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Tuesday, January 25, 2011

FountainGrove Golf and Athletic Club
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Judge Shelly Averill
Sonoma County Superior Court Judge
Topic: Update on the Sonoma County Court System

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Presidents Message

SRRWF President's Message January 2011

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, I enjoyed some down time after a hectic campaign season helping our candidates. I managed to find some time to do forgotten household chores and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Now we are back for another exciting year in GOP politics heading towards 2012 Presidential race. 2011 promises to be a great year of moving forward with our new found majority in the House of Representatives – the greatest news from the 2010 election! We must continue to work locally to elect more Republicans to local offices and help candidates who have committed to run in 2012 like Karen Brooks and Loren Hanks.

Santa Rosa Republican Women will continue to have great speakers and work to educate our membership and reach out to voters in Sonoma County. This month we will have Judge Averill who will discuss our court

system and share legal news from Sonoma County. This year we also want to work hard to increase our membership and involve more ladies (and gentlemen) in our club meetings. We will also schedule some “satellite” evening meetings to accommodate those who cannot attend our general meetings. We will also do a survey to gauge your interest on certain topics. We have some positions open on our board and would love to have you join us. Please contact me if you are interested.

Please come to our next meeting and every month as we plan for the next campaign cycle. We want to make our meetings a place where we can share great information, exciting ideas and have fun doing it. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Here's to a great year!

Marie Derr
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Superior Court Judge Shelly J. Averill



...ia Santa Rosa family law attorney since 1996. She was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to serve as judge in the Sonoma County Superior Court in April 2010, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Knoel L. Owen.

Judge Averill, 44, of Santa Rosa, was in private practice for thirteen years and was a professor at Empire College School of Law for three years before her appointment to the bench.

Judge Averill was born in San Francisco and her family moved to Santa Rosa when she was in high school. Her father owned a printing company in San Francisco for many years.

She graduated from Piner High School in 1983 and went on to SSU, where she received a bachelor's degree in business management. Even then, Averill had been leaning toward a different career path.

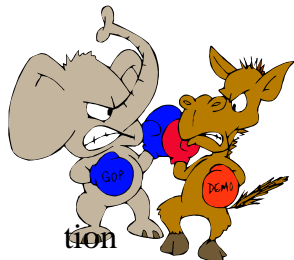
Judge Averill enrolled at Empire law school in 1992 and worked as a law clerk for the Sonoma County District Attorney's family support division. She graduated from Empire in 1996. She was six months' pregnant with her second daughter when she took, and passed, the bar exam later that year.

Judge Averill was a member of the family law section of the state and Sonoma County bar associations. Locally, she has served as the section chairwoman, a member of its rules committee, its family court services liaison and also as a member of the section's mental health committee.

In these roles, she has helped put together educational programs for members of the bar's family law section.

At Empire College, Judge Avril taught students in the school's self-help access center, a service for members of the community who can't afford legal services.

The center helps people prepare legal arguments and documents for court in family law, including divorce, restraining orders and custody disputes and in landlord-tenant matters. She has two daughters, Lauren, 14, and Brittany, 18. Her husband, Michael Averill, works in information technology for Innovative Business Solutions in Rohnert Park.



THE SKEPTICAL OBSERVER

Section 1 of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States says that “All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States: nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

The Civil Rights Act of 1866 declared that everyone born in the United States and **not subject to any foreign power is a citizen, without regard to race, color or previous condition of slavery or involuntary servitude.** The Act was meant to provide the freedmen (freed slaves) with the full range of civil rights and was a major policy during Reconstruction. The act does not cover visitors, diplomats or Native Americans in the United States on reservations. President Andrew Johnson vetoed the Act. Congress passed the legislation over his veto.

The 14th Amendment was passed in 1868. The entire purpose of the Amendment was to give legal effect to the Civil Rights Bill of 1866. The aim of both of these acts was to put an end to the criminal black codes established under former Confederate states being administered by President Johnson. The 14th Amendment was also created to nullify the Dred Scott Decision.

Extensive analysis of the 14th Amendment and the intent of the authors indicates that it was written the way it was, in order to grant a special form of citizenship to recently freed slaves (and their posterity). It also contained the framework of rights and protections that would be a part of a new type of citizenship. White citizens did not need the 14th Amendment.

So, how does this amendment relate to illegal aliens who come to the United States and give birth to children in this country? In my lay person’s opinion, the term **not subject to any foreign power is a citizen**, eliminates from automatic citi-

zenship anyone who comes to this country illegally because they are subject to a foreign power i.e. the country they are coming from. The 14th Amendment was intended for the people who had been freed from slavery. It was not meant for people breaking the law to come into the country.

The analogy that comes to mind about this whole issue of children born here of illegal aliens is the example of someone who robs a bank and then goes back into the bank, opens an account and starts to draw interest on a savings account. The only problem of course is that the original deposit was stolen money. Illegal immigrants who have children in the United States and then acquire all the benefits of citizenship are stealing as the first step into the country.

This article is a very brief summary of an issue that has generated a great deal of writing and discussion. I recommend that a good study of the issue can be found at www.originalintent.org “Restoring the Republic...One Citizen at a Time. The 14th Amendment Clarified.”

Additional information gathered from Wikipedia, Civil Rights Act of 1866 and Historical

Analysis of the Meaning of the 14th Amendment’s First Section.



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The 2011-2012 Legislature is now in session! Governor Brown hit the ground running with political appointments and pledges to make major budget cuts while planning to ask the voters to extend tax increases. Since the session began on Monday, already 200 bills have been introduced by both the Assembly and the Senate. We expect this session to be unlike any other before it, due to Props 25 and 26 coupled with the massive deficit.

Changes

Congratulations are in order to Senator Ted Gaines who won Senate District One this Tuesday. Now Governor Brown has 13 days to announce the special election to fill the 4th Assembly District. That won't be the only special election coming up.

There are two specials on February 15th to fill the 17th and 28th Senate Districts. Those two primary elections will be the first affected by the newly implemented top-two primary system. The California Republican Party has already endorsed Sharon Runner, Board of Equalization member George Runner's wife, in the 17th Senate District. Party endorsements will be a very important tool with the top-two primary system.

Some Things Never Change

Last fiscal year the state spent a whopping \$254.3 billion dollars, the highest spending state of the Union, according to the United States Census Bureau. Here is another "fun fact": 725 new laws were enacted in California on January 1st of this year. For a list of all the laws that came into effect on 1.1.11, visit California Legislative Info at <http://leginfo.ca.gov>

SAVE THE DATE FOR SACRAMENTO

April 18/19, 2011



ADVOCACY DAYS- Do you know that there will be a special

Advocacy contest in 2011? Annually the members of Federated clubs in California travel to the State Capitol in Sacramento to attend Advocacy Days. They start off with the CFRW Board of Directors' meeting on the first day followed by Red Jacket Photo, Lobby Day, Advocacy Office Open House and the Ambassadors' Legislative Reception (Monday, April 18). On the second day (Tuesday, April 19) students from high schools throughout California attend with their local club members to have an hands-on opportunity to visit with Republican legislators from both the Assembly and the Senate, to ask questions and learn about the process of how a bill becomes a law that impacts each citizen in the state.

ADVOCACY: check this out!

- A** - advocating a Republican and conservative agenda to students who will soon be voting.
- D** - developing skills to articulate positions taken by CFRW on bills and propositions.
- V** - voicing our positions to our election officials, especially on Lobby Day.
- O** - organizing students to attend and budgeting monies for their travel and fees.
- C** - coordinating our club members and students to travel to Sacramento.
- A** - arranging for a tour of the State Capitol and visit with our local legislators.
- C** - committing ourselves to call, email, and fax our elected about our positions.
- Y** - youth who will be the future voters and leaders of our State.

We are working to keep the cost approximately the same as 2010: adult registration: \$45/ student registration: \$15. Monday lunch: \$45/ Tuesday lunch: \$35 for both adults and students. Sacramento Hyatt Regency will again provide us with guest rooms, conference rooms, and good food.

Important Dates 2011

January 22 - Leadership Meeting, Rancho Cordova
February 6/7 - CFRW Executive Board Meeting, Burbank.
March 8/12 - NFRW Board Meeting, Washington, D.C.
March 18/20 - CRP Convention, Hyatt, Sacramento
April 17/19 - Advocacy Day, Hyatt, Sacramento
April 30—May 1 CFRW Northern Division Spring Conf



2011 - RWF Biennial Convention Year

September 22/25—NFRW Biennial Convention,
Kansas City, Missouri
October 21/23 CFRW 37th Biennial Convention,
Visalia Marriott
November 11/13 CFRWND Biennial Convention



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NFRW Winning Web of the Week -

Sacramento Republican Women Federated

Northern Division - www.sacramentorwf.org

Congratulations to the women of the Sacramento Republican Women Federated Northern Division for developing a very attractive and informative website for their club. Janet Gardner, President of the Sacramento RWF, does an excellent job of maintaining this site - www.sacramentorwf.org

Visitors to their site are given vital club information on the nine major pages. These pages utilize effective drop down menus which do a great job of navigating visitors to many more specific pages. The ABOUT SRWF page allows direct e-mail to the President plus a web form for e-mail from the website and a map for directions. The President's Message and Annual Report are very effective. Another important feature is the ability to renew membership or join on line. Their Members Only section is another important and useful feature. The revolving photos of their flags and capitol building in the headers of each page is an attractive eye catcher. The tools in the upper right corner of each page offer very useful features-increased text size, printing and emailing of the web page.

They use the Ohana Web Editing Tool as noted in the URL of each web page. The Website was designed and hosted by Creative Computer Services. The Sacramento RWF are to be commended on a very effective web presence.

-- The NFRW Website Assistance Committee, Bettye Chambers, Chairman

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Sue Lynch, President



January 2011...Sue Lynch and the NFRW Staff visited Capitol Hill to celebrate the swearing in of the 112th Congress and welcome our new Representatives and Senators to Washington.

Jan 10, NFRW issued the following statement:

"The National Federation of Republican Women is shocked and saddened by the senseless act of violence in Arizona on Saturday. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Congresswoman Giffords and the other victims who are fighting to recover at this hour, as well as to the families of those who lost their lives in this tragedy."

Literacy Committee proudly introduces its National Reagan Centennial Project My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys

Santa Rosa RWF would like to participate in this project but needs a volunteer who would like to head this committee. The Project packet will be available at the January meeting and there is a link on the home page at www.nfrw.org. Please look it over and see if you would be interested in this as a year long project.

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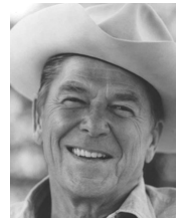
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Obama's 'Missing Link'

By [Paul Kengor](#) at American Thinker

Like many political Americans, right or left or center, I'm still grappling with what President Obama did this week. I'm trying to get a handle on what it means not so much for the country and the economy, but rather for Barack Obama. On Monday evening came the remarkable announcement by Obama that he had compromised with Republicans on a "framework" to extend the Bush tax cuts. [My take on that action](#) was that Obama was motivated entirely by politics and not at all by ideology. That take was quickly reinforced on Tuesday, when Obama, almost chastising his angry left-wing base for not understanding political realities, analogized Republicans to "hostage-takers," holding Obama and America and its poor and proletariat ransom to tax cuts for the bloody rich. The president bemoaned his moral dilemma, forced as he was to "negotiate" with Republicans, who kneel before what Obama described as "their Holy Grail": "tax cuts for the wealthy." It was a stunning metaphor, and rather offensive: That cup overfloweth, apparently, with the real presence of the blood of the workers, which Republicans and their loyal factory bosses and greedy landlords slurp up from the fruits of the assembly line.

"These tax cuts for the wealthy -- " said a [visibly bitter Obama](#) " -- this is, seems to be, their central economic doctrine."

Of course, it is not the Republicans' "central economic doctrine." One of the worst mistakes you can make in politics or in life or in war is to misdiagnose your adversary by allowing emotion to supersede logic.

But here's the crucial point on Obama's assessment: it was clear that this wasn't the standard class-warfare claptrap we typically get from Democrats. This wasn't mere political rhetoric to toss to the unions to make them *happy* at the expense of those with more money. No, Barack Obama uttered these words with such conviction and such contempt that you could tell it was from the heart. It came off not as Democrat demagoguery, but as reflective of the class-based worldview that I suspect is the core Barack Obama.

It made me think of Frank Marshall Davis and other Marxists in Obama's past -- and of a man named Dr. John Drew.

"I see myself as a missing link between Barack Obama's exposure to communism with Frank Marshall Davis and his later exposure to Bill Ayers and Alice Palmer in Chicago," Drew told me. Drew's words -- of which these are just the tip of the iceberg -- are immensely important. To consider them, first consider this quick recap on Davis:

Frank Marshall Davis was Barack Obama's mentor in Hawaii in the 1970s, right up until Obama left for college at Occidental. As I've shown at length in [articles](#) and a book, Davis was also a communist -- in fact, an actual Communist Party member. In [Dupes](#), I show this over the course of about sixty pages with help from numerous sources. Among them there is a 1957 U.S. Senate report, titled "Scope of Soviet Activity in the United States," which described Davis as "an identified member of the Communist Party." Most illuminating, I found and have reprinted about a dozen pages from Davis's declassified 600-page FBI file, including one (on page 507 of my book) that lists Davis's actual Communist Party number: 47544. So Frank Marshall Davis was a communist, and it's clear that he influenced Obama's thinking. But how much, exactly? That's where John Drew comes in.

Drew contacted me last year after reading an article I had written on Davis and Obama for [American Thinker](#). Drew had some significant experiences to share, and he e-mailed me just before I turned in my final manuscript. I concluded that he was legitimate (no question) and recorded his testimony at length.

Drew was a contemporary of Obama at Occidental College and a Marxist himself. In fact, Drew was a well-known campus communist when Obama was introduced to him as "one of us." "Obama was already an ardent Marxist when I met in the fall of 1980," said Drew, going on the record. Drew is certainly cognizant of the gravity of his statement. "I know it's incendiary to say this," he adds, but Obama "was basically a Marxist-Leninist." He noted how Obama, in *Dreams from My Father*, stated that when he got to college, he attended "socialist conferences" and "hung out" with Marxist professors. But what Obama did not explain or clarify, says Dr. Drew, is that Obama "was in 100 percent, total agreement with these Marxist professors."

I asked Drew where, precisely, he believes Obama stands today. Of course, Drew no longer knows Obama, and his main goal in reaching out to me was to clarify where Obama stood at Occidental, which is information that cannot be ignored. That said, he did tell me this: "There are a lot of brands of Marxism. That was one of the key ingredients of my argument with the young Barack Obama. I see evidence of [a] continuing commitment to Marxist ideology every time President Obama traces the furor of the public to underlying economic conditions and inevitable changes taking place in society. In the Marxist model, the economy is the driving force behind change in the other spheres of society."

Drew shared those thoughts with me last spring. More recently, however, we had an even more illuminating conversation when I had the opportunity to interview Drew while I was guest-hosting the [Glen Meakem Program](#), a terrific radio-talk show broadcast from Pittsburgh. Here are edited excerpts of what Drew told me on the air on October 16, 2010:

Drew: As far as I can tell, I'm the only person in Obama's extended circle of friends who is willing to speak out and verify that he was a Marxist-Leninist in his sophomore year of college from 1980 to 1981. I met him because I graduated from Occidental College in 1979, and I was back at Occidental visiting a girlfriend.

Kengor: Was Occidental known for radical-left politics? Would that have been an attraction to Obama?

Drew: It was considered the Moscow of southern California when I was there. There were a lot of Marxist professors, many of whom I got to know pretty well. ... What I know absolutely for sure -- and this is where I really sought you out and I really wanted to be helpful in terms of the historic record -- was to verify that Barack Obama was definitely a Marxist and that it was very unusual for a sophomore at Occidental to be as radical or as ideologically attuned as young Barack Obama was.

Kengor: You said that Obama was introduced to you at Occidental College *as a Marxist*? Because you were one [a Marxist] at that point?

Drew: Yeah, that's embarrassing for me, but I studied Marxist economics when I was at the University of Sussex in England. I had a junior-year scholarship over there and I did my senior honors thesis on Marxist economics when I was at Occidental College. And I also founded [the] Democratic Student Socialist Alliance, you know, under a different name, in 1976.

Kengor: John, now you had told me before, and I'm reading from my own book here, "Obama was already an ardent Marxist when I met him in the fall of 1980. Quotation from above continued."

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Kengor: John, now you had told me before, and I'm reading from my own book here, "Obama was already an ardent Marxist when I met him in the fall of 1980. [Quotation from above continued.]"

Drew: Yeah, that's exactly right. Obama believed, at the time I met him -- this was probably around Christmastime in 1980 -- because, you know, I had flown out during Christmas break from Cornell, where I was doing my graduate work. Young Obama was looking forward to an imminent social revolution -- literally a movement where the working classes would overthrow the ruling class and institute a kind of socialist utopia in the United States. I mean, that's how extreme his views were his sophomore year of college.

Kengor: And you would know this because you were a comrade, so to speak.

Drew: Yeah, I was a comrade, but I was kind of more what Michael Savage called the "Frankfurt School" of Marxism at the time. I was, you know, I felt like I was doing Obama a favor by pointing out that the Marxist revolution that he and [our friends] were hoping for was really kind of a pipe dream, and that there was nothing in European history or the history of developed nations that would make that sort of fantasy -- you know, Frank Marshall Davis fantasy of revolution -- come true.

Kengor: So you had a realistic sense that even though you liked these ideas, it [Marxist revolution] really couldn't happen or really wouldn't even work.

Drew: Right. I was ... still a card-carrying Marxist, but I was kind of a more advanced, East Coast, Cornell University Marxist, I think, at the time.

Kengor: But Obama thought it was practical -- he thought you could make this happen in America?

Drew: Oh yeah, and he kind of thought I was, you know, a little reactionary --

Kengor: -- that you were conservative compared to him!

Drew: Yeah, like I was kind of insensitive to the needs of the coming revolution. So that's why I said [Obama] was full-bore, 100% into that simpleminded Marxist, revolutionary mental framework.

Kengor: I know people are listening right now who want me to address this -- and especially people who are Obama supporters. To be fair, I mean, look at where you were then and now where you are today.

Drew: Well, yeah, now I'm a Ronald Reagan, churchgoing, Baptist conservative ...

Kengor: But now, okay, so what about Obama? Where do you think *he* is today? And to the people who are listening and are angry that we're even having this conversation, [I want to tell them this]: Look, you don't want us to talk about this because you don't like what it says about Obama's past, but we have to know this stuff about our presidents. We have to know where they came from. You can't leave this out of biographies. ...But what do you think it says about him today, Dr. Drew?

Drew: I can definitely kick down some doors here intellectually by nailing down that he had a very consistent ideology, probably from the time that he was [in Hawaii] until he was there with Alice Palmer and Bill Ayers in Chicago. I think his current behavior demonstrates that he does still have these ideological convictions. Whenever he talks about taxing the richest two percent, I think even though he knows that will harm the economy -- to him, that redistribution of wealth is still *extremely* important. And I think the problem here is that he never studied political science or economics the way I did. He just went straight to law school.

Kengor: No real-world experience.

Drew: Right. He never had any real business experience, never had a payroll to meet, and I think he still is locked in a very dangerous

mindset where I think if he didn't fight to redistribute the wealth, he would feel guilty -- as if he were violating a John Rawls' *Theory of Justice* ideology.

Kengor: And that's what people need to understand. That's why all of this matters. That's why the background is so crucial -- Frank Marshall Davis, what happened at Occidental, goes straight to Columbia from Occidental, the Bill Ayers affiliation, no real-world experience -- this matters. You need to know this in your presidents. ...

On whether or not "Obama" believes in some form of Marxism today, you had told me for my book, "There are a lot of brands of Marxism. That was one of the key ingredients in my argument with Obama. I see evidence of a continuing commitment to Marxist ideology every time President Obama traces the furor of the public to underlying economic conditions and inevitable changes taking place in society." So it's not that he's right now trying to abolish all private property, but you're saying he has a certain -- he still holds to certain tenets of a Marxist worldview.

Drew: Yeah, I think whenever he talks about people clinging to their guns and their religion due to economic stress, that's just the standard Marxist argument. In fact, that's the argument of alienation and class-consciousness that [Marxists believe that people] hold to, the superficial religious and cultural ideals of the capitalist culture. [Marxists believe that people hold to that] instead of paying attention to the root economic changes, which are supposedly controlling their thoughts and their behavior. So he's still using the Marxist mental architecture in the way he talks about things, and I really think he's surrounded by people that share that mental architecture.

Those are excerpts from my interview with Dr. Drew in October. You can listen to the interview. Moreover, Drew followed up with a short article), noting his frustration over the media's refusal to even call him about Obama. Clearly, these are important things that at least should be part of the conversation in trying to understand what our president believes and where he came from. Any historian or biographer knows: You don't ignore mentors. To the contrary, you start with the mentors. And yet, to my knowledge, only a handful of people have interviewed John Drew or bothered with his story, including even the biggies in conservative talk radio. (Michael Savage is an exception. Also, on the web, Trevor Loudon and Scott Baker have shared his story.) In 2007-2008, our press failed to do its job in vetting this candidate for the presidency. Our liberal "journalists" willfully covered their eyes and ears. And now they'll blast people like me for daring to even bother to investigate and consider these questions. (Actually, they don't blast; they ignore.) And we went encounter the likes of Dr. John Drew and carefully walk through his experiences, they'll dismiss us, as they are dismissing Drew himself.

That's a mistake. Drew has a lot to teach us about a critical missing piece in the puzzle of Barack Obama's early life and political-ideological development. This information would seem rather relevant, given that this is the man now running the mightiest economic engine in the history of humanity. For the occupant of that position, I personally prefer someone who doesn't have remnants of a Marxist worldview influencing his thoughts and actions. Unfortunately, I believe we saw some of those remnants on display in Obama's words earlier this week, and not for the first -- or last -- time.

Paul Kengor is professor of political science at Grove City College. His books include [The Crusader: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of Communism](#) and the newly released [Dupes: How America's Adversaries Have Manipulated Progressives for a Century](#).

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MARDI GRAS BUNCO NIGHT
with Santa Rosa Republican Women
Thursday, March 3, 2011
Omelette Express

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5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Bring your friends, men welcome!

Mardi Gras wear provided or come in costume!

prizes, snacks, fun

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The Enduring Lesson Of The 2010 Elections

by [Thomas Del Beccaro](#)

Election cycles come and go. In recent years, control of the House of Representatives has been changing rather faster than ever before – three turnovers in the last 16 years alone after four decades of one-party rule.

What drives changes in voter sentiment is often debated but, quite frankly, is not really a historical mystery. Two basic factors play the greatest role in the absence of national security considerations: (1) whether government is perceived as the problem or the solution to the problem in voters' minds; and, closely tied to that, (2) which party is perceived as the party of prosperity. In 2010, both those factors ran in the Republicans' favor. Keeping those factors in the GOP's favor is no less than essential going forward.

Throughout all history, people tend to accept more government when the private sector or security is the perceived problem. They tend to move away from government when government is the perceived problem.

In our own history, the success of the Revolutionary War was based on the Colonials' belief that the British government was their persecutor. When Ronald Reagan ran for President, his campaign and Presidency were based on the notion that government was not the solution to our problems; government was seen as the problem.

Even in modern California, in 2003, Republicans garnered 62% of the vote and recalled a Democrat governor by playing up the perceived and actual abuse of a runaway government that tripled the car tax – a tax that hit every economic class. Both Arnold Schwarzenegger (moderate) and Tom McClintock (conservative) pushed and eventually won the repeal of the “illegal” tripling of the car tax – even in the face of a \$10 billion plus deficit.

Before that, California grass-roots Republicans started a national wildfire in the form of Proposition 13 that pushed back at government for rising property taxes. California Republicans made significant Statehouse gains that same year, and shortly thereafter Ronald Reagan rode the tax cutting wave to the Presidency.

On the other hand, many a politician has vilified the private sector en route to promoting big government. Franklin D. Roosevelt excoriated the private sector in each of his terms as he and his Congress grew government tenfold – even though his government provided little relief for the economy. Certainly President Obama did and continues to do the same.

Indeed, the Left and their politicians have made more than a living by exaggerating the problems of the private sector and the free market and then pushing supposedly corresponding government responses – every day of every year. Republicans, meanwhile, only promote a more limited government intermittently and toward the end of an election cycle. In the face of a \$4 trillion monolith of a government, ask yourself who is winning that battle.

Closely tied to that dynamic is the perception of which party offers the country a road to prosperity. If the private sector is successfully vilified (even for the sins of gov-

ernment), the Democrats will likely win, bringing with them increased government spending. Witness the government-induced housing meltdown that was blamed on the private sector for the benefit of Obama in 2008 and the federal response.

FDR got away with the same even though government raised taxes throughout the Great Depression, cut off trade and the Federal Reserve allowed the money supply to shrink by one-third.

Returning to Reagan, we find that when government was correctly perceived as the problem, private sector tax cuts (not public stimulus) was the solution that won the day in the minds of voters – not to mention resulting in 92 months of economic growth. Presidents Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge successfully employed that strategy for the 1920s as did John F. Kennedy with his tax cutting plan for the 1960s.

In that context, (1) Obama's rightfully vilified runaway government which shoved the failed stimulus program, cap and trade (and EPA regulation), and ObamaCare down the throats of Americans -- combined with (2) unemployment, despite the government stimulus, above 9% for a near record number of months -- provide an easy explanation for the 2010 midterm results.

The challenge for Republicans is not to let voters' feelings change on those issues.

To accomplish this, Republicans need to stop merely campaigning and start communicating. Indeed, every day of every year:

1. Republicans must support the cause of economic freedom in the form of lower tax rates and regulations and explain why lower tax rates result in a more vibrant economy and higher tax revenues as opposed to higher tax rates.
2. And Republicans must, at every level of government – especially while voters are hurting financially – (a) highlight an existing government program that is not working or is wasteful, and (b) communicate (not campaign) to voters the breadth and cost of that program in the form of higher taxes and lost private sector jobs.

For instance, in California, every year the government overpays between \$30 million and \$125 million on school roof repair because of state failure to make proper use of competitive bidding. Beyond the higher taxes, that waste means that, every year, Californians are deprived of 350 to 1,500 teachers and/or between 200 and 900 business start-ups. In a federal budget of \$4 trillion, similar stories could be repeated every day of every year for decades.

If voters at every level only knew what government was doing to their prosperity. If Republicans would only let them know, the GOP would win more elections. It is not a question of a way – it is a question of will.

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Maridale Smith received this e-mail recently and wants to share with the club.

Greetings from Afghanistan,

I am SrA Jillian Rutherford and I will be taking over the donations program here in the CASF along with SSgt Rogers, SrA Sherri Jones is departing us and on her way back to her family :). Just a little bit of background information for you, I am from Sacramento, CA and currently stationed at Travis AFB where I work in Labor and Delivery. I arrived

here at BAF around a week ago or so and am looking forward to the operations we have going on here. I wanted to thank all of you for your support and all the contributions you have made they are immensely appreciated by all the patients and the staff so thank you very much. If you have any questions about anything or if there is anything that I can help you with please feel free to email me.

Thanks Again, SrA Jillian Rutherford

Wreaths Across America December 10 2010 noon eastern time. Welcome to Wreaths Across America Veterans Grove Cemetery, California Veterans Home, Yountville. *This historically significant cemetery is nestled among the rolling hills and centuries-old oaks of the Napa Valley. Each year, we have an intimate gathering followed by our wreath laying ceremony. Individuals are invited to walk among the rows of markers and pay their respects to our heroes by laying a wreath on a grave.*

The Yountville Veterans Home Administration and Members in partnership with Wreaths Across America and Rough Riders Motorcycle Club, spending the morn-



ing with loved ones and patriot volunteers in honor and remembrance of those who gave so much.

MARIE DERR, Nikki Derr (member of the DAR) with Nicholas Derr (Marie's son) participated at the Yountville celebration of this great day. Nicki was engaging her grandson in the event. The CA Undersecretary for Veterans Affairs was present and the head of American Legion for the USA. It was great to be a part of it. Each volunteer is given a wreath that has been donated to the cemetery by great Americans and trucked in by the Wreaths Across America program to place on the gravesite of one of our soldiers..



The first stamp of Ronald Reagan was issued just after his death in 2004. This will make his third stamp, If it was "morning in America" for former President Ronald Reagan, a commemorative postage stamp to mark the Gipper's birth centennial will forever view the sunrise. Although the preliminary design shows a 44-cent value, the postal agency recently announced that all commemorative, or special, issues would be inscribed with "Forever," instead of a face value, meaning they would sell for the current first-class rate but would remain valid for first-class mail even when rates increase. The stamp will be available February 10TH in honor of Reagan's 100TH birthday. Texas artist Bart Forbes created the portrait, based on a 1985 photograph of Reagan taken at Rancho del Cielo, near Santa Barbara, Calif. www.reagancentennial.com



Membership 2011

Rosalie Parks - Membership Chair

2009 NFRW Diamond Award Winning Club

2010 CFRW Northern Division Circle of Excellence Award Winner

Renewals 70 renewals and New Members 4

It is that time of the year again - to renew your membership in Santa Rosa Republican Women, Federated! The Renewal Invoice letter was sent out by 2010 Membership chair Nancy Maier to each member of the 2010 paid membership through October.

The board would like to prepare the roster early in February, therefore it is imperative that all membership dues be paid by February 1st. Membership Dues have been PAID

Delphine Adams	Barbara Holmes	B. Jean Pierce
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Santa Rosa Republican Women, Federated

Membership Form 2011

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Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____@_____

Spouse's name _____

Newsletter by mail _____ or E-mail _____

Please indicate the appropriate membership:

_____ **\$35 Active Member**

_____ **\$50 Sustaining Member** (Non-participating registered **Republican woman** interested in supporting the Club, receiving our newsletter and information.)

_____ **\$30 Associate Member** (A non-voting membership for a woman who is an active member of another Republican Women Federated Club, or who is not a citizen of the United States, or a man who is interested in promoting the goals and objectives of the Republican Women Federated.)

_____ **Free Honorary Membership** - Republican Woman 90 years plus.

_____ **\$10 Student Membership**

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Membership form also on the website www.santarosarwf.org and may be charged to your credit card for a fee.

SRRWF JANUARY INVENTORY SALE

Ways and Means Committee - The Sales Table, Opportunity Drawings (formerly known as raffles) and 50/50 opportunity have been our clubs way to raise money. These monies are for general fund use with a yearly amount dedicated to items to purchase for the troop boxes and to help send our members to meetings. There will be an INVENTORY SALE at the January meeting. Please come prepared to shop!



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Renewal membership due January!
 If your name is NOT on the list on page 11, please mail your check today. You may pay your membership online (\$5.00 fee).

The Tournament of Roses Parade National Award for best depiction of life in the United States was awarded on January 1, 2011. The float kicked off a year-long celebration of events to commemorate the life and legacy of Ronald Wilson Reagan who would have turned 100 years old on February 6, 2011. The beautiful winning float was 55 feet long and 26 feet high featuring black and white photos of “iconic moments” in Reagan’s life, a statue of the president modeled after his statue in the Rotunda of the U. S. Capitol, a sculpture of a bald eagle and 65,000 red roses. The float was sponsored by Jelly Belly Factory.



Calendar 2011

Mark your calendar for the year. 4th Tuesday of each month from September thru June. Meetings will be held at the Fountaingrove Golf and Athletic Club unless there is a need for a change of date.

- January 17 Martin Luther King Birthday
- January 25 General Meeting - Judge Averill
- February 22 General Meeting - Pathway for Veterans
- March 3 Mardi Gras Party - Just for FUN-raiser
- March 22 General Meeting - Max Rexroad
- April 26 General Meeting
- May 24 General Meeting
- June tba Patriots BBQ... Celebrate USA

Sonoma County Republican Party meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.. Information-707 542-7066
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North Sonoma County Republican Club. January 19 at Adel's - 7 am, 198 Dry Creek Rd, Healdsburg, CA 95448 call 707.578.0414

Republican Women Federated Clubs -

- Marin RWF** - Meets fourth Wednesday
www.maringop.org
- Napa Valley RWF** - Meets second Thursday of each month
www.napagop.org
- Napa Vintage RWF** - Meets third Thursday Evening
 707-554-4710
- Novato RWF** - Meets third Tuesday www.novatorwf.org
- Sonoma Valley RWF** - Meets Second Thursday each month
 707 938-5055
- Upper Napa RWF** - Meets Second Monday call
 Marjorie Preston 707-226-2914