

Dear Fellow Baconators,

The Lams are travelling in Asia right now. Tien is in his birthplace of Viet Nam enjoying the wonderful food and his wife is in Taiwan. Maybe, we'll hear for sure when they return. For now we meet in the lovely private area of Sam's in Novato.

We had some special guests tonight, namely Jim and Toni Frederickson. Toni will speak about the mess along Binford Road a little later.



**Figure 1 -- Power Couple!**

Melanie kicked off the evening with a recap of the Fulton County, GA grand jury forewoman that trashed the grand jury's case against Trump. A self-described witch called it a witch hunt! She got a few barbs in on Dom Lemon for calling Nikki Haley washed up. He would know!

Mel is in FB jail for posting an NYT article about Canadians approving child euthanasia. They're real problem solvers! Garnet Chaney mentioned that he's being FB-jailed 29 days for child endangerment or some such nonsense. For posting a photo of Hunter Biden in his undies suspended from a Chinese spy balloon.

The Father Junipero statue desecration case was postponed once again by the aces running our justice system in Marin County. Apparently, the arch diocese, the victim, can't make up their mind if restorative justice is called for in this case. (Only if they want more of the same.) If I heard Nancy Abruzzo correctly, the trial has been postponed until April. Details will be posted at the MMF Facebook Group site.

In happy news, it pays to be a loudmouth! George Barich., gadfly extraordinaire secured an \$80K settlement against the Cotati City Council for denying him his right to speak at city council

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meetings. They also have the pleasure of coughing up another \$250K for legal bills, including those of Mr. Barich.

Todd Morris provided an update on his mask suit against Umpqua Bank. Get 'em Todd!

Toni Schroyer then briefly described the mess along Binford Road, but first introduced Rick Williams of H2O Plumbing. He and his business have been adversely affected by the buildup of homeless and their trash along Binford Road. He has 3 companies, 2 in San Rafael and one in Novato. Rick has spent a great deal of time and money trying to keep trash off his private property and the roadway safe for public use. He has spent upwards of \$3K per incident to remove RV's and dumpster loads of trash. Recently, he cleaned up 5-gallon oil spills polluting the waterways.

Melanie noted that Eric Lucan told her "The homeless will always be with us." Is that the new normal he and other county supervisors are imposing on us?

Back to Rick. He has witnessed prostitution, even with young girls. Nothing is done about it. He has seen young children foraging for food, even eating acorns off trees. Nothing is done about it. He has repeatedly had problems with people trespassing on his property. Nothing is done about it. He sees this as a serious dereliction of duty by our government officials.

USF&WS does nothing. No fencing. Homeless move barrier boulders with trucks near broadcast towers (reminds him of the good old days with the KSFO Moring Show with Lee and Melanie!).

Public safety and road maintenance is an issue The homeless are undermining the shoulder of the road to level their RVs. The USFW&S will do nothing despite seeing the damage done. Rick would lose his license to practice if he performed such work.

Nick Wand suggested that they wake up at 4:00 am along with those going to work.

Back to Rick. He said that the County provides them with many services, including lunch, bathrooms, and garbage bins. He mentioned a "Binford Community Alliance." Yours truly mentioned that it may be time to go after the NGOs that provide homeless services to the detriment of our community. (In my view they perpetuate the "homeless" problem.) One wise attendee pointed out that we're seeing a drug addict problem, not a homeless problem ... Nancy Abruzzo perhaps?

Rick suggested that we start filing bar grievance complaints against lawyers that defend the homeless.

Melanie mentioned her interaction with USF&WS: one officer for a 450-mile radius. Also, the homeless can obtain "inoperable vehicle licenses" from the DMV for \$5 each, which obviously isn't enforced.

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Tief believes that legal action is the only effective option. Need to start filing lawsuits to stop. Which attorney to use? Melanie will contact Harmeet Dhillon for recommendations.

Todd talked about the encampments under Anderson Ave. in San Rafael and warned that is coming to Novato. Huge tent encampments that continue to grow out of control.

Melanie (or was it, Toni?) said it's time to live by the principles of Sun Tsu. Sue, Sue, Sue! Small claims courts, too. Everywhere and everyone.

Start writing articles for the IJ and other Marin County publications. Launch environmental lawsuits. Seek help from Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and the Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF).

Toni & Jim had a decent experience with Sheriff Jamie Scardina (I'm sorry, but that name doesn't instill images of a tough sheriff). He listened but has yet to commit to any enforcement action. Enforce the law as they do at the Civic Center, where RVs are not allowed to gather.

Eric Lucan is letting the other members of the BOS to run roughshod over our BOS district. They're quite happy to allow the Novato area to bear the entire county burden of homelessness. They have no incentive to act on in our interests. (Not yet anyway!) Toni & Jim made more progress with Sheriff Scardina.

It's time to enforce state and local law to rid Binford Road of boats, cars, and RV's. As many as 65 people live there. A county deputy is assigned to the area at \$110,000 per year(?).

Binford Road is now a county dumping ground. It attracts homeless from Sonoma County, too. Rick has observed homeless urinating and exposing their genitals. Time to capture photos and videos and share on social media. Time to shame our do-nothing "leaders."

Melanie suggested that she and Toni do a "walk and talk" like Toni did regarding our wonderful Novato Theater eyesore. Post on Facebook, Novato In the Know, Twitter and others. eMail Supervisor Eric Lucan, Sheriff Scardina and Mike Thompson (didn't catch who he was, but email him anyway).

Nick Wand mentioned the success that the South Aliso Neighborhood had fighting homeless encampments. Sorry, didn't catch all the details.

He also mentioned the Richardson Bay free housing voucher promoted by State Senator Mike McGuire. It's Senior Housing available to 55 & older and a legitimate trailer park. Once available can move from Binford to that location.

I forget who was on the soapbox at this point.

Reach out to liberals too, not just conservatives. Downtown business associations (Emily Roch?), SMART Train, tribal councils (may have artifacts in the area).

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Set up a game camera to capture images/videos of bald eagles in the area. Become “citizen scientists” a la USF&WS service in Gualala to stop fireworks disrupting nesting protected bird species.

Yours truly will contact WRA, a full-service environmental compliance firm he uses on bridge projects for guidance. Will obtain a Caltrans “Preliminary Environmental Study” form for guidance on the issues that should be addressed by the County to mitigate adverse impacts caused by the homeless to protected resources. Build a coalition to cleanse Binford Road of the homeless.

Toni then gave a summary of her other project, the Novato Theater. She said it’s the city’s biggest scam. Millions in city and county money disappeared with no visible results. Now they’re trying to change the goals so an unscrupulous developer can reap the rewards.

Before she and Jim left Toni encouraged us all to support local businesses like H2O plumbing and others too numerous for me to mention here. Just support them all, dammit!

Todd Morris launched into a well-received diatribe against train wrecks, dead chickens, and contaminated water we see dominating the news cycle. Hey, at least they’re no longer talking about Sam Bankman-Fried or Hunter Biden! We all got to hear the phrase “Read Admiral Buttigieg.” What a wonderful group!

Then Nick Wand had a few things to say about an event 2/24/2023 regarding an “Equity Commission” that is a \$2.5 million feeding frenzy for left wing groups using our county money. He encouraged all with too much spare time on their hands to attend.

That’s it for this week’s episode of dysfunctional government in Marin County.

Tief and his lovely wife will still be away enjoying vacation, so the next MMF meeting will be next week on Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup> at Sam’s in Novato at 6:00 pm. Arrive early to order dinner before taking a seat in the back.

See you there! ... Frank Drouillard

PS – You can find the Bacon Bits archive at <https://www.mymaringop.org/allies/bacon-bits>