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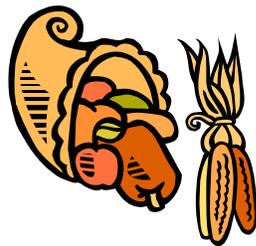
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## Monthly Meeting

Tuesday ~ November 24, 2009

FOUNTAINGROVE GOLF & ATHLETIC CLUB

1525 Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa Rosa

Business meeting 11:15 am; lunch to follow

Timothy Sandefur

Senior Staff Attorney ~ Pacific Legal Foundation will speak on

Water, Water Everywhere  
and NOT a Drop to Drink!

\$23.00 reservations in advance

\$26.00 without advance reservation

Reservations by November 20th

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## Presidents Message



Well, here we are, at the start of the holiday season. This is always a busy time, even more so this year, due to the madness going on in Washington and Sacramento. The patriots who went to Washington on November 5 are truly soldiers for freedom. We must all do our part here at home. The opposition is counting on us to get tired and get on with our other activities. We cannot let Nancy (you know, the integrity leader) win this battle. After health care, there will be more battles to fight.

We will have our first satellite meeting on November 19th at Varenna in Fountaingrove. We will have refreshments and will show Newt Gingrich's DVD on returning God to America. The first one he did was excellent and I expect this one to be as good. Please encourage women who cannot come to lunch meetings to join us. All members are welcome and there is no charge. A flyer is included in the newsletter.

The speaker for our meeting on November 24th is Tim Sandefur of Pacific Legal Foundation who is an expert on water issues and the legal battles going on regarding the environment. He is a dynamic, enthusiastic speaker and I urge you to get the word out and bring new people.

I know that many of you are supporting candidates throughout the country. Thank you for your efforts and for all that you do.

My best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving. We do have a great deal to be thankful for.

*Edelweiss Geary, President*

### **Timothy Sandefur is a Senior Staff Attorney at the Pacific Legal Foundation.**



As the lead attorney in the Economic Liberty Project, Tim Sandefur works to protect businesses against abusive government regulation. He also works to prevent the abuse of eminent domain, having litigated important eminent domain cases in California, Missouri and elsewhere. He has filed briefs in many significant eminent domain cases, including *Kelo v. New London*. A prolific writer, his book [Cornerstone of](#)

[Liberty: Property Rights in 21st Century America](#) was published by the Cato Institute in 2006 and he has published many scholarly articles on subjects ranging from eminent domain and economic liberty to copyright, evolution and creationism and the legal issues of slavery and the Civil War.

He is a graduate of Chapman University School of Law and Hillsdale College. He is also a contributing editor of *Liberty* magazine and has written for many magazines and newspapers including *National Review Online*, *The Humanist*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *Regulation* and *The Washington Times*.

In February, 2006, he became one of the youngest attorneys ever featured on the cover of *California Lawyer* magazine. He is a frequent guest on radio and television programs, including the *Jim Lehrer News Hour*, *CNBC's Street Signs*, *Now with David Brancaccio* and *CPSAN's Book TV*.

### **Property rights--or property permissions?**

By Timothy Sandefur Blog

The cover story of October's *Liberty* magazine, now online is my article about several of PLF's lawsuits involving the problem of "exactions." Exactions are demands that the government makes on you when you request a building permit. Local governments routinely demand that property owners give up land, or money, or even in one case the right to vote, in exchange for such permits. Back in 1987, in a case called *Nollan v. California Coastal Commission*, the U.S. Supreme Court explained that local officials cannot use their permit power as an opportunity to extort these rights from citizens, but local governments routinely ignore the *Nollan* limits, and the reason is pretty obvious: by forcing individual property owners to give up money or land to the government, bureaucrats are able to provide the public with public services without having to pay for them with tax money. They can shift those costs to politically powerless minorities instead.

But there's also an important philosophical dispute involved. As I write in the article, "If private property is a basic human right, then it pre-exists the state, and government bears the burden of justifying the limits that it imposes on an owner's freedom to use what belongs to him. But if property is created by government's decision not to interfere, then the owner must obtain that permission by yielding other rights.... The central problem is the shift away from the Founders' classical liberal view of natural, human rights and toward the Progressives' view that rights are permissions based on political consensus. With that shift came a gradual change in the nature of land-use regulation; originally a mechanism for preventing nuisances, land-use planning morphed into a device for centralized social planning.

The Progressive era shift on political philosophy taught Americans to believe that they have a fundamental right to tell other people what to do with their property. Until we abandon that heresy, and return to our original creed, that every person has the right to freedom, so long as they respect the same right in others, private property rights will be at risk from exactions and other government schemes.

*Full text of this article can be found at*  
<http://libertyunbound.com/article.php?id=430>



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6 women from our club joined Novato RWF on the bus drive to the Reagan Library and the Getty Villa. Ann Porrino, Ruth Van Bommel, Barbara Jean Pierce, Annette Keefe, Maridale Smith and Joan Day-

ton climbed aboard the beautiful bus and headed to Simi Valley. We had a grand time at the Getty Villa and a docent led tour at the Reagan Library. We were fortunate to have gorgeous weather, a great driver and the host Thelma Graves did a great job organizing all of us.

Ruth and Dave Van Bommel attended the Dedication of Blue Star Memorial Marker by Vaca Valley Garden Club on Saturday November 7th.



The Vaca Valley Garden Club in Vacaville sponsored the Blue Star Memorial, as only clubs or districts belonging to National Garden Clubs Inc. can sponsor the markers. Blue Star Memorials were initiated in 1945 as a way to show appreciation for the service personnel that won World War II.



...because somebody talked!

Garden Club women visualize a living memorial and the Blue Star Memorials were started. A blue star was chosen as the centerpiece of the memorial sign because it symbolized the blue star on the World War II service Flag, which hung in so many homes of service men and women as a tribute. Its mission was expanded in 1951 to include all men and women who have served, were serving or would serve in the armed forces of the United States.

The Blue Star Memorial is a very fitting memorial to honor these men and women and markers have been placed from the Atlantic to the Pacific including Hawaii and Alaska.

The VacaValley Garden Club takes pride in honoring our service personnel and plans to utilize appropriate plantings, being sensitive to the landscape needs of the area. The vision of placing a Blue Star Memorial marker at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, by the club has been planned for three years!



## Wreaths Across America Honoring The Fallen Annual Wreath Laying Event!

There is a Sonoma Valley Veterans Memorial Cemetery ~website [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org). Capt David Reber is Accepting Sponsorship Wreaths. Capt David Reber telephone 707-738-8142 or [DJREBER@aol.com](mailto:DJREBER@aol.com)

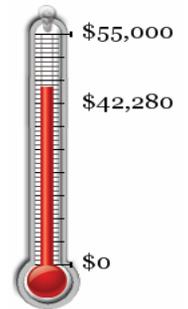
Saturday, December 12 is the date for the next wreath laying event honoring our fallen at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon. This annual event is open to the public and will begin at 9 am. (noon in Arlington).

What began as a few friends hearing about the Arlington Wreath Project, started by one man, has now become a local tradition as well. When the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery opened in 2006, about 300 wreaths were purchased locally and the laying of the wreaths was started by a dozen volunteers. By the following year, the cemetery had already grown to more than 2,000 gravesites. A group, working with Wreaths Across America, purchased 250 or so wreaths with local group collecting enough funds to fill in the other 1,750 to cover the entire cemetery again. Also in 2008 100% coverage for the third year in a row!!

This year the need is bigger yet ~ **5,400** wreaths to cover the entire cemetery. With the help of our surrounding communities, we anticipate raising the funds needed to accomplish this goal!

Working with the national Wreaths Across America non-profit organization to purchase wreaths specifically for this cemetery, they collect funds locally and submit

them as a designated "3-for-2" collection team to WAA which means they get three wreaths for every \$30 collected. All donations received by this group are submitted collectively, so any amount is appreciated.



**The goal this year is to cover the entire cemetery; 5,400 grave sites in 2009.**

**Checks for purchase should be made to Wreaths Across America and mailed to Curtis Stocking, P.O. Box 773, Winters, CA 95694**

**and must be received November 20:**

- Assist at the wreath-laying event December 12, 2009, 9:00
- Assist picking up the wreaths January 9, 2010, 8:30 AM
- Make this an annual event for you and your family to attend



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## CFRW Capitol Weekly Update 10/30/09

Allison Olson, Legislative Advocate

Water Watch 2009

### THE WATER SPECIAL

After a legislative all-nighter, a deal was struck in the early hours of Wednesday morning, and a five bill water package was passed. Your CFRW Advocate read all five bills and will digest what you need to know within this Capitol

Update. To pay for this water system overhaul, the Legislature proposed an \$11.1 billion dollar bond. The bond requires approval by California voters and will be on the November 2, 2010 general election ballot. The CFRW has not taken an official position on the bond measure. There is good and bad within the water package, and legislators sometimes intentionally write vague policy so that implementation is open to interpretation. Please remain informed!

**\*Disclaimer!\*** I realize this Capitol Update is much longer than usual. It would be easy to summarize where the money from this bill is going; a billion here for groundwater storage, a hundred million there for flood protection. But I wanted to tell our CFRW members EXACTLY where the bond money would be going. As you will be able to see, some of the bond money has been appropriated towards earmarks and the creation of government agencies and programs. The fact is that California desperately needs water reform. Is this the way? YOU decide...

### Questions?

Next week's Capitol Update will be dedicated to your questions about the water package. For those of you brave enough to read all of the Capitol Update or even the legislation itself; or if you have read some newspaper articles regarding the water bills, please send your questions to [advocate@cfrw.org](mailto:advocate@cfrw.org). I will do my best to answer all of the questions, space permitting. Send in those questions!

### SBX7 1: Simitian (D-11)

-Reduces members of "Delta Protection Commission" from 23 to 15, and requires the commission to review and amend the "Delta Plan" every 5 years

-Would establish the "Delta Investment Fund" in the State Treasury. Money to be appropriated by the Legislature and can receive funds from federal, state, local and private resources

-Creates the "Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy" as the primary state agency in implementation of ecosystem restoration and environmental protection, consisting of 11 members

-Would establish the "Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Fund" in the State Treasury. Money appropriated by the Legislature to finance ecosystem restoration and economic sustainability projects

-Creates the "Delta Stewardship Council" consisting of 7 members to develop the "Delta Plan" on or before January 1, 2012, as well as appointing a "Delta Watermaster"

-Appropriates \$28 million to Two-Gates Fish Protection program from \$5.4 billion of the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Bond Act approved by voters in 2006

-Within the "Delta Plan" there will include, among other things:

-Public safety and flood protection

-Agriculture infrastructure sustainability

-Recommendations on encouraging Delta recreation use

-The Conservancy shall not exercise the power of eminent domain

-The Council appoints a "Delta Independent Science Board" to establish an effective system of Delta watershed diversion data collection by December 3, 2010

### SBX7 2: Cogdill (R-14)

-Allocates \$11,140,000,000 to finance SBX7 2 from bonds

-\$455,000,000 towards "Drought Relief"

-Of that, \$190,000,000 towards planning, design and construction of local and regional drought relief projects

-\$90,000,000 towards "disadvantaged communities" experiencing economic impacts from drought for drought relief programs

-\$75,000,000 to the Water Resources Control Board for grants

-\$80,000,000 deposited into the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and within this, \$8 million to the City of Maywood for water projects

-\$20,000,000 to the New River clean up and water quality improvement in Imperial Valley

-\$1,050,000,000 towards Water Supply Reliability (with no less than 10% towards "disadvantaged communities")

Additional information is available to you . If you do not get the weekly updates sent by e-mail only... [advocate@cfrw.org](mailto:advocate@cfrw.org) and ask to be on the list.

## Important Dates 2010

### 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 CFRW Northern Division CONVENTION November 14, 2009 Concord

Friday Executive Board meeting and Website workshop and Banquet for Outgoing President

**Luncheon Speaker:** former Assemblyman Rick Keene will discuss California issues, like water, vital to our state.

**Afternoon Speaker:** Larry Stirling of Pacific Legal Institute has a graphic presentation on affects of the Endangered Species Act.

**Saturday Banquet Speaker:** Mike Winther of the Institute of Principle Studies. He will address us on the Constitution and its future in our changing Republic. He teaches the Con-

stitution and will give us a taste of his thoughts and presentations which attract both home schoolers and adults to his popular seminars. The Institute For Principle Studies was founded in 2005 as a research and educational organization that provides a Christian alternative to the many well-established secular think-tanks. Mr. Winther will help renew our determination to keep the Enumerated Powers before the eyes of our elected legislators who work for us.

**Installation of 2010-2011 Officers** by CFRW President Kathy Brugger

**Sunday** opens with Call to Prayer led by Chaplain Dannette Bentz at 7:30 a.m. followed by breakfast at 8 a.m.

**AWARDS**, reports from CFRW President Kathy Brugger, Advocate Allison Olson, CFRW Vice President North Karen Atteberry, and our N.D. Legislative Panel



Walnut Creek is in an area with 6 Republican Women Federated Clubs. This was one of the stops that the Tea Party Express visited on the route to Washington DC! Phyllis Stout, President of Lamorinda RWF and N.D. Americanism Chair carries sign saying **“Seniors! Obamacare is Shovel Ready!”** Region VI Republican Women were well represented at the Tea Party Express Rally as it passed through Walnut Creek on October 28th and were joined by our CFRW Northern Division's 3rd Vice President Roseann Slonsky-Breault and official Photographer Mary Pearson, who has

traveled with both Tea Party Express groups around our United States. Several wore costumes that reflected the theme of our signs. Approximately 700 people joined the Tea Party festivities. Downtown Walnut Creek was transformed into quite a noisy commute as the drivers "honked" their approval of our patriotic activities. Great speakers, inspiring musicians and wonderful Republicans! A Perfect Storm!



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### MARCH 11-13, 2010

Spring Board of Directors Meeting  
The Renaissance Convention Center Hotel  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

### SEPTEMBER 29- OCTOBER 2, 2011

36th Biennial Convention  
Kansas City, Mo.

### FALL 2013

37th Biennial Convention  
Galt House, Louisville, Ky.

### Legislative Action Recommendation Form

[http://www.nfrw.org/documents/forms/legislative\\_action.pdf](http://www.nfrw.org/documents/forms/legislative_action.pdf)

*“The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.” –Plato*

*If you would like to advocate a piece of legislation for the weekly e-Political Briefing, please fill out the form provided at the above website.* Upon completion, please e-mail form to [political@nfrw.org](mailto:political@nfrw.org) or fax to 703-548-9836. If you have any questions, please contact the NFRW Political Director at 703-548-9688. Due to an overwhelming number of suggestions, not all recommendations will be used in our weekly e-Political Briefing. To get up-to-date information on legislation visit: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

**Ask for help if you do not have a computer!**

## **POWER OF THE PEN—WRITE ABOUT THE CENSUS**

*From Liz Froelich, President Northern Division CFRW*

*Bimonthly e-mail posts*

The 2010 Census is coming...some important information to keep in mind if and when a census worker knocks on your door...

### **Cautions from the Better Business Bureau:**

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be Cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race and other relevant data.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

**\*\* If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.**

**\*\* Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.**

**REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS.**

While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, **YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION.** The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau.

**THE CENSUS BUREAU HAS DECIDED NOT TO WORK WITH ACORN ON GATHERING THIS INFORMATION.** No Acorn worker should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau **will not contact you by Email**, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau. For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)

## **CONSTITUTION MINI-COURSE**

The American Constitution was the **FIRST** written charter for government in modern history:

The **FIRST** Constitution prepared by "The People" through their delegates in Convention.

The **FIRST** Constitution to recognize the right of a people to self-government.

The **FIRST** Constitution to recognize that each citizen's rights are equally-derived from the Creator and that laws, to be valid, affecting those rights must be in consonance with the Creator's law.

The **FIRST** Constitution to secure the rights of people from government's power by structuring government so that "its several constituent parts...(were) the means of keeping each other in their proper place." (Federalist #51) "*Constitutional Corner*" -page 13, by Louise Leigh

**Leonard Letter (Bill Leonard, Board of Equalization)**

sign up online at: <http://www.billleonard.org/>

### **Mapmaker, Mapmaker, Draw Me a Map**

The State Auditor's office recently released updated regulations for the Citizens Redistricting Commission and a draft application for people who want to serve. The formal application period begins December 15 and runs through February 12, but if you are considering applying (and I encourage you to do so), you may wish to start working on your application essays now. The draft application asks applicants to explain why they want to serve, to describe their "appreciation for California's diverse demographics and geography," and to explain their analytical skills. The application also includes standard personal background information, your voting history and requests letters of recommendation. Review the regulations, take a peek at the application in its draft form, and review the calendar for selecting the Commission here:

<http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov/>

### **\*\*\*CO2 Skepticism\*\*\***

Recently I wrote about the growing number of scientists who dispute the Al Gore-backed claims that carbon dioxide perpetuated by human is responsible for global climate change. You may encounter many people in your daily life, from your neighbor to your public-school educated child who has been indoctrinated, who do not understand these scientists' objections to what the mainstream media has told us is gospel. You do not have to be a scientist yourself to combat the dogma. Take a look at this brief yet fact-packed publication that explains, "Carbon doesn't seem to have driven temperatures before; probably isn't doing it now; things are not getting warmer; and computer models can't predict the weather." Get "The Skeptic's Handbook" here and you will be prepared to debate the issue with confidence and clarity:

<http://joannenova.com.au/global-warming/>

## *It's Time California Stood Up for Small Businesses*

by Senator Tony Strickland  
Strickland Report, October 09

Santa Barbara News-Press on October 11, 2009

As California struggles with a lingering budget deficit and rising unemployment rates, a lot of rhetoric is spent on promoting business growth and keeping skilled workers from moving to other states. At the same time we are regulating businesses to the point that they cannot afford to exist, let alone be competitive. Our state cannot afford to see more businesses close or move to neighboring states with the promise of lower taxes and less restrictions.

A recent report by two business professors from California State University, Sacramento, concluded that the total cost of regulation to the State of California is \$492.994 billion. That is almost five times the State's general fund budget, and almost a third of the State's gross product. In terms of business growth, we are headed in the wrong direction.

It's no secret that California is an expensive place to live and do business when compared with other states. However, small businesses with little start-up capital have little chance of surviving in such an unfriendly business climate. On a per-business basis, the total cost of regulation was \$134,122.48 per business in 2007, according to the Varshney Study.

In terms of employment this total output loss is equivalent to the loss of 3.8 million jobs for the state each year. A loss of 3.8 million jobs represents 10% of the total population of California. In terms of labor income, the total loss to the state from the regulatory cost is \$210.471 billion. Finally the indirect business taxes that would have been generated due to the output lost arising from the regulatory cost is \$16.024 billion.

These findings underscore a fundamental disregard on the part of our state for keeping jobs and attracting new businesses to California. As legislators re-examine revenue sources in our state, keeping small businesses afloat needs to be a priority. We must remember that 99.2% of the employers in California are small businesses and employ over half of our workforce.

I have worked hard this year to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse in California. Now we must work to protect our greatest asset, the very businesses that drive our economy, provide jobs and generate revenues for our state.

Businesses do need regulation to the extent that consumers, employees and our state are protected from fraud. But if we simply pile on excessive regulations, businesses will close or move, people will lose jobs and our state's budget will be strained even further.

California has been lucky enough to host some of the

most innovative and important new businesses sectors to materialize in our nation's history. We should fiercely protect these assets by extending incentives to do business in our state, not cost prohibitive regulations.

Every neighborhood in our state depends on local small businesses like Bitterman's Deli, Ablitt's Fine Cleaners and Launderers, Mon Amie Hair Salon, or Whodidily Cupcakes. These small, individually owned businesses in Santa Barbara County may not be the giant corporations we read about in the business section of the newspaper or whose commercials dominate television, but they are the very people building our economy.

As I work with my fellow lawmakers to solve the ongoing budget issues in our state, I will continue to fight for small business owners by encouraging a hospitable environment in California for businesses to flourish.

### **THREATS TO OUR LIBERTY: COPENHAGEN TREATY**

**The Foundation:** *"Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence, (I conjure you to believe me fellow citizens) the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly awake; since history and experience prove that foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of Republican Government."* --George Washington

"With less than two months to go before the big Copenhagen Conference on global warming, two major nations have said 'no thanks' to the no-growth agenda. For that reason alone, so should we. Following a deal signed late Thursday between China and India, anything we might agree to do in Copenhagen is likely moot anyway. The two mega-nations -- which together account for nearly a third of the world's population -- said they won't go along with a new climate treaty being drafted in Copenhagen to replace the Kyoto Protocol that expires in 2012. They're basically saying no to anything that forces them to impose mandatory limits on their output of greenhouse gas emissions. Other developing nations, including Mexico, Brazil and South Africa, will likely reject any proposals as well. The deal was already in trouble. Three weeks ago, the Group of 77 developing nations met in Thailand to discuss what they wanted to do about global warming. Their answer: nothing. William Hawkins, writing in the American Thinker, quotes a piece in China's Science Times journal that sums up how China -- and other developing nations -- feel: 'Why do the developed countries put an arguable scientific problem on the international negotiations table?' the article's author, Wang Jin, asks. 'The real intention is not for the global temperature increase, but for the restriction of the economic development of the developing countries.' They see clearly what the rest of us seem to miss -- that, for all its bad science, the Copenhagen Conference is about the world's Lilliputians tying down its Gullivers, not about global warming at all. So, thanks to China and India, Copenhagen is dead -- just as Kyoto was when it was signed in 1992, though no one knew it at the time. Without them, no global treaty on climate change will be workable." --Investor's Business Daily

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**CFRW Executive Board**

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Rosalie Parks Edelweiss ~ Co-Presidents  
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## Fraud and Abuse Weigh Down Stimulus Package

By: Susan Ferrechio, Washington Examiner, 11/03/09

The \$787 billion stimulus bill was passed in February and was promised as a job saver and economy booster. Here is where some of the money went:

- \$300,000 for a GPS-equipped helicopter to hunt for radioactive rabbit droppings at the Hanford nuclear reservation in Washington state.
- \$30 million for a spring training baseball complex for the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies.
- \$11 million for Microsoft to build a bridge connecting its two headquarter campuses in Redmond, Wash., which are separated by a highway.
- \$430,000 to repair a bridge in Iowa County, Wis., that carries 10 or fewer cars per day.
- \$800,000 for the John Murtha Airport in Johnstown, Pa., serving about 20 passengers per day, to build a backup runway.
- \$219,000 for Syracuse University to study the sex lives of freshmen women.
- \$2.3 million for the U.S. Forest Service to rear large numbers of arthropods, including the Asian longhorned beetle, the nun moth and the woolly adelgid.
- \$3.4 million for a 13-foot tunnel for turtles and other wildlife attempting to cross U.S. 27 in Lake Jackson, Fla.
- \$1.15 million to install a guardrail for a persistently dry lake bed in Guymon, Okla.
- \$9.38 million to renovate a century-old train depot in Lancaster County, Pa., that has not been used for three decades.
- \$2.5 million in stimulus checks sent to the deceased.
- \$6 million for a snow-making facility in Duluth, Minn.
- \$173,834 to weatherize eight pickup trucks in Madison County, Ill.
- \$20,000 for a fish sperm freezer at the Gavins Point National Fish Hatchery in South Dakota.
- \$380,000 to spay and neuter pets in Wichita, Kan.
- \$300 apiece for thousands of signs at road construction sites across the country announcing that the projects are funded by stimulus money.
- \$1.5 million for a fence to block would-be jumpers from leaping off the All-American Bridge in Akron, Ohio.

- \$1 million to study the health effects of environmentally friendly public housing on 300 people in Chicago.
- \$356,000 for Indiana University to study childhood comprehension of foreign accents compared with native speech.
- \$983,952 for street beautification in Ann Arbor, Mich., including decorative lighting, trees, benches and bike paths.
- \$148,438 for Washington State University to analyze the use of marijuana in conjunction with medications like morphine.
- \$462,000 to purchase 22 concrete toilets for use in the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri
- \$3.1 million to transform a canal barge into a floating museum that will travel the Erie Canal in New York state.
- \$1.3 million on government arts jobs in Maine, including \$30,000 for basket makers, \$20,000 for storytelling and \$12,500 for a music festival.
- \$71,000 for a hybrid car to be used by student drivers in Colchester, Vt., as well as a plug-in hybrid for town workers decked out with a sign touting the vehicle's energy efficiency.
- \$1 million for Portland, Ore., to replace 100 aging bike lockers and build a garage that would house 250 bicycles.

*Sources: News reports, Office of the Senate Minority Leader, Office of Sen. Tom Coburn*

**Editor's note:** Is the "all important, must rush, not read," stimulus package working? You be the judge. *November 6, 2009 the Unemployment rate came out today at 10.2%.*

### Websites of Interest

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## THE SKEPTICAL OBSERVER

When you put out a lot of money for a product, you expect that you will get your money's worth. That is certainly the case with labor unions and Barack Obama.

The Service Employees International Union (SEIU) gave Barack Obama \$60.7M during the 2008 election cycle. Andy Stern, President of the SEIU stated that "We spent a fortune to elect Barack Obama - \$60.7M to be exact - and we're proud of it."

The 2 Million member union that represents government and private service employees, claimed that its workers "knocked on 1.87 Million doors, made 4.4 Million phone calls...and sent more than 2.5 Million pieces of mail in support of Obama. SEIU leaders were sent to seven states in the weekend before the election to get out the vote for all Democrats.

Stern and many of his lieutenants (who have been plagued by scandal) have managed to take over local chapters. SEIU has consolidated low-skill service workers to create an incredible force of labor union employees. Of course, the majority of government employees are members of SEIU. As more and more people are hired by the government due to expansion of programs, SEIU gains more members.

Andy Stern has a prominent seat in the Obama White House. The release by the White House of a visitor's list indicated that Stern has been a visitor more than 22 times since the inauguration.

The President is pushing all of SEIU priorities: expansive government health care, the "Employee Free Choice Act" which will do away with private-ballot union elections and a slashing of funds at the Department of Labor which were designated to monitor unions and ensure that all rules were followed and union members were not being cheated.

When Elaine Chao was Secretary of Labor during the Bush Administration, audits of labor union corruption were done accurately and with sufficient funds which resulted in benefits for union members. In 2008 and 2009, three of Stern's handpicked deputies resigned over financial scandals involving cronyism, nepotism and embezzlement.

Since taking office the President has slashed the Labor Department's funding to investigate union corruption. The agency that investigates financial crimes that occur when union officials steal from their union is the Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS). That budget was slashed 9%.

A three year union deal with the Federal Aviation Authority that oversees the National Air Traffic Controllers is valued at \$669M. The consequences of such a deal are increasing union influence on aviation policy. There is also a growing role for public employee unions at other federal agencies.

In the first weeks of his presidency, Mr. Obama issued an executive order making the requirement "project labor agreement" (PLA) the norm for all government contracts on large scale construction jobs.

PLA requires union representation for workers and forces non-union employees to pay dues and contribute to a union pension fund. They may never get those funds back.

The PLA is under review but the Department of Labor has rushed to use PLA for new projects.

In September 2009, the President imposed a temporary tariff on Chinese car tires. This decision benefits the United Steelworkers Union.

A good axiom to pay attention to is **Follow the Money**. We also have to be prepared for the next round of elections since the SEIU will be pouring money into certain local elections.

Michelle Malkin -Human Events 5/13/09

Don Todd - Human Events 5/19/09

S.A. Miller - The Washington Times 10/7/09

George Will - The Washington Post 9/23/09





# Membership 2009

Nancy Maier—Membership Chair

Welcome First New Members of 2010

## Rosalie Bulach and Lorita Lambert

Santa Rosa Republican Women Federated ended the membership year with 106 members - 24 new members and 82 renewals. It is a positive increase in membership but we can all do better.

This year, as we did last year, the Membership Renewal form for 2010 is an insert in this Newsletter. It simplifies things and saves us money. As has been done 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.



### Winner - Membership Incentive Program

**Ann Porrino** invited women to meetings who have become members. Members, talk to your friends about our excellent speakers and very informative newsletter. The newsletter alone is worth the price of membership! Ann and her new members worked on providing the venue of our upcoming evening meeting!

**SRRWF appreciates your support of the Ways and Means** table. 10 booklets on the Constitution of the United States of America were all purchased by members at the October meeting. Thank you for participating in supporting the efforts of the SRRWF. If you have an opportunity to see an item you think our members would like to purchase, please call one of the board members. *Francis Dilley, Chair*



The CRP came to the aid of the Congressional District 10 Republican Candidate David Harmer. When the CRP actively became involved it was the main source of communication to other counties to help out by busing workers into the area before and on election day. All of the CRP staff that were available came to his aid. CRP VP Tom Del Becarro was instrumental in this campaign. The CRP political director was in constant contact with the campaign and was stationed at the campaign headquarters for a week.. With the help of Ron Nehring of the CRP the RNC and the RNCC maxed out financially under the law for mailers to be dropped up to the election day.

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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](http://www.srrwf.org) and may be charged to your credit card.

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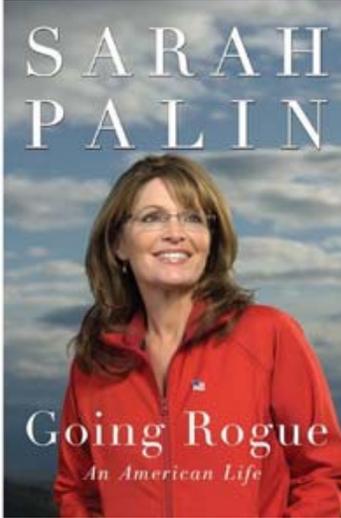
**Looking for a few good women!**



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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Special evening at the movies! November 19th Varena at FountainGrove Theater -  
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**Calendar 2009**

- Nov 13-15** CFRW No Div Convention pg 5
- Nov 19** Evening Meeting (Flier)
- Nov 24** General Monthly Meeting



- Dec 1** SRRWF Board Meeting
- Dec 15** Christmas Meeting



**Republicans Meeting Around the County**

Sonoma County Republican Party meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.. Information-707 542-7066  
[www.sonomagop.org](http://www.sonomagop.org)

**North Sonoma County Rep Club (Healdsburg) will meet at 7:30 at Adels on November 18 - Rosalie Parks Chair 707-578-0414**

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**Napa Vintage RWF** - Meets third Thursday - 707-554-4710

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