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Monthly Meeting

Tuesday ~ October 27, 2009

FOUNTAINGROVE GOLF & ATHLETIC CLUB

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Business meeting 11:15 a.m.; lunch to follow

Jeff Leasure

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Presidents Message



We are now in the beautiful days of autumn and getting closer and closer to the elections of 2010. It is not too early to check out candidates to support who are running for Congressional seats next year. It will be important to select strong candidates for the House and the Senate who will need our help if Republicans are to take Congress back.

This month our speaker is Jeff Leasure, a long time Insurance Representative who will answer your questions on health insurance and some of the legislation floating around Congress. He will be speaking about the problems people have with health insurance and ways to fix the system. Please have your questions ready.

Santa Rosa Republican Women has taken on a specific group for our Caring For America project. We will be supporting Women's Recovery Houses in Sonoma County. These are women who are living in sober and clean houses and many of them have their children with them. A list of items that the women can use is in the newsletter. A basket will be at the meeting.

We are also excited about starting a satellite group that meets once a month at night. We are planning to have the meetings at Varenna at FountainGrove. Plans will be finalized this week. Let everyone know about our satellite meeting so that Republican women who cannot come to a lunch meeting can join us. Current members are also welcome.

See you on October 27th. Bring a friend.

Edelweiss Geary, President



Jeff Leasure has been in the health insurance business since 1992. His business, Leasure Financial & Insurance Services, consists of servicing individual and small groups and providing them with the most appropriate health plan.

Jeff moved his business to Windsor in 1997 and is an active member of the community. He was President of The Windsor Chamber of Commerce from 2000 – 2001. He also served as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Windsor from 2002 – 2006.. He is an active member of his church and enjoys golf, hiking and boating.

Jeff graduated from Sacramento State University with a degree in Economics. He and his wife have three children Ages 10, 17 and 19. Mrs. Leasure has just completed her Medical Assistant training at Empire College and will be soon joining the work force.

HEALTH CARE DEBATE

www.barackobamaexperiment.com

“SENIORS’ BILL OF RIGHTS”

There is a new internet One Minute Ad where RNC Chairman, Michael Steele is the commentator:

“When you disagree with Washington, how come they act like it’s your problem?” “That’s what the Democrats have done with health care. They say you’re the problem.” “How about a different way? A focus on things we can all agree on?”

“Join us in supporting a new Seniors’ Bill of Rights.”

Michael Steele: “Let’s agree in both parties that Congress should only consider health reform proposals that protect senior citizens.”

Michael Steele: “For starters, no cuts to Medicare to pay for another program. Zero”

- No Cuts to Medicare to Pay for a New Program.

Michael Steele: “Make it illegal to ration health care based on age.”

- Make it Illegal to Ration Health Care Based on Age.

Michael Steele: “Prevent any government role in end-of-life care.”

- Prevent any Government Role in End-Of-Life Care.

Michael Steele: “And stop bureaucrats from getting between seniors and their doctors.”

- And Stop Bureaucrats from Getting Between Seniors and Their Doctors

Michael Steele: “A few things we should all agree on. The Seniors’ Bill of Rights.”

- Seniors’ Bill of Rights

Michael Steele: “Oh and President Obama, it’s not too late to change your mind.”

“Stand with us and stand with senior citizens. After all, they’ve earned it.”



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The Americanism Committee sent 18 boxes during the past month. We are in need of new names and addresses. While the Post Office is hoping to change its mailing operation to registration on line and home pick up - it does eliminate the opportunity to interact with people standing in line and to explain what 'all those boxes are for'. We will try to maintain the present arrangement. The fact is, we just picked up a possible new member and three new addresses of young men from Sonoma County now serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The old ways are still good for something. **Do bring**



bags of Halloween candy to the next luncheon meeting for our next shipping. We still need more Dr. Seuss

books and other bedtime stories to include in our next mailing to be held soon. Thank you for your donations at our last gathering. It went to cover the cost of postage. Each box now costs \$11.95 - it takes a lot of \$5.00 bills to enable us to continue the project. Thanks to you all. Maridale Smith



***** AMERICANISM CONTEST *****

The California Federation of Republican Women, Northern Division is sponsoring an Americanism Contest. Winner will be announced at the November Convention in Concord, Ca.

The Americanism Contest is open to all **8th graders** in the Northern Division who submit an essay of 200 words or less on the following topic:

"If you could spend 5 minutes with Abraham Lincoln, what would you ask him, and why?"

Entries will include the name of the student, home address and contact information. The Americanism Chairmen and their committees of each Federated club will select the best essay and forward it by email or snail to:

Phyllis Stout, Northern Division Americanism
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All entries must be received by November 2, 2009

Essays will be judged on originality, creativity, neatness, spelling and a well developed topic. The winner will receive a \$50.00 savings bond and the CFRW, Northern Division will donate a book in winner's name to the student's school library. Please contact me if you have questions or require additional clarification. *Phyllis Stout,*

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CARING FOR AMERICA IN OUR COMMUNITY

SRRWF is also starting a formal Caring for America project which will be aimed at donating items to Women's Recovery Services in Sonoma County. It will be clear that the donations come from Santa Rosa Republican Women. The Executive Board elected to "re-involve" ourselves in a project for the years 2009-2011.

All of us have been in difficult circumstances at different times in our lives. A helping hand is always appreciated and is definitely in the Republican tradition.

These are the items suggested: Chap Stick, Nail Clippers, Night-lights, Tooth Brushes, Toothpaste, Dental Floss Emery Boards, Band-aids, Pens and Pencils, Binder Paper, Sippy Cups, Bottle Brushes, Clear Sport Bottles, Baby Wipes and Diapers/all sizes (newborn and up), flip flops to name a few.

The information below was taken from the website <http://www.womensrecoveryervices.org/>

WOMANS RECOVERY SERVICE (WRS) was founded in 1975 with the mission of providing residential addiction treatment exclusively for women and later licensed by the State of Ca to provide residential treatment to 20 women and 12 children at a time. In the late 1980's the perinatal (women with children) component was added which made treatment accessible for women who were custodial parents, usually single. In 1997 WRS purchased the first transitional house for mothers, with children to live for periods of up to two years. In 2003 WRS purchased the six building facility.

- WRS provides almost 10,000 24-hour treatment days per year
- WRS enabled 12 clean & sober babies to be born last year
- WRS provides 37,000 nutritious gourmet meals every year
- WRS provides 11,000 baths/showers every year
- WRS provides 30,000 washer/dryer loads of clothes every year
- WRS provides 15,000 diapers every year
- WRS provides bicycle helmets for children in treatment
- WRS provides on-site educational classes/child care 6 hours per day
- The Federal Reserve Bank has reported that every \$1 invested in quality early childhood programs can return almost \$17 in benefits to communities via decreased health, foster care and criminal justice costs.

Women's Recovery Services

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CFRW Capitol Weekly Update 10/2/09

Allison Olson, Legislative Advocate

First Up- Taxes

Governor Schwarzenegger has officially called a special session of the Legislature and the first item on the list is the tax proposal. As mentioned in previous Capitol Updates, the Governor asked a blue-ribbon commission to completely revamp our current tax system. The Commission turned in its report to the Governor this week with very mixed results.

Only 9 of 14 members would sign their names to it, and even those who signed have their reservations. The proposal has been well received by neither business and nor labor groups. The Legislature has a lot to consider in reworking the system. The good news is the proposal will not be voted on as an “up and down” vote like originally planned. The bad news is the proposal does include the BNRT (Business Net Receipts Tax). The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association’s President released a statement highlighting more of the good and the bad of the proposal. He asserts, “We have concerns about the business net receipts tax. First, it is unclear what the rate of tax will be. This could easily be a multi-billion dollar tax increase, violating one of the initial ground rules for this commission which was that the proposals were to be revenue neutral.” He also believes that a flat tax on income should be seriously considered. The Wall Street Journal weighed in as well in a very informative piece. Read it here. <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704471504574443112002063586.html> *How California Can Get Its Groove Back. A tax reform that can promote economic growth and steadier state revenues. By MICHAEL J. BOSKIN AND JOHN F. COGAN*

If you would like more information on the Commission’s proceedings, read their transcripts here <http://www.cbpc.org/>

The 2010 Election Looms

Like the changing of the season, the election cycle is upon us. With that come myriad initiatives and proposals for us to consider. According to the Secretary of State’s website, there are currently 19 initiatives and referenda in circulation, with 18 pending in the Attorney General’s office. There are only 3 that have qualified for the June 8th, 2010 Primary Election ballot so far. As this changes, your CFRW Legislative Advocate will strive to keep you informed.

Healthcare California

While the federal government fumbles over healthcare, the Democrats in the California Legislature have several bills “solving” all of our healthcare woes. Within California, the number of individually purchased insurance policies is growing: but instead of letting the consumers choose which company best fits their needs, our state government deems it necessary to hold insurance agencies hostage while

we pay the ransom. AB 98 (De La Torre, D-50) requires that all individual policies include maternity benefits- regardless of sex. This means that single male consumers would be paying for maternity coverage they biologically cannot and will not use. Yet another bill, AB 119 (Jones, D-9) would prohibit insurance agencies from “gender rating,” which is charging men and women differently for medical coverage. Men and women have different medical needs, and single-payer insurance policies acknowledge these differences in order to increase competition and make premiums even lower for some consumers. But requiring men and women to be covered equally would only increase costs equally, not make it more affordable. Democrats in the Legislature seek to control insurers, while decreasing competition of coverage. Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed similar bills last year. These bills are currently on the Governor’s desk waiting for his action.

OBAMACARE: Fair?

Speaking of government control issues, federal Democrats are hoping to push HR 3200 through with as little change as possible. But the American public’s opposition has stalled the process and has many members of Congress rethinking their support. As we have highlighted in previous Capitol Updates, Congressional Republicans provided many amendments to the bill that would help garner bi-partisan support and create better options for all Americans. But Congressional Democrats killed every one in committee. Now the “public option” might be on the chopping block as more and more opposition from the public comes into play. Your voices are being heard! The Senate Finance Committee shot down two “public option” amendments this week, much to the chagrin of many Senate Democrats. We know that the government-disguised competition is not really competition at all. This public option will only drive private insurance companies out of the market and eventually lead to an overall government run healthcare system. Keep up the good fight. It is working!

Another issue of Obamacare is how to foot the bill. While President Obama claims this healthcare overhaul will not increase the federal deficit, the Congressional Budget Office sees otherwise. But it seems the administration has come up with a clever way to circumnavigate this issue: make the states pay for it. This new plan, introduced by Senator Baucus (D-Montana), would use Medicaid to cover a quarter of the population in ten years. Medicaid expenses are already astronomical, even with the federal bailout support earlier this year. States wouldn’t be able to set their own eligibility limits even when their budgets are spiraling out of control; and all states currently cover children, the poor, and the disabled. Oh, but don’t worry. Sen. Baucus says the federal government will up the ante and match coverage spending from about 50% to 95% for five years. But when the five years are up, it looks like states are on their own. Our Medicaid system does not need more money thrown at it, and states fiscally cannot absorb the burden.

Important Dates to Remember 2009

Oct 16-18 Biennial CFRW Convention -Ontario. Business meeting will include election of officers, bylaw updates, treasury reports, awards, Membership and Computer Tech Workshop. Various



speakers include **“Appealing to Business Women”** Presenter: CFRW Past President, Joy Stewart, and **Hon. Jim Brulte “Winning Elections”** to name a few

Nov 13-15 CFRW No Division Convention



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NOVEMBER 13-15, 2009

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Registration \$40.00 to attend all or one day- Paid by SRRWF

Lunch \$40.00-speaker Honorable Rick Keene (former Assemblyman) “What to do about California Water”

Afternoon Speaker David Stirling, Pacific Legal Foundation, “Green Gone Wild”.

More information can be found at www.santarosa.org or www.cfrwnd.org



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More than 1,300 registrants from 46 states attended the NFRW's 35th Biennial Convention in Orlando, Fla., Sept. 10-13.

ADDRESSES BY REPUBLICAN LEADERS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS, POLITICAL ANALYSTS, POLICY EXPERTS, AUTHORS AND OTHER NOTABLE GUESTS – Including Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele; Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty; Florida Gov. Charlie Crist; and, Frances Rice, chairman of the National Black Republican Association [view photos of Rice giving her speech.

HEALTHCARE AND MORE –Nearly every speaker commented on the raging healthcare debate, with a few dedicating their entire presentations to the issue. Ben Sasse, former assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, gave a speech titled, "What if Politicians Told the Truth About Healthcare?" Bob Asztalos, Sally West and Dr. Julio Gonzalez presented a workshop titled, "How Healthcare Reform Will Impact America." In addition, 10 state presidents, as well as several members of the Florida Federation, participated in a healthcare roundtable with Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele.

NFRW FIFTH BIENNIAL AWARD to elementary school teacher and former army pilot Susan Jordan of Salina, Kan., Jordan and the four national finalists were introduced by Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, who also served as keynote speaker of the luncheon.

ELECTION OF NFRW OFFICERS – Convention delegates made pivotal decisions as they selected the women who will lead the Federation in 2010 and 2011. Sue Lynch of Wisconsin was unanimously elected president Saturday, Sept. 12. Also elected were:

1st Vice President – Joyce Smith, Indiana

2nd Vice President - Rae Lynne Chornenky, Arizona

3rd Vice President – Martha Jenkins, North Carolina

4th Vice President – Jessie Morton, Louisiana

Secretary - Jane Lane, New Hampshire

Treasurer – Brenda Smith, Kansas

Delegates also approved three amendments to the NFRW By-laws, an annual membership dues increase \$2.00, a resolution supporting the Enumerated Powers Act (H.R. 450), as well as four additional resolutions. The Bylaws amendments and the dues increase will take effect Jan. 1, 2010.

LEADERSHIP, POLITICAL AND POLICY TRAINING – Attendees trained for leadership roles in government, politics and community by attending the two-day campaign management school, and political and policy workshops on healthcare reform, women and campaigns, technology and new media, and membership development – taught by nationally-recognized experts.

AWARDS OF DISTINCTION – Sunday, Sept. 13, the NFRW presented awards recognizing accomplishments at the state and local levels in the areas of membership and program development, campaign activities, community service, and public relations, including almost 500 Club Achievement Awards and dozens of other awards. In addition, the NFRW recognized the outstanding leadership of Toni Anne Dashiell, president of the Texas Federation of Republican Women, with the third biennial Ronald Reagan Leadership Award.

STATE QUILTS - Through a project sponsored by the NFRW Armed Services Committee, 22 states created beautiful and creative quilts based on their state's history. The quilts were prominently displayed during the convention. Each state will now present its quilt to a local veteran of the Korean War.

KANSAS CITY, HERE WE COME! - Missouri Federation President Carrie Almond introduced delegates to Kansas City, Mo., site of the 36th Biennial Convention, scheduled Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2011

Health Reform Is Just Subterfuge; Dream Is Democratic Dictatorship

By JOHN F. GASKI

By now the realization should be taking hold that the Democrats' health care plan has been exposed as a hoax. And it was the Democrats themselves who discredited and exposed it, but in a very ironic way. Of course, you won't hear this bombshell news reported by Democrat partisans Katie Couric, Charles Gibson and Brian Williams.

As for the substance, remember the Democrats' original rationale for their national health care takeover scheme? They wanted all uninsured Americans to be covered, right? Remember? But now they concede that their mega-upheaval of a plan would still leave about 15 million without medical insurance. Yet they still advocate the plan! Why?

First, a digression: Don't believe that "47 million uninsured" number. That canard is beyond a hoax. It is a fraud and a lie. For example, it includes at least 10 million illegal aliens (yes, that is the right term for those who enter our country by violating American law) and an additional five million or so legal foreign residents. Those categories are not "uninsured Americans" because they are not Americans.

The notorious 47 million also includes millions of wealthy people who do not purchase medical insurance — rendering themselves self-insured, not uninsured. The biggest deceptions of all may be counting a large cohort of the young and vigorous who make the rational cost/benefit decision not to buy medical insurance yet, and several million others who qualify for free insurance and just don't bother to sign up!

Bottom line, subtract out the un-uninsured and other inapplicable categories and the true number of Americans without health insurance is somewhere around 7 million, maybe 10 million conservatively (compared with 15 million after Democrat "reform"?). Google the issue for about 10 minutes to verify.

Another way the Democrats inadvertently reveal their own national health insurance dishonesty is through infidelity to a second objective — cost control.

Remember that one? They are hoping you don't, especially since the Congressional Budget Office has reported that the Obama-Democrat scheme would add \$1 trillion to the national health tab over the next decade. Yet the Dems still want their plan. Why?

Why, indeed? It must be something else, therefore. If their own action undermines their stated aims, and still they desperately favor the action, then the Democrats' real purpose must be something different, something they will not reveal. But what? Simple:

Have you noticed how the Washington Democrats like to take control of things, particularly big things in the economy such as the major banks and the auto industry, as well as health care?

(Obama has realized he doesn't have to literally own the banks to control them. He can, instead, achieve control through bank dependence on TARP money and through his own coercion and intimidation. Step out of line, that is, and a bank will be publicly vilified by Barney Frank and other operatives, and maybe even have its executives prosecuted.)

When American business, American jobs and the American people become totally dependent on Obama and the Democrats for money and credit, including student loans for good measure, how

much power will that give the Obama Democrats over our country?

The portrait coming into focus is one of either totalitarian socialism or an unholy socialist hybrid with fascism. And when you are dependent on the decision of a Democrat bureaucrat for crucial medical treatment, how much power does that give the Democrats over you? (Do you suppose party registration or political contributions might enter the bureaucrats' calculus? Recall how, in the GM reorganization, the Dems axed profitable dealers who were known to be Republican.)

When the Democrats achieve literal death-grip power over the lives of all our people, that is when they also achieve their long-cherished dream of absolute power and a Democrat dictatorship.

Dictatorship in a virtual one-party state is the correct forecast because our present rulers can never be voted out of national power after they grant amnesty to the millions of illegal aliens, who would promptly be registered as mostly Democrat voters by Acorn!

Now do you see what the real scheme is? Now does it all make sense? This is not your father's Democrat party. This is also not about health care, ultimately. It's about raw political power and the long-promised socialist takeover of the United States.

No public option, they now suggest? Don't believe it. They'll create a public option, soon to become the only option, by stealth — a kind of Fannie-Freddie co-op, because government control, in this case medical dictatorship, is an article of theology for the lib Dems.

We do not have a health care crisis in this country — because everyone already gets health care. It is just that some rely on the emergency room as their private medical services provider, so the system is inefficient and definitely too expensive overall.

We do have a health insurance problem, and a health care cost crisis, but not a national health care crisis. And both real problems are readily manageable if the Dems would only allow it.

We need to permit and foster interstate insurance competition, medical savings accounts and tort reform to help reduce costs, and tax credits for health insurance purchase to expand coverage — from about 98% of the population, in reality, to closer to 100%. Those numbers also help punctuate, and puncture, the true nature of the liberal Democrats' health hoax.

Incidentally, or not, despite the Democrats' fumbling of this whole issue, the Republicans are succumbing to their opponents' red herring, straw man, jiu-jitsu diversionary misdirection on the "death panels" matter. It is not those prospective end-of-life counseling "services" that are the real death panels, although that is a fair term for them.

The real Democrat death panels would be the thousands of politically appointed bureaucrats wielding life-and-death power over our citizenry through their decisions concerning whether to bestow or withhold lifesaving treatment.

This is it, America. This isn't really about a health policy issue; it is about the survival, or takeover, of our nation. If the Dems succeed in cramming their bitter medicine, actually poison, down your throat, the country is finished. It is the town hall protestors who seem to sense this most clearly. I hope the preceding diagnosis and prognosis help, too.

• *Gaski, an associate professor at the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame, has been a registered Democrat for more than 20 years. He is also author of the recently published "Frugal Cool: How to Get Rich — Without Making Very Much Money" (Corby Books, 2009) Investor's Business Daily September 22, 2009*

The Real Problem with Third Parties

By C. Edmund Wright

Yes third parties always lose national elections. Not only that, if successful enough to grow, their very existence guarantees victory for the candidate or party most opposed to the beliefs of the third party voters. But this is not even the real problem with them. The real problem is third parties are like virgins: Upon consummation, they are no longer virgins. The purity is gone by definition.

Part of the problem with third parties is that the frustrated call for them -- at least on the right -- is really a plea for something else altogether. They are also generally built on a cult of personality and not ideas. More on that later.

First, consider some lessons from the last significant third party effort: the Ross Perot "Reform Party" of 1992-1996. Though there were philosophical and intellectual problems with the movement that caused far fewer to fall for the act the second time around, it still enabled the election of a man far to the left of Perot voters in both elections. In 1992, there was just enough tough-minded pragmatism in Perot's message to successfully siphon off angry Republicans and Reagan Democrats from the "kinder and gentler" George H.W. Bush. Bush only got 38% of the vote. That gave Bill Clinton the White House with 43% of the vote. Perot polled most of the other 19%.

The irony is this: the Perot message -- much of which resurfaced in 1994 in the Contract with America -- was about 80% Reagan conservatism with a little pro-choice and Republican bashing thrown in on the side. But nobody noticed this publicly for some reason. Well, at least not Bush 41 or his campaign, neither of whom ever did understand Reagan. And certainly not the Perot followers, whose main source of pride was that they were Perot supporters. Had they connected the dots that most of what Perot stood for was conservative fiscal policy, they would not have voted in a manner to allow the most liberal of the three candidates to gain the White House.

Many couldn't tell you why they supported Perot really. But they were almost arrogant in their "none of the above" stand. They were Reform Party proud and enjoyed the feeling that they were on the ground floor of something. In this way, Perot meetings almost had the flavor of an early Herbalife Opportunity meeting.

This is not unique among third party movements either. The real kicker, however, is this: the Reform Party became what any political movement of any size becomes, a political party. You know, an insider's game of aphrodisiacal power, access and turf protection. Just like the parties so hated by the Perot people. Even the non-political outsiders who joined "on the ground floor" and got jobs within the campaign operation quickly embraced their newfound political status and quickly moved to protect their turf within the party.

The newbies were in for a rude awakening however. You might remember that Perot needed a political team and he went outside his groupie universe and hired Republican re-tread Ed Rollins to run his campaign. Rollins is the consummate Washingtonian insider and he naturally did what Washington insiders do. He hired a lot of other Washington insiders to work with him on the campaign. Thus, the Reform Party was being re-formed by the consummate party hack.. A political party apparatus was born and the baby came equipped with a full diaper. The "pro's" hired by Rollins were dismissive of the groupies and the groupies were

resentful of the pro's horning in on their turf.

Well what do you know -- the problem with political parties is not the R or the D in front of their name after all. The problem is that they are run and staffed by imperfect creatures known as people and people do what people do. They act in self-preservation.

In this way, parties are somewhat microcosms of government in general. Power is defined by how large their budgets are and by how much control they have over others. People in government are therefore often motivated to work at cross-purposes with constituents. As stated by Pres Ronald Reagan, government is a necessary evil.

Political parties are much the same. Certainly this is true of today's two main parties and it proved true for the supposedly wind driven snow pure Reform Party as well. Funny how this works. To play in the game of politics, you have to have a political team. And political teams are called parties. And they have inherent flaws.

So what is it that people crying out for a third party really want? I submit it is simply smaller government. Huh? Human beings in positions of power in government or a political party will always act to sustain their universe -- which is either a government agency or some fiefdom within the party.

It is a law of nature. It can't be broken. And this is always going to irritate folks not in the political system. So forming a third party will either result in something so small that it is inconsequential -- or it will be successful enough to grow large and thus become that which it was supposed to replace.

A smaller government, however, greatly reduces the source of irritation. This is classic Reaganism by the way. He understood this. In 1980, 84, 94, the leaders of the GOP understood this too.

Our country is now suffering from way too much government. When government grows, it also grows in influence and the entire party-lobbying-union-community organizing complex grows. The source of irritation is so big that we can hardly escape it in any phase of your life. We are surrounded by bureaucrats who control our life while our taxes pay for their gold-plated health and retirement plans.

And don't call them at 8:59 am or 5:01 pm and expect an answer either. One way to release frustration is to just say "throw all the bums out" and to push for a third party. Understandable, but it denies the reality that the next set of bums will be infected with human nature just like this set.

The only answer to this frustration is a smaller government political system. And like it or not, the very flawed GOP -- with all of their big government RINO's -- is the best hope to slow down or stop the big government juggernaut of Team Obama.

The third party energy should be funneled into taking back the Republican Party -- to return it to the base beliefs that created the Reagan Revolution which did so much for America and for freedom everywhere. Reagan was a Republican, but he was quick to invite liberal Republicans to "go their own way."

We cannot create a bum-proof government or bum proof parties. But a smaller government makes US a bit more bum proof. And you know what, I think that is what the Founding Fathers were saying all along with that little document they scratched out in Philadelphia

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Gasoline Products Not a Natural Right

In this surprisingly balanced story from the San Francisco Chronicle about the price of gas in California we learn that California had much higher gasoline prices than the nation throughout the summer. The reason is two-fold. In 1996 Californians were required to start using a special blend of gasoline. Not surprisingly, no other state followed California's lead so refineries in other states are making little fuel we can use. This mandate for a different gasoline formula also came about when gasoline was so cheap and the margins so low companies were getting out of the refinery business leaving California with just two refineries willing to invest \$400 million per plant to make the special fuels. Over the past summer those plants were sometimes down for maintenance. Although gas use is way down because of the recession, the production pauses exacerbated the problem.

Weekly Leonard letter, Bill Leonard, Board of Equalization, <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.09/24/2009>



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Another Failed Presidency By Geoffrey P. Hunt

Barack Obama is on track to have the most spectacularly failed presidency since Woodrow Wilson. In the modern era, we've seen several failed presidencies--led by Jimmy Carter and LBJ. Failed presidents have one strong common trait-- they are repudiated, in the vernacular, spat out. Of course, LBJ wisely took the exit ramp early, avoiding a shove into oncoming traffic by his own party. Richard Nixon indeed resigned in disgrace, yet his reputation as a statesman has been partially restored by his triumphant overture to China.

But, Barack Obama is failing. Failing big. Failing fast. And failing everywhere: foreign policy, domestic initiatives, and most importantly, in forging connections with the American people. The incomparable Dorothy Rabinowitz in the Wall Street Journal put her finger on it: He is failing because he has no understanding of the American people, and may indeed loathe them. Fred Barnes of the Weekly Standard says he is failing because he has lost control of his message, and is overexposed. Clarice Feldman of American Thinker produced a dispositive commentary showing that Obama is failing because fundamentally he is neither smart nor articulate; his intellectual dishonesty is conspicuous by its audacity and lack of shame.

But, there is something more seriously wrong: How could a new president riding in on a wave of unprecedented promise and goodwill have forfeited his tenure and become a lame duck in six months? His poll ratings are in free fall. In generic balloting, the Republicans have now seized a five point advantage. This truly is unbelievable. What's going on?

No narrative. Obama doesn't have a narrative. No, not a narrative about himself. He has a self-narrative, much of it fabricated, cleverly disguised or written by someone else. But this self-narrative is isolated and doesn't connect with us. He doesn't have an American narrative that draws upon the rest of us. All successful presidents have a narrative about the American character that intersects with their own where they display a command of history and reveal an authenticity at the core of their personality that resonates in a positive endearing way with the majority of Americans. We admire those presidents whose narratives not only touch our own, but who seem stronger, wiser, and smarter than we are. Presidents we admire are aspirational peers, even those whose politics don't align exactly with our own: Teddy Roosevelt, FDR, Harry Truman, Ike, Reagan.

But not this president. It's not so much that he's a

phony, knows nothing about economics, is historically illiterate, and woefully small minded for the size of the task--all contributory of course. It's that he's not one of us. And whatever he is, his profile is fuzzy and devoid of content, like a cardboard cutout made from delaminated corrugated paper. Moreover, he doesn't command our respect and is unable to appeal to our own common sense. His notions of right and wrong are repugnant and how things work just don't add up. They are not existential. His descriptions of the world we live in don't make sense and don't correspond with our experience.

In the meantime, while we've been struggling to take a measurement of this man, he's dissed just about every one of us--financiers, energy producers, banks, insurance executives, police officers, doctors, nurses, hospital administrators, post office workers, and anybody else who has a non-green job. Expect Obama to lament at his last press conference in 2012: "For those of you I offended, I apologize. For those of you who were not offended, you just didn't give me enough time; if only I'd had a second term, I could have offended you too."

Mercifully, the Founders at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 devised a useful remedy for such a desperate state--staggered terms for both houses of the legislature and the executive. An equally abominable Congress can get voted out next year. With a new Congress, there's always hope of legislative gridlock until we vote for president again two short years after that.

Yes, small presidents do fail, Barack Obama among them. The coyotes howl but the wagon train keeps rolling along.

"The trouble with Socialism is, sooner or later you run out of other people's money." Margaret Thatcher

"When you subsidize poverty and failure, you get more of both." -- James Dale Davidson, National Taxpayers Union

"The more corrupt the state, the more it legislates." - Tacitus

"A Liberal is a person who will give away everything he doesn't own." - Unknown

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THE SKEPTICAL OBSERVER

Amidst all of the hullabaloo about health plans, cap and trade and the Olympics for Chicago, one very contentious area has received attention but certainly not the attention that it merits. The situation in Israel is tenuous and President Obama appears to be backing off from the support that the United States has always given Israel. It is for this reason that I am going to give an historical summary.

The state of Israel is about the size of New Jersey and in 2007 had 6.43M people. Jews constitute 76.2%, Arabs 19.5% and other groups 4.3% of the population. The main religions are Judaism, Islam, Christianity and Druze. Hebrew and Arabic are the official languages. Israel is a parliamentary Democracy. The executive branch consists of the President with a Prime Minister as the head of government. The unicameral legislature is known as the Knesset and there is a Supreme Court. The main political parties are Labor, Likud and Kadima. One million Jews have immigrated to Israel from the Soviet Union and 105,000 immigrants are Ethiopian Jews.

The Balfour Declaration in 1917 was a declaration of the British government's support for a Jewish homeland in Palestine. After World War I, Palestine became a British Mandate. There was continuing violence in Palestine (originally named by the Romans) between the Arabs and the Jews. However, after the Holocaust, there was much more world wide support for a Jewish state which led to a United Nations partition plan in 1947.

The state of Israel was proclaimed on May 14, 1948. The British left Palestine and Israel was immediately invaded by neighboring Arab states. This conflict was Israel's War of Independence. By 1949 Israel had a 50% increase in territory. In the June 1967 war Israel was attacked by her neighbors. Israel won the war and at that point Israel had control of the Sinai Peninsula, the Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip, the West bank of the Jordan and East Jerusalem. There was continual war and skirmishes until 1977 when Anwar Sadat of Egypt went to Jerusalem and eventually a peace treaty was signed between Egypt and Israel in 1979.

In 1982 there were attacks against Israel from Lebanon and the Palestine Liberation Organization led by Yasser Arafat. The PLO withdrew from Lebanon in 1982 and Israel left Lebanon in 2000. However, Hezbollah (a recognized terrorist organization) continued to attack Israel. In 1994, Israel and Jordan signed a peace treaty.

Over the years, there have been numerous plans for peace in Palestine. It appears that there are always the same reasons for failure. Both Israelis and Palestinians

want a right of return to their land. For Jews, this would mean a huge influx of Palestinians who would promptly overrule the Jewish population. Of course, there are outside forces in the Arab and Muslim world that do not want a Jewish state. Various Palestinian groups (Hezbollah and Hamas) will not recognize Israel's right to exist and use terrorist methods to create havoc in Israel. Israel has built a wall and a variety of other security measures but these measures have created hardships for Palestinians who work in Israel. Extremist Islamic groups continually blame Israel for the problems in the Middle East. Other Arab nations have used the conditions of the Palestinians to undermine Israel although they have done very little to help them.

Israel has been in a battle ready, defensive mode since 1948. Her neighbors do not want to let her live in peace. Various prime ministers have attempted to negotiate with the Palestinians. With the election of Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel, there will be a much stronger response from Israel.

The United States has a new President who has to deal with the Israeli/Palestinian situation and with Iran which The United States has been dealing in one way or another for many years. We have not been particularly successful. Since 1978 the track record is very poor. Now, we are faced with a nuclear Iran and a regime committed to wiping out Israel, the only true democracy in the Middle East. Unfortunately, it appears that our President is willing to talk to Iran with no pre conditions and has slowly withdrawn support for Israel, our strongest ally in the area. The coming months will undoubtedly bring more danger to the world as Israel is forced to make a decision of how she will meet the Iranian challenge.

Research from Wikipedia and other internet sources.





Membership 2009

Nancy Maier—Membership Chair

Welcome New Member - **Lorita Lambert**

Santa Rosa Republican Women Federated has 105 members - 23 new members since last year this time. Congratulations!

This year, as we did last year, the Membership Renewal form for 2010 will be an insert in the November Newsletter. It simplifies things and saves us money by not doing a separate mailing. As has been in the past, new members who join after October 15 will not have to pay 2010 dues. The dollar amount will cover the remainder of 2009 and all of 2010. When a member reaches the age of 90, her membership shall be free. However, please return the Membership Renewal Form indicating that fact. You know that you are 90+, but the Membership Chair might not be aware of it.

MIP - Membership Incentive Program Ann Porrino has invited 4 women to meetings who have become members. She is still in the lead! Members talk to your friends about our excellent speakers and very informative newsletter. The newsletter alone is worth the price of membership!

SRRWF appreciates your support of the Ways and Means table. The money we collect goes back into the club and is used to help off-set expenses. When you buy the items, which we hope you like it gives us an opportunity to purchase new items. I have just purchased 10 booklets on the Constitution of the United States of America which will be something that you should all have. Thank you for participating in supporting the efforts of the SRRWF, we are here to inform and equip you to be more knowledgeable on things that are of concern to you. *Francis Dilley, Chair*



The CRP Convention was held on September 25/27, 2009 in Indian Wells, CA

Delegates from County Central Committees, CFRW, and the party faithful were joined by many national Republican leaders at this convention, including Congressman **Mike Pence**, Indiana, executive editor *Weekly Standard* **Fred Barnes**, political commentator, author, publisher of *Big Hollywood* **Andrew Breitbart**, Insurance Commissioner/Gubernatorial Candidate **Steve Poizner**, former U.S. Congressman/Gubernatorial Candidate **Tom Campbell**, former EBay CEO/Gubernatorial Candidate **Meg Whitman**, Assemblyman **Chuck DeVore** candidate for United States Senate, State Senator **George Runner**, **Damon Dunn** licensed minister and former NFL football player, and other high profile Republican leaders. Workshops included Technology Summit II, GOPAC Campaign Management, Redistricting Briefing County Chairmen's Meeting County Treasurer's Training

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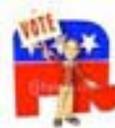
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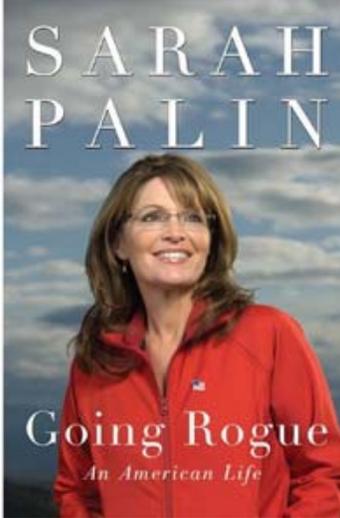
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- Dec 1** SRRWF Board Meeting
- Dec** Christmas Meeting TBA

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