Judge William Pauley III said he will allow Cohen to voluntarily surrender to prison and ordered him to pay a \$50,000 fine for making false statements to lawmakers. Cohen must also pay a forfeiture of \$500,000 and \$1.4 million in restitution. Prior to sentencing Cohen, Pauley told the courtroom that Michael Cohen pled guilty to a "veritable smorgasbord of fraudulent conduct." Further, Pauley said that Cohen "appears to have lost his moral compass" and that he "should have known better" than to dodge taxes, lie to Congress and violate campaign finance laws.

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2018/12/12/michael-cohen-sentenced-jail/>

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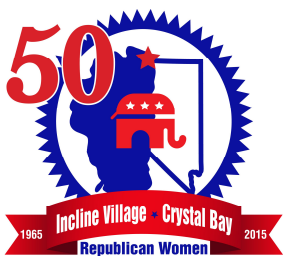
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