

# Northwest Democrats News



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## Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> Program: Term Limits

Don't forget to attend our September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting when Christian Archer will speak on the issue of changing the city charter on term limits. His topic will be "Why We Need to Extend Term Limits."

Term limits will be on the ballot this year at the end of the ballot.

Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am at Luby's, Floyd Curl and Huebner.

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## Last Chance to Register Voters

Friday, Oct. 3, 2008

Meet at King Willie's Bar-B-Q  
943 S. Alamo, San Antonio,  
TX, 78205

6:00 pm

Call Charlie Riley,  
210-326-8483



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## A Few 'Joyce' Words

*by Joyce Dorrycott*

Would you rather “build a bridge to the future or a bridge to nowhere” - When my son said these words to me yesterday, it reinforced our stark our choices are in this election.

How many of you were as shocked as I that John McCain actually thinks Sarah Palin is prepared to serve as our country's vice president? I am actually insulted that anyone would think this woman is prepared to lead me anywhere. But, then, as I keep telling people she and I may have the same body parts, but we surely don't think alike. It bothers me a lot, however, that so many women are so gullible.

Well, enough of the good stuff. The really bad stuff is that Karl Rove is active in the McCain campaign now so, instead of Sarah needing a Truth Squad, Democrats will need one. So, bone up on your facts, and don't let one untruth pass unchallenged.

Meantime, maybe Sarah can energize both campaigns. If you've listened to anything she has said, by now, you must feel as if you and she are on different planets. So, when Democrats say, “She scares me.” I say, “Come to work.” We have enough work at the campaign office to keep you so busy you won't have time to be concerned about the other side. I lean toward wanting to work positively FOR something. I support Barack Obama. I'm proud of his candidacy. I think he will be a great president. Just think of it this way. If you were following George Bush in office, you wouldn't have to do much to be considered great.

Those of us at the office who have been wearing our Obama shirts everyday everywhere we go know there is a lot of excitement out there. I never go anywhere someone doesn't comment on my shirt or wonder where I got it.

We are so pleased with the dedication of those who have been coming in to help, but we really need everyone to step up and do his/her part. If you need to do so, you can call for Vote Democratic sign placements from home. If you want to help with mailouts, we need your help. If you are ready to walk, the newspaper and lists are ready. If you just want to look up phone numbers, we will give you a list. If you are computer literate and want to help us feed databases, we have work for you to do.

Most of all, each one of us needs to see this as our own fight. This is our country. How much longer can you sit back and watch the Republicans destroy the Constitution, drive our people out of their homes and into bankruptcy, watch thousands more lose their jobs everyday, see our children get second class health care and inadequate educations, and watch billions more transfer from our county to China and Iraq. Need I say more?

We all have talents of one kind or another. Many of us just haven't chosen to use them in the political arena. But, if you and I truly bind together, see this as a cause worth fighting for, lay aside those things that can wait till after November 4<sup>th</sup> (how can you have a vacation during such a critical time anyway?) , and get busy.

So, quit making excuses. Everyone can do something. Or would you rather build a bridge to nowhere than to work toward building a bridge to the future?

## Seward's Folly comes to the lower 48

Why we don't need Sarah Failin, let me count the ways:

- 1) She's an insult to all Hillary voters. By picking Sarah Failin, McBush has decided that all Hillary voters just want a woman on the ticket, not matter their beliefs. Even if she's against abortion in all cases and against all forms of birth control.
- 2) She's under investigation for trying to pressure the state safety commissioner to fire her sister's ex-husband as a state trooper. Subpoenas have now had to be issued because the McBush campaign is interfering with the investigation.
- 3) She was for earmarks before she was against them. She hired a lobbyist for her town and secured over \$27 million in earmarks. (I will say this, I want whoever she hired. A single lobbyist who can secure over \$27 million for a town of less than 10,000...)
- 4) She used her line item veto power to cut funding. No big, until you see what she cut funding for, "...funding for a state program benefiting teen mothers in need of a place to live." Aren't we being a little hypocritical governor? Of course, Failin also supports abstinence only sex education; you know, no sex till you're married.
- 5) Dexter Clark, Vice Chairman of the Alaska Independence Party, "We don't say we're Americans. We say we're Alaskans." Failin's husband Todd was a member of the Alaska Independence Party and Failin addressed the AIP's convention in March of this year. Since McBush wants to make patriotism and flag lapel pins an issue...
- 6) Governor of Alaska doesn't equal Commander in Chief. While the McBush campaign is trying to say Failin had some role in national defense, it's not true, "Maj. Gen. Craig Campbell, adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard... said he and Palin play no role in national defense activities, even when they involve the Alaska National Guard. The entire operation is under federal control, and the governor is not briefed on situations."
- 7) Failin's college years: 5 schools in 6 years.
- 8) Failin asked the town librarian if she [the librarian] would be opposed to banning books from the library; the librarian said yes. Failin unsuccessfully tried to get the librarian fired.
- 9) Failin managed to leave her town with \$20 million in long-term debt. What is it with Republicans and taxpayer money?
- 10) The former Wasilla police chief, "tried to move up the closing hours of local bars from 5 a.m. to two a.m. after a spurt of drunk driving accidents and arrests." In addition he was for a restriction on concealed handguns. Both of these positions upset some supporters of Failin. The police chief was later fired.
- 11) Remember Rev. Wright? Meet Ed Kalnins, Sarah Failin's pastor. Pastor Kalnins preached that, "critics of President Bush will be banished to hell; questioned whether people who voted for Sen. John Kerry in 2004 would be accepted to heaven; charged that the 9/11 terrorist attacks and war in Iraq were part of a war "contending for your faith;" and said that Jesus "operated from that position of war mode."

- 12) During Failin's term as mayor rape victims were billed for their forensic tests (i.e. rape kits). The reasoning for this was to keep taxes low.
- 13) As governor, when Failin spent the night at her own house (312 all together), taxpayers footed the bill.
- 14) Failin's office won't release hundreds of emails claiming they're confidential. Subject lines include: political foe, a journalist, and non-policy topics.

Clinton/Gore was a Bridge to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. I guess you can say the Republican ticket this year is a Bridge to Nowhere.

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