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Monthly Meeting

Tuesday ~ December 15, 2009

FOUNTAINGROVE GOLF & ATHLETIC CLUB

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Rick Gantenbein

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Presidents Message



Merry Christmas to all of our wonderful members. Can you believe that a year has gone by so fast? Could it possibly be that all of the “stuff” coming out of Washington has hit us like incoming missiles and time seems to have gone by extra fast because we have been so busy ducking. It is a good thing that Republican Women are strong.

Our meeting on December 15th will be the last meeting of the year. Rick Gantenbein is the pastor at St. Andrew’s Church in Sonoma and will give us his thoughts on this wonderful season. I have heard him speak and he is truly inspirational. We will also install the new officers at that time.

Please bring an unwrapped toy for the children living with their mothers at the various Recovery Houses. The children range in age from 10 months to 10 years. This is part of our Caring for America Project. Thanks for your participation.

I need to remind members that we are charged every month for 40 lunches whether or not there are 40 attendees. Therefore, if you make a reservation and do not come, you will be billed for the lunch unless we have advance notice that your plans have changed. We have been doing well with our numbers and I am confident that this will continue.

There are articles in this month’s newsletter that are serious and meant to be thought provoking. I wish we could just have a merry holiday newsletter, but we are in a very dangerous period and we cannot lose time. Liberals work 24/7. They don’t worry about holidays.

However, that said, we need to remember that our strongest weapon is prayer and staying in touch with the Almighty.

A Blessed Christmas and a Happy Hanukah to you and your families.

Edelweiss Geary, President



December Speaker

Richard Gantenbein - Senior Pastor

Rich came to St. Andrew in January, 1982. Back then, St. Andrew was a small Country church, meeting in the converted carriage house on what was the Spreckles Sugar family estate. In 1989, things changed when the old building burned to the ground.

From the ashes, God raised up a new church

building with a congregation that has been "on fire" and growing ever since. The one thing that has been constant for the past twenty-seven years is change -- change in Rich's life and change in the life of the congregation. The verse that gives Rich hope and purpose is from Paul's prayer for the Philippians: "...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you, will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6)

Rich graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree in 1976, then went on to earn a Doctor of Ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1985. He grew up in Portland, Oregon, and met his wife Lorna at Portland Adventist Hospital, where she worked as a nurse and he worked as an orderly. They were married in 1972. Their daughter Julie, her husband Russ Findley, and their son Oliver live in the East Bay community of Kensington. Julie is a staff attorney for the Natural Heritage Institute. Rich is passionate about bicycling (passionate is an understatement), builds custom furniture in his “Geppetto’s” woodshop, and is a neophyte fly fisherman

Installation of the

SRRWF Elected Executive Board 2010-2011

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“THE SACRIFICE OF WAR”

by MARIAH PIEPHO

There are guns

There are bombs

There are people that will miss you

Like sisters and moms

There are explosions

There are fires

There are accidents

There are liars

Some are nice

Some are mean

Some are men

And some are teens

You see the colors

Yes, I do too

There's red and white

And a beautiful blue

It takes courage

It takes heart

It is so sacrificial

You may fall apart

If you go to war

You have a good soul

You care about others

You are playing your role

It gets hot

It gets cold

Soldiers die young

Soldiers die old

It is ugly

It is beautiful

It is hard

It is crucial

You fight again and again

For the red, white and blue

You fight for me

You fight for you

You fight to be free

You fight to be true

You fight for freedom

May God bless you

Read at the CFRW Northern Division
Convention by the 12 year old author



*An Excerpt from a recent e-mail received by a Petaluma resident to
SRRWF Americanism Chair, Maridale Smith*

‘There is a group of parents that have made a commitment to pray for 4th LAR BN (battalion - about 400-500 marines) everyday at noon until our boys return home. If you want to join us, set your phone alarm and join us when you can! I got an e-mail from another parent saying his Marine had specifically asked for anything that can be mixed with hot water. Like: dry soups, cocoa, coffee, etc. It is starting to get very cold at night (temps range from 75-80 in day to 25-28 at night) and the guys have to stand watch 24/7. Some of the guys are getting sick and thinning the ranks. He was hoping this might strengthen the guys so they wouldn't get sick.’

There are 15 men in this particular company. David - the nephew of our Petaluma contact - reports that two in his unit have **NO FAMILY** or people who stay in touch with them. *I placed cards at the tables and most all those in attendance at the meeting in November said a few words and signed their name.* We will be sending boxes very soon and will include them in our group.

Here is a current list of items needed

Gum ~ Candy ~ Chocolate ~ Chips in cylinder cans only

Dried drink packets ~ (Costco has instant Starbucks)

Alpine Spiced Apple Cider ~Tea ~ Gatorade~ Crystal Light

Small Tuna or chicken packs ~ Dried soups ~ Trail Mix ~ Pop tarts ~Beef Jerky
~ Granola power bars ~ homemade cookies in flat box or cans ~

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Baby Wipes ~ Athletic Socks (thick) ~ Aspirin ~ eye drops ~ Foot powder ~
anti-itch powder~ sun block ~ Chap stick ~ playing cards

(I NEVER DO THIS, LADIES, BUT I AM GIVING YOU THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THOSE TWO WONDERFUL YOUNG MEN. I HOPE YOU WILL SEND BOTH OF THEM CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.)

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Pay Cuts for Lawmakers

On Thursday, California Attorney General Jerry Brown gave his necessary "ok" to cut state lawmakers' and elected officials' pay by 18 percent. An independent salary-setting commission decided in May that pay cuts for our state's legislators and top officials will take effect in December 2010. But Brown concluded that mid-term pay cuts do not violate our state's constitution, and they therefore will go into effect next month. The Attorney General has not yet addressed a separate 18 percent cut in legislative benefits, such as their car allowance or the \$173 per diem they receive. That reduction, which will also go into effect next month, was decided by the California Citizens Compensation Commission. The Commission is tasked with annually analyzing salaries and has the executive authority to set salaries and benefits for our state's legislature and other elected officials.

No More Gerrymandering!

The state auditor is encouraging Californians to apply to serve on the Citizens Redistricting Commission. A new website was launched to increase interest in applying for the commission. Applications will be accepted starting on **December 15th** at www.WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov. Proposition 11, which passed in 2008, creates the 14 member commission with the task of redrawing districts for the state's Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization after the 2010 census is complete. But not everyone can apply to be a member; there are certain conflicts of interest that could disqualify an applicant. **Registered lobbyists, political party committee members, campaign workers, elected or appointed officials who have served at any time, or those who have contributed more than \$2,000 to a campaign are not qualified to apply. If you do not fall into any of these categories, I would urge you to apply online!**

Legislative Analyst Office Woes

It's that time again... budget time. The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) of the Capitol has released its "Fiscal Outlook" for the 2010-11 budget, and the number it came up with: \$20.7 billion. As of today, it is going to take \$20.7 billion dollars to balance the budget of the next 19 months. Because California

already cut much from K-12 schools and colleges, as well as Medi-Cal, the state is spending the minimum amount required by the federal government for those programs, which make up more than half of our general fund budget. So what's left to cut? Speculators believe legislators will look to prisons, parks, and social services for greater cuts. But be prepared for a larger gap, if the courts throw out a \$1.7 billion redevelopment fund shift or find furloughs illegal. Looking back on it, the IOUs issued by the government this year did more harm than good due to interest repayments; but unfortunately, our legislators will search for similar solutions to fix our problems. Surprisingly, the LAO warned against increasing taxes as a solution and instead suggested looking for other sources of revenue and lobbying for federal relief. Your Legislative Advocate will be watching for new budget developments as this year comes to a close.

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Although we are unable to give our members access to our web-based bill tracking service, there is a way you can find and monitor California legislation. You can access that information on the internet by going to the [Legislature Home Page](http://www.legislature.ca.gov/) www.legislature.ca.gov/ and completing the information on the right side by either indicating the bill number, the author, or key words. You can then subscribe to an email update and you will be notified when there is action on legislation of interest to you



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CFRW Northern Division

January 23/24 - Leadership Workshop, Courtyard by Marriott, Fairfield.



CFRW

February 6-7 Winter Conference, Hyatt Westlake Hotel.

April 18-20 Advocacy Days in Sacramento

Ladies of Liberty Biennial Convention was attended by SRRWF members Edelweiss Geary (CFRWND Regional Director) and Ruth Van Bemmerl (CFRWND Membership Secretary) along with 230 like minded women. Morning business resulted in the adoption of the proposed Regional Reorganization Plan and the adoption of the Special Rule to allow the Executive Committee a one-time appointment of the incoming regional directors for 2010-2011.

Former Assemblyman Rick Keene our luncheon speaker urged us to keep our Republican legislators' feet to the fire and not sway from basic GOP principles.

No Child Left Behind Chairman Susan Miller introduced 2 of the 3 teachers honored by N.D. as teachers of the year.

First afternoon workshop speaker was Pacific Legal Foundation's Dave Stirling who graphically pointed out the consequences of the Endangered Species Act since its passage: loss of private property (homes and land), loss of income, and loss of freedom. Mr. Stirling's book, *Green Gone Wild*, can be obtained from PLF at www.mds@pacificlegal.org Agency website- www.pacificlegal.org

Saturday candidates' forum was very successful. 14 candidates for congressional seats with one candidate for Board of Equalization, one for Superintendent of Schools and one for US Senate. Most had never held public office. They are energized to return our country to Constitutional principles and see the need to become politically involved to do so. If they do not win their primary races, I think we can look forward to their continued activism in some other arena.

Saturday night was the Installation of 2010-2011 Officers with CFRW President Kathy Brugger serving as Installing Officer.

Officers for 2010-2011 were elected. Here are your new officers:

Murriel Oles, President

Karen Kennedy, 1st VP

Roseann Slonsky-Breault, 2nd VP

Doris Whitney, 3rd VP

Karen Atteberry, Treasurer

Dottie Ray Souter, Recording Secretary

Ruth Van Bommel, Membership Secretary

Banquet Speaker Mike Winther eloquently presented the need for an understanding of our Constitution. 2 questions to ponder. What are enumerated powers in the Constitution and what is the source of Rights? He detailed his answers with examples of misunderstanding and abuse of both the enumerated powers of the federal government and usurpation of inalienable rights by the federal government. He conducts 10 week classes on the Constitution, teaches classes in high school and is based in Modesto. He highly recommends **The Making of America** by Cleon Skousen as the best book to show what the Constitution meant to the Founding Fathers in their own words. Contact Institute for Principle Studies: www.PrincipleStudies.org or phone 209-575-2005

Sunday business included the

- **Adoption of Resolution Supporting Sheriff Joe Arpaio** of Arizona as our Portrait of a Patriot.
- **Allison Olson, our new CFRW Advocate**, told us about her first few months on the job.
- **Eddie Geary conducted a Legislative Panel** with Karen Klinger from Sacramento RWF and Louise Gliatto, President of Siskiyou RWF. Karen addressed the issue of local agencies connecting with regional agencies and working with state, national, and now even international agencies on local land use policy affecting each one of us. Louise Gliatto updated us on the Klamath Dam situation and the continued pressure on local persons to push for the removal of the 4 dams. Deception and promises seem to be winning over even state legislators to remove the dams with taxpayers paying for the entire cost.

Americanism Chairman Phyllis Stout was delighted to award a \$50 USA Savings Bond to the 8th Grade essay winner, Chase Cabot, for his 5 minute conversation with President Lincoln. Chase read his essay. There were over 200 entries. Then 12 yr. old Mariah Piepho, daughter of Contra Costa Supervisor Mary Piepho, read her poem honoring our Veterans.

The Focus will be available by pre-sale for \$10.00. See Eddie Geary for information.

Congratulations to Santa Rosa RWF

- **Winner for increased Membership in their category**
- **First Place Newsletter Award in their category (\$50.00)**

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Sarah Palin and the Low Ebb of the Cultural Left

By Claude Sandroff

No serious observer or reader could ever label Sarah Palin as our Pangloss of the North. The former governor's view of politics and of life itself is maturely tragic, as it should be for a true conservative.

Starting with a broad-ranging, 5,000-plus word Facebook note, then her recent Hong Kong address to an international investment group, and in more detail in *Going Rogue*, Palin explains again and again that the very essence of "common sense conservatism" is a recognition of the limits placed on the mutability of human nature. Government can do only so much. We have to figure out how to muddle through the rest as best as we can.

But recognizing the tragic human condition is not synonymous with despair. And as we roam about the American political landscape and meet up with the controlling pessimism of Obama, Reid, Pelosi, and their crass, partisan underlings and vicious media enablers, something becomes immediately apparent: where Palin goes, people are usually happy.

This deep, joyful, personal connection Palin makes with the middle class is crudely trivialized by the lamestream media, to use Palin's phrase, as white-trash populism. In a bizarre recent instance of this mindset, Chris Matthews actually provided real-time commentary focusing on the racial makeup of the huge crowds awaiting Palin's first book-signing stop in Grand Rapids. "Well, they look like a white crowd to me...not that there's anything wrong with it, but it is pretty monochromatic up there...no surprise in terms of the ethnic nature of the people showing up. Nothing wrong with that. But it is a fact."

The fact that MS-NBC would this give this cruel, deeply disturbed, fulminating racist a public forum (though a small one) attests to how venomous our media culture has become. Yet it is Palin who is caricatured as divisive by the left and as superficial even by some putative conservatives. Where Palin's opponents go, people are usually angry.

One of the great challenges when writing about Palin is to maintain focus on her concrete accomplishments (the energy-related legislative agenda she advanced and passed were masterful) while avoiding the traps set by the those intent on reducing her to a mere social firebrand. It is ever the goal of the "elitist loons," a phrase used by Palin to describe John Kerry, to so stigmatize her. Whether by printing an overtly sexist image of her on the cover of *Newsweek* or by David Brooks insisting that she remains a "joke," the overt goal is to ridicule her beyond redemption.

But Sarah Palin's extraordinary career trajectory, the American life that led from holding moose eyeballs for her father after a morning hunt to vice-presidential candidate, is not so easily dismissed.

The attempt to do so is the low ebb of the cultural left, and it reveals only that they fear Palin more than they hate her. And labeling her as fundamentally divisive is downright absurd, given many of her resounding political victories: winning 75% of voters in her second mayoral run and earning approval ratings of 88% as governor in a state where 70% of the electorate is registered "independent."

Unlike many women in the liberal political and media firmament whose success is based on the pull from powerful fathers or husbands, Palin's success is as self-made as any American's in political history. That she could build this career in the harsh, male-dominated frontier culture of Alaska is even more astounding.

Everything Palin accomplished was achieved without inherited money, position, or political connections. Being self-made is something the likes of Sally Quinn could never claim. That Palin is an irresistible media-ratings magnet, beautiful, unapologetic, unabashedly conservative, and Christian just adds to the liberal animus. The attacks of the vipers can only get worse as Palin adds personal wealth to her resume, especially since she will have earned it by selling more books than all of her detractors combined.

Whereas Hillary has always conferred on Sarah the hard-won respect of a fellow political combatant, Sally Quinn -- Mrs. Ben Bradlee -- reveals an uncensored hatred that would be scary if Quinn did not come across as an irrelevant hag. Her invective, focused on Palin's brand of Christianity, was recently on display during an interview with Bill O'Reilly. It is indistinguishable from that offered up by the other jealous witches of the East: Peggy Noonan, Kathleen Parker, and Maureen Dowd. All four of them might ask if they could accompany Palin on her next religious retreat in order to pick up basic lessons in the kind of Christian charity in evidence throughout *Going Rogue*, where God is the co-star, appearing by rough count on every eighth page.

As the lamestream media carp away, thousands of eager admirers, including many young women, line up for Palin's signature at every stop. As these young women decide how to comport themselves, as women and possibly as politicians, they could choose a worse model than Sarah Palin.

The soul-nourishing formula that seems to work for Palin is to combine a personal, unthreatening evangelical Christianity with the centrality of family. And then she works very hard, staying true to *laissez-faire* capitalist principles -- common sense conservatism -- by emulating the much-admired "steel spine" of Ronald Reagan.

This core allows her to stay grounded, simple, true to her beliefs, and consistent and brave in espousing her political philosophy. It has allowed her to endure much, in both politics and life, with grace. And it has provided us with a spectacle of a lifetime.

The Wilding of Sarah Palin

By Robin of Berkeley

When I was in college, I read a book that changed my life. It was Susan Brownmiller's tome, Against Our Will: Men, Women, and Rape, which explained rape as an act of power instead of just lust. What I found particularly chilling was the chapter on war -- how rape is used to terrorize a population and destroy the enemy's spirit.

While edifying, the book magnified the vulnerability I already felt as a female. Fear of rape became a constant dread, and I sought a solution that would help shield me from danger.

The answer: seek safe harbor within the Democratic Party. I even became an activist for feminist causes, including violence against women. Liberalism would protect me from the big, bad conservatives who wished me harm.

Like for most feminists, it was a no-brainer for me to become a Democrat. Liberal men, not conservatives, were the ones devoted to women's issues. They marched at my side in support of abortion rights. They were enthusiastic about women succeeding in the workplace. As time went on, I had many experiences that should have made me rethink my certainty. But I remained nestled in cognitive dissonance -- therapy jargon for not wanting to see what I didn't want to see.

One clue: the miscreants who were brutalizing me didn't exactly look Reagan-esque. In middle and high schools, they were minority kids enraged about forced busing. On the streets of New York City and Berkeley, they were derelicts and hoodlums.

Another red flag: while liberal men did indeed hold up those picket signs, they didn't do anything else to protect me. In fact, their social programs enabled bad behavior and bred chaos in urban America. And when I was accosted by thugs, those leftist men were missing in action.

What else should have tipped me off? Perhaps the fact that so many men in ultra-left Berkeley are sleazebags. Rarely a week goes by that I don't hear stories from my young female clients about middle-aged men preying on them. With the rationale of moral relativism, these creeps feel they can do anything they please.

What finally woke me up were the utterances of "bitch," "witch," and "monster" toward Hillary Clinton and her supporters early last year. I was shocked into reality: the trash-talk wasn't coming from conservatives, but from male and female liberals.

I finally beheld what my eyes had refused to see: that leftists are Mr. and Ms. Misogyny. Neither the males nor the females care a whit about women. Women are continually sacrificed on the altar of political correctness. If under radical Islam women are enshrouded and stoned and beheaded, so be it.

My other epiphanies: those ponytailed guys were marching for abortion rights not because they cherished women's reproductive freedom, but to keep women available for free and easy sex. And the eagerness for women to make good money? If women work hard, leftist men don't have to.

Then along came Sarah, and the attacks became particularly heinous. And I realized something even more chilling about the Left. Leftists not only sacrifice and disrespect women, but it's far worse: many are perpetrators.

The Left's behavior towards Palin is not politics as usual. By their laser-focus on her body and her sexuality, leftists are defiling her. They are wilding her. And they do this with the full knowledge and complicity of the White House.

The Left has declared war on Palin because she threatens their existence. Liberals need women dependent and scared so that women, like blacks, will vote Democrat.

A strong, self-sufficient woman, Palin eschews liberal protection. Drop her off in the Alaskan bush and she'll survive just fine, thank you very much. Palin doesn't need or want anything from liberals -- not hate crimes legislation that coddles her, and not abortion, which she abhors.

Palin is a woman of deep and abiding faith. She takes no marching orders from messiah-like wannabes like Obama. And so the Left must try to destroy her. And they are doing this in the most malicious of ways: by symbolically raping her.

Just like a perpetrator, they dehumanize her by objectifying her body. They undress her with their eyes. They turn her into a piece of ass. Liberals do this by calling her a ugly names, ogling her legs, demeaning her with names like "slutty flight attendant" and "Trailer Park Barbie," and exposing her flesh on the cover of Newsweek.

And from Atlantic Magazine's Andrew Sullivan "Sarah Palin's vagina is the font of all evil in the galaxy." Nothing is off-limits, not actress Sandra Bernhard's wish that Palin be gang-raped or the sexualization of Palin's daughters. As every woman knows, leering looks, lurid words, and veiled threats are intended to evoke terror. Sexual violence is a form of terrorism.

The American Left has a long history of defiling people to control and break them. The hard core '60s leftists were masters of guerrilla warfare, like the Symbionese Liberation Army repeatedly raping Patty Hearst. Huey P. Newton sent a male Black Panther to the hospital, bloodied and damaged from a punishment of sodomy.

The extreme Left still consider themselves warriors, righteous soldiers for their Marxist cause. With Palin, they use sexual violence as part of their military arsenal.

Palin is not the only intended victim. As Against Our Will described, the brutality is also aimed at men. By forcing men to witness Palin's violation, the Left tries to emasculate conservative men and render them powerless.

The wilding of any woman is reprehensible. But defiling a mother of five with a babe in her arms, and a grandmother to boot, is particularly obscene. It is, of course, Palin's unapologetic motherhood that fuels the leftist fire.

Because as a mother and a fertile woman, Palin is as close to the sacred as a person gets. She is not just politically pro-life. Her whole being emanates life, which is a stark contrast to the darkness of the Left, the life-despoilers.

These "progressives" are so alienated from the sacred that they perceive nothing as sacred. And they will destroy anyone whose goodness shines a mirror on their pathology. The spiritually barren must annihilate the vital and the fertile.

It has been almost two years since I woke up and broke up with liberalism. During these many months, I've discovered that everything I believed was wrong.

But the biggest shock of all has been realizing that the Democratic Party is hardly an oasis for women. Now that it has been infiltrated by the hard Left, it's a dangerous place for women, children, and other living things.

In the wilding of Sarah Palin, the Left shows its true colors. Rather than shield the vulnerable, leftists will mow down any man, woman, or child who gets in their way. Instead of a movement of hope and change, it is a cauldron of hate.

In these dark times, with spiritually bankrupt people at the helm, thank God we have bright lights like Sarah Palin to illuminate the darkness.

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Letter from Joan Dayton October 2009

Before I die, and I am 80, I said to my Boy Bird a few years ago, "I will somehow get to the Ronald Reagan Library." And I made it happen. Boy Bird is my parakeet.

I boarded a bus in Novato and spent three of the most fun filled days I have every had traveling and I have traveled a bit. A few chances have arisen over the years of making this adventure but how did I know the time had come to be in the right place at the right time among a busload of Republican Women. I knew.

It really got kick started when with someone taking the lead we burst into singing *God Bless America* in the lobby of the hotel at our best and loudest.

We had three clubs united and it was a delight to meet so many like-minded Americans.

At this time in our history making, I needed the inspiration, courage and of course, the humor bequeathed us from President Ronald Reagan. Until I immersed myself in this great man's legacy at the library where his entire gifted life is presented to me and to the world, I was becoming dispirited. Today my spine is erect and I shall start showing up downtown Sebastopol on Fridays at noon along with other patriots waving our flag and my sign that says, **SUPPORT OUR TROOPS.**

That's my "one for the Gipper".



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Bill Leonard - Board of Equalization 11/23/09

GPS Monitoring

When I looked at the state Inspector General's report on the Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation's parole supervision of David Garrido (who kidnapped and sexually assaulted Jaycee Lee Duggard and held her captive for 18 years) I was reminded of the book "Catch 22" by Joseph Heller. Heller's tale of military illogic is told with more humor than the IG's report, but the result is the same: a scathing, sorry, sad, scary tale of bureaucratic nonsense and buck-passing that defies common sense. While the sad part of the story is that Miss Duggard could have been spared a lifetime of abuse, the scary part is what we must face now. Garrido was being supervised under the state's GPS monitoring system for felony registered sex offenders, approved by voters in November 2006. Garrido began wearing his GPS monitor in April of 2008. Even though the technology can transmit a parolee's location, speed of movement, and direction of travel, it still takes a parole agent to look at the data. Agents can also establish zones a parolee must avoid or remain within.

Garrido's case demonstrates that even with policies in place, the system is dependent on human judgment and responsibility. Those failed Miss Duggard. The public is left to wonder how well or poorly the Department is monitoring the 7,000 some sex offender parolees who are fitted with GPS devices. Nearly 5,000 of them are classified as passive monitoring cases, the same light touch that let agents miss red flags sent up by Garrido. More worrisome is that under the state's plan to reduce the prison population to comply with federal court order, the Department will be trying to create a program where another nearly 5,000 inmates will be switched to GPS monitoring. It's a scheme that would make even Yossarian shudder.

Read the full IG's report on the Garrido case here:
<http://oig.ca.gov/media/reports/BAI/reports/Special%20Report%20on%20CDCR's%20Supervision%20of%20Parolee%20Phillip%20Garrido.pdf>

Leg Agenda: More Power for Us

When I first became a member of the Board of Equalization in 2002 the job I found least satisfying was sponsoring legislation. I had left the Legislature and no longer thought it was my job to make laws. Since that time I have grown even more wary of this and last week's meeting of the Board is a good example. There are always legislative proposals that can reasonably be called "technical housekeeping" -- like fixing drafting errors in law. I am happy to support these efforts. What I do not like is the tendency of the Board to lobby the Legislature to make the tax agencies more powerful and to prop up bad tax programs. I appreciate that the Governor has vetoed many egregious recommendations from the BoE -- while also signing some that came out of the BoE over my objections -- but at the very least there should be much more public pushback when the BoE asks the Legislature to make laws affecting taxpayers.

At last week's BoE meeting, the Board, over my objections, approved sponsoring legislation to mandate that certain small businesses and individuals apply for a Use tax permit; another to validate the uncollectable Use tax in a way that defies logic; another to give the BoE the authority to revoke the licenses of contractors who fail to pay their tax liability; and another to give the BoE access to employment data that was originally created to help the federal government track child support payments but has been expanded to allow access by many government agencies for many different reasons that have nothing to do with child support.

Folks, there is no limit to the bureaucracies' thirst for power. And it is not because the people who work in the government are bad people. It is simply the nature of the beast. The only thing that can stop it is conscientious legislators and governors, and most of all, the people.

Here is an edited clip of the discussions. I focus on my own comments because they, along with Board Member Michelle Steel's, are objections the Legislature will not even know about because the Board's majority voted in favor of sponsoring these flawed proposals.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s67L7-FKiF8>

Fort Hood Survivor! No TV! No News Conference



Down in Dothan, AL a man had a TV on in his office when the news of the military base shootings came on. The husband of one of his employees was stationed there. He called her into his office and the minute he told her what was going on, she got a text message from her husband saying, "I am okay." The cell phone started ringing right after that. It was an ER nurse. She said, "I'm the one who just sent you a text, not your husband." She thought the message would be comforting, but she immediately knew she had to let the wife know what was going on. She said, "I am sorry but your husband has been shot 4 times and he is in surgery." The wife left Southern Clinic in Dothan and drove all night.

Miraculously, here is the photo I just received from my brother that was taken in the hospital room. He is awake and will recover. His wife, who lives in Dothan, made it to Ft. Hood about the time he was waking up.



THE SKEPTICAL OBSERVER

Since the inauguration of Barack Obama, the nation has been reeling from all of the legislation, emergencies, speeches, apologies and grandiose plans that he has presented. Even those who voted against him hoped that he would govern in a centrist manner and lead the country through the challenges we face.

However, as time has gone on, it has become much clearer to the well informed, critical thinker that there is a plan behind all of the chaos going on in the country. It turns out that the plan has a name: **The Cloward-Piven Strategy of Orchestrated Crisis.**

Richard Andrew Cloward and Frances Fox Piven were radical socialist Columbia University Professors. Their philosophy was first stated in the May 2, 1966 issue of The Nation magazine.

The “Cloward-Piven Strategy” seeks to hasten the fall of capitalism by overloading the government bureaucracy with a flood of impossible demands, thus pushing society into crisis and economic collapse.

It should come as no surprise that these radicals were inspired by Saul Alinsky. In his 1989 book, **Rules for Radicals**, Alinsky stated, “Make the enemy live up to their (sic) own book of rules.” When pressed to honor every word of every law and statute, every Judeo-Christian moral tenet and every implicit promise of the liberal social contract, human agencies inevitably fall short. The system’s failure to “live up” to its rule book can then be used to discredit it altogether and to replace the capitalist “rule book” with a socialist one.

Cloward and Piven defined the kind of “crisis” they were trying to create.

By crisis, we mean a publicly visible disruption in some institutional sphere. Crisis can occur spontaneously (e.g., riots) or as the intended result of tactics of demonstration and protest which either generate institutional disruption or bring unrecognized disruption to public attention.

The strategy shared the following features:

1. The offensive organizes previously unorganized groups eligible for government benefits but not currently receiving all they can.
2. The offensive seeks to identify new beneficiaries and/or create new benefits
3. The overarching aim is always to impose new stresses on target systems, with the ultimate goal of forcing their collapse.

The first success of Cloward-Piven was with the welfare system in New York where they helped create the National Welfare Reform Organization. The group hired militant foot soldiers to demand their rights around the country. By the mid 1970’s, welfare rolls increased from 4.3M to 10.8M. In

New York, one person was on welfare for every two working in the private economy. In 1960, New York had 150,000 welfare cases. In 1970, the city had 1.5M welfare cases. Such a huge expansion of welfare sent the city into bankruptcy in 1975.

The latest group to use Cloward-Piven around the country is **ACORN, (Association of Community Organization for Reform Now)**. ACORN is currently involved in many activities including housing, voting rights and illegal immigration. In **Project Vote**, ACORN is striving to see that felons are granted the right to vote. They lobbied for the *Motor Voter Act of 1993*. Cloward and Piven had pushed for that bill since the early 1980’s and they were standing behind President Clinton when he signed the bill. Presently, ACORN is using Cloward-Piven to register Democrat voters legal or otherwise and help them vote, many times if possible.

Barack Obama ran ACORN’s Project Vote in Chicago and his very successful voter registration drive was credited with getting Senator Carol Moseley-Braun elected.

The mortgage crisis originated with the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) which was signed into law in 1977 by Jimmy Carter. The CRA was the answer to a grassroots activist movement started in Chicago that forced banks to make loans to low income, high risk customers. ACORN worked hard to expand loans to low income groups using CRA as the tool.

When you carefully review Barack Obama’s associations, work and history it becomes clear that he is a radical activist. He has worked for and with groups that essentially want to tear the foundations of this country apart in order to replace our foundations with a dysfunctional, socialist vision. This can be seen with Cap and Trade, Health Care “Reform”, Card Check, Gun Control and on and on.

We truly have a great deal of work to do.

James Simpson, Barack Obama and the Strategy of Manufactured Crisis, American Thinker, 11/27/09.





Membership 2009

Nancy Maier—Membership Chair

Award Winning Club - SRRWF

Every two years the Federation of Republican Women celebrate at their conventions. Members come together across the country(NFRW) the state(CFRW) and the Division (CFRW North)

NFRW - Diamond Award - SRRWF achieved the prestigious Diamond award by fulfilling the goals set by the NFRW. It denotes the top achievement any Club can earn. These achievement awards are designed to enhance teamwork among members of each club. It is a guide in planning club activities which will produce well-balanced clubs and programs. It establishes standards of performance for club functions, membership development, programs, campaign activities and community relations. There are four levels of achievement Bronze - Silver - Gold - Diamond.

CFRW - Recognition of Membership in their category, and statewide recognition of Newsletter in their category!

CFRW No Division - Circle of Excellence Award for achieving over 100% of last year's membership **AND a \$50.00 award for Newsletter in their category.**

SRRWF - Membership Incentive Program - Ann Porrino invited many women from her new home at Veranna and they became members.

Prediction for 2010 - our members will be more energized by the politics of the day... and with the energy of women like Sally Hopkins of the North Bay Patriots (USA Tea Party movement) and with moms following on www.asamom.org, our membership will grow. Please encourage your friends to join us in our club where our objective is to educate women in political issues.



Get involved at the state GOP level - for information contact fellow CFRW member and longtime employee

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Santa Rosa Republican Women, Federated

Membership Form 2010

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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

Make checks payable to SRRWF & mail to:

SRRWF - Treasurer

1585 Terrace Way, Box 306

Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Membership form also on the website www.srrwf.org and may be charged to your credit card.



REGISTER TO VOTE

Looking for a few good women!

Rosalie Parks has held this position for a number of years. It is time for a new chairman! We need new participants to become responsible for voter registration. 2010 will be an important year with the gubernatorial race and of course to beat Barbara Boxer to name one.



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Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas
SRRWF Caring for America Project
Toys for the kids at the
Women's Recovery Services

Please bring ONE (or more)
UNWRAPPED NEW TOY

- Skyler 3 mo girl
- Jeremiah 18 mo boy
- Hannah 18 mo girl
- Nora 18 mo girl
- Vito 2 yrs boy
- Talea 2 yrs boy
- Dayton 3 yrs boy
- Michael 4 yrs boy
- Tyler 4 yrs boy
- Sean 5 yrs boy
- Rico 7 yrs boy
- Jessica 10 yrs girl
- Jason 11 yrs boy



*Remember those days when your children opened their gifts??
 Don't forget the women! Practical and frivolous!*



Calendar 2009/10

December 15 Christmas Meeting

January 5 **Board meeting**

January 23 **Leadership Workshop** in Fair-
 field for all those in SRRWF to meet with fellow members of
 CFRW North (58 clubs) to learn about the federation, with time
 for round table discussion. SRRWF members registration/lunch
 with speaker will be paid for through our treasury.

January 26 **Monthly Meeting**

What does Government fear?
Patriots who educate their neighbors!

? Satellite meeting ? ?night? ?day? ? Saturday morning?

The idea is to gather at someone's home or easy to reach restau-
 rant and the "meeting" will be casual with no formal business. It
 is an opportunity for like minded women (and men) to gather and
 discuss the politics of the day. Occasionally there will be a
 speaker. Please help us name our *satellite* club. Some ideas are
 "SRRWF Kitchen Cabinet" ~ "Common Sense Politics"
 "Saturday Conservatives" ~ "Neighborhood Patriots"
 "Breakfast Meeting" and your suggestion!



Republicans Meeting Around the County

Sonoma County Republican Party meets the 3rd Wednesday
 of each month.. Information-707 542-7066
www.sonomagop.org

**North Sonoma County Rep Club (Healdsburg) will
 meet at 7:30 at Adels in January - Rosalie Parks
 Chair 707-578-0414**

Republican Women Fed Clubs -

North Bay Region

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 - 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