

NOTES AND DOINGS #3, February 12, 2008

"Republican Women - Honoring God, Country, and Family"

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www.familysecuritymatters.org
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Dear members and friends,

1. We celebrate Presidents' Day this month, so a couple of thoughts from Lincoln and Reagan are good to reflect on in light of controversies over the value of religion in the political arena and the value of engaging Islam jihadists in battle.

"I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandment's would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S .Congress." - Ronald Reagan

"No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. - Ronald Reagan

"If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under." - Ronald Reagan

"The will of God prevails. In great contests each party claims to act in accordance with the will of God. Both may be, and one must be, wrong. God cannot be for and against the same thing at the same time. In the present civil war it is quite possible that God's purpose is something different from the purpose of either party; and yet the human instrumentalities, working just as they do, are of the best adaptation to effect his purpose. I am almost ready to say that this is probably true; that God wills this contest, and wills that it shall not end yet. By his mere great power on the minds of the now contestants, he could have either saved or destroyed the Union without a

human contest. Yet the contest began. And, having begun, he could give the final victory to either side any day. Yet the contest proceeds. **Lincoln, Sept. 1862, D.C.**

“It is impossible rightly to govern the world without God and the Bible.” George Washington

2. NFRW has introduced us its members to Family Security Matters, an daily email account of security issues, similar to News Max and World Net Daily, but with national and family security as the focus. Here is an article by a writer whose name is new to me. You may want to be a subscriber as well.

“The fact of the matter is this: In survey after survey it is proven that the overwhelming majority of American people adhere to the tenets of a chosen religion. A [2001 American Religious Identification Survey](#) indicated that approximately 80% of the American people adhere to the tenets of Christianity. And the [CIA World Factbook](#) breaks the U.S. religious demographic down as being 78% Christian, while 12% of the population embrace other religions. 10%, it reports, practice no religion. When you take these facts into consideration, it would be an unlikely event that our electorate would choose someone for the highest office in the land that *didn't* adhere to a specific religion's ideology.” Frank Salvato, Family Security Matters, 12/07/07

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3. Check out our Northern Division website which Web Manager Ruth Van Bommel has been updating with information for our Spring Conference in Jackson on April 5-6 hosted by Region IV.

The sidebar menu for the general public is different than the one for members only which is on the top cross bar menu. Click the “members’ center” link and type in the *user name* (nodiv) and the *password* (leaders). You will now see conferences and conventions listed on the sidebar and be able to download and print the registration form. Presidents will have received one in the February *Northern Express* last week. There is membership and president information listed also on this first members only page.

Check out “About us” on the public side. Sidebar has Regions and Counties listed. New regional Directors and club presidents will soon be updated, but club websites and any club events are listed. Each top listing changes the sidebar menu. So Regions and Clubs/ Counties are not listed on each sidebar. Ruth is working to create an easier flow from link to link. I have noticed a couple of new events added to the calendar. Hope all clubs will utilize this area.

On Home page is listed “What’s New” where an excellent summary of the January Leadership Conference has been presented by N.D. Recording

Secretary Jennette Cabot. Click on the “Leadership Work Ideas for 2008” to review the details presented by your N.D. officers and chairmen.

4. Sutter County RWF hosted a delightful and very elegant Membership Tea on Saturday, February 2, 2008. Dr. Barbara Fair, Director for Region V, and I were invited guests. President Pat Middleton welcomed us along with prospective members to the lovely home of hostess and Legislation Chairman Coleen Morehead. The members had been asked by Dottie van Eckhardt, past Northern Division President and Sutter Membership Chairman, to wear hats in honor of President Liz. It was such fun to see the lovely hats. If prizes had been awarded, Dr. Barbara would have won all of them. Her most stylish chapeau of lavender with silk and floral trim was her reward for buying lots of opportunity drawing tickets at our November Convention in Monterey. Thank you, Pat and officers for the most enjoyable afternoon.

5. Meet an artist who has created a lasting memory of over 250 “fallen” soldiers and one family that is the grateful recipient of her pure gift of love – her love of these men and women and her love of liberty. Short 5 minute video on

www.militarytimes.com/hancock (Press Control and click on the site.) Please overlook one profane comment. The families who receive her gift are most blessed.

6. We all love the playful polar bears and do not want to see them become extinct. Recently we have been reading about the demise of the polar bear. Here is some good factual information which might be used for a letter to the editor.

Power of the Pen Chairman Sandy Gregory in the February *Northern Express* has encouraged each Region to hold a Letter to the Editor friendly competition. How about defending the polar bears from an environmentally concerned conservative point of view? Or why not take on the supposed retreat of the polar ice cap mentioning what is actually happening in both polar areas with data provided by Heartland.

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Expert Comment: ESA Listing for Polar Bears Unsupported by Sound Science

(Chicago, Illinois - February 5, 2008) U.S. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne is expected to decide as early as this week that polar bears should be listed as a "threatened" species in the U.S.

Although polar bear populations are not currently in decline, Kempthorne believes global warming may threaten them in the future. He first proposed the listing in December 2006, launching a year-long public comment period.

Experts contacted by The Heartland Institute warned Kempthorne's plan is unsupported by sound science and aimed mostly at crippling the U.S. economy. You may quote from these statements or contact the experts directly at the phone numbers and email addresses provided below.

"I do not believe the listing decision will stand, because the Endangered Species Act requires the Secretary of the Interior to make such determinations 'solely on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data' {Sec. 1533 (b)(1)(A)}, whereas Secretary Kempthorne based his decision chiefly on speculative greenhouse climate models."

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"Polar bears survived nicely during the Medieval Climate Optimum, when temperatures were much warmer than today's."

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"The leftist Center for Biological Diversity conceived abuse of the Endangered Species Act for creating in the public mind a false crisis over polar bears that will force radical social changes it

has been unable to obtain through the democratic process. Author Jonah Goldberg sees this 'crisis mechanism' as the 'most fascistic ingredient' in the behavior of radical environmentalists.

"The intended outcome is the crippling of the U.S. economy through fossil fuel starvation, increased dependence on insecure energy sources, and a green path to serfdom; ensuring that the next generation of Americans must be poorer, less secure, and less free than the present one -- a path leading to an Orwellian dystopia in which Science has abandoned Man for the State."

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The following articles provide further background on polar bears and climate change.

Climate Science: Change and Its Impacts

<http://www.heartland.org/Article.cfm?artId=19236>

A May 2006 study for the National Center for Policy Analysis, conducted by Dr. David Legates, Delaware's state climatologist and director of the University of Delaware's Center for Climatic Research, throws cold water on the claim that global warming threatens to cause the extinction of polar bears.

Senator Challenges Media to Report Objectively

<http://www.heartland.org/Article.cfm?artId=20953>

Global warming alarmism is unsupported by the weight of scientific evidence, and proposals by environmental activists to impose a drastic global warming prevention program are unwarranted, Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK), chairman of the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, stated on the Senate floor on September 26, 2006.

Gorgeous Propaganda, Frightening Truth

<http://www.heartland.org/Article.cfm?artId=19239>

In a review of former vice president Al Gore's film *An Inconvenient Truth*, Heartland President Joseph L. Bast notes, "Glaciers have calved into seas for millions of years, storms obviously predate modern civilization and our emissions, and real-life polar bears know better than to head out into open water during the Arctic summer."

Testimony: Science and Global Warming: What Do We Know?

<http://www.heartland.org/Article.cfm?artId=20779>

In testimony to the Minnesota Climate Science Symposium, held in May 2007 and sponsored by

state Sen. Mike Jungbauer, Heartland Institute Senior Fellow James M. Taylor notes, "Images of polar bears on icebergs are not pictures of polar bears in distress. Polar bears are capable of swimming 60 to 100 miles without interruption."

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Media Backgrounder: Global Warming Is Not the Cause of Polar Ice Cap Retreat

Global warming is not causing any significant retreat of polar ice caps, despite claims to the contrary in some media reports, says James M. Taylor, senior fellow for environment policy at The Heartland Institute.

Although Arctic sea ice last summer reached its minimum extent since satellites began measuring the ice in 1979, NASA scientists have discovered the sea ice retreated due to variable local wind patterns rather than global warming. Moreover, the ice re-formed at a record pace last fall.

In the Southern Hemisphere, Antarctic sea ice is at its greatest extent in recorded history. The majority of Antarctica is in a prolonged cold spell and has been accumulating snow and ice for decades.

For more information on polar ice caps, see the following documents.

Latest Antarctic Sea Ice Extent

http://icecap.us/index.php/go/joes-blog/latest_antarctic_sea_ice_extent2/

Escalating Ice Loss Found in Antarctica

Sheets Melting in an Area Once Thought to Be Unaffected by Global Warming

http://scienceandpublicpolicy.org/originals/artic_ice_loss.html

Arctic Sea Ice Unaffected by Global Warming

<http://www.heartland.org/Article.cfm?artId=22375>

Antarctic Sea Ice Sets Records in Oct.

<http://www.heartland.org/Article.cfm?artId=22362>

Renewable Energy Advocates Tell Half the Story

<http://www.heartland.org/Article.cfm?artId=22040>

Natural Forces Influence Arctic Sea Ice Retreat

<http://www.heartland.org/Article.cfm?artId=21258>

Disaster on Thin Ice

<http://www.heartland.org/Article.cfm?artId=9771>

If you have any questions about this issue, you may contact James M. Taylor, The Heartland Institute's senior fellow for environment policy, at 914/776-5690 or taylor@heartland.org.

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7. CALENDAR

Now, if you made it this far:

Thanks for listening. What successful events has your club held which other clubs might like to duplicate?

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