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## LCRC Executive Board



Not all in the same room, not all in the same picture but, through the magic of editing, all on the same page ~ ed

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## President's Message:

**"Courage Is Contagious" Pass it on.**

## Pulling Together for Victory

We all know of the intensely dangerous situation in which our Country currently lies. Students of history, economists, observers of World events, and yes even many of our elected officials are all warning of impending "hard times" ahead. The policies of the Obama administration have once again proven to be non-productive, and downright dangerous. If those policies, both economic and foreign are allowed to play out for another four years, I fear they will prove to be disastrous for our Country.

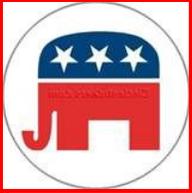


With an unemployment rate reaching upward once again, and with Islamic Fascists trying to kill every American Infidel they can, one does not have to look far for convincing evidence for our concerns. It is our love of Country and a dedication to the concept of freedom and liberty that has brought most of us together at this particular point in time. A time in which we may turn it around and look again toward God and our beloved *Constitution* or a time in which we may fall into the abyss of Socialism, Communism, and despair for generations untold. It is understanding the dangers at hand that have motivated so many of us into action. It is my prayer that we may all continue to fight the good fight and know that this *nation shall not perish from this earth*.

In our fight to regain control of our Country we must offer true lessons in history. History has forever been the depository of man's experiences in governing over man. There is no better example than our *Founding Fathers*. Their lessons are hard learned and have stood faithfully the test of time. Their wisdom is unrivaled and their belief in Divine providence and guidance is well documented in our founding documents. We too must follow their example. We too shall have to pull together for victory if we are to turn the ship of state away from disaster and back onto the right course.

Many of you have asked, "what can we do" to help get our Country back on track? It is my belief that if we can pull this ship of state together, we can succeed.

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Quite frankly, if everyone and most of the Conservatives Organizations can manage to work together, we will become a force of good which would make our Founding Fathers proud. Pulling together is the key. The Conservative Leadership Council is just one example of that team spirit. The Council is represented by just about every Conservative, Constitutional, Republican and Tea Party group in the area. It is our intention to provide a public platform from which a proper vetting process of political candidates may occur. We hope to provide a more open and informative venue from which our political candidates may hear the concerns of *We The People*. So get involved in your Club. Make yourself heard. Evil prevails because good men do nothing. The Conservative Leadership Council (CLC) is just an organizational tool. It is here to help implement your Club's effectiveness. But it is up to you to make each of our voices heard loud and clear and get this Country back on track before it is too late!

God Bless these United States

Regards to All,

Greg Bowen

## Minutes of the Meeting

### Lynn AronSpeer

### Lake Country Republican Minutes

#### General Meeting Minutes

#### May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The LCRC met at the Quitman Library, Goode Street, Quitman, TX. At 6:10 PM our president, Greg Bowen, called the meeting to order.

As the Spencers had not yet arrived, Roger Tune led the prayer and Dr. James Marvel led the pledges.

Greg noted elected officials present were Sheriff Bill Wansley, Constables Steve Bowser and Ed Shadbolt, former sheriff and upcoming sheriff candidate, Dwaine Daugherty, and upcoming sheriff candidate, Jim Brown.

**Following were Committee Reports:**

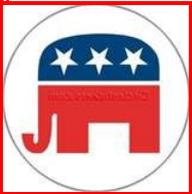
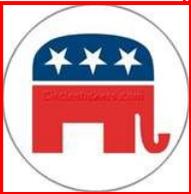
Minutes for April, 2011 were approved as written.

Treasurer: Gene Shoemaker's report was approved.

Publicity: Terrell AronSpeer announced the deadline for *Sentinel* inclusions is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Membership: Joanna Bowen announced Jo McGuyer is home from the hospital much improved after suffering pneumonia.

Legislation: Greg announced Philip Winter has resigned his position as Legislative Committee Chair.





Greg announced that under the determination of “Uniting in 2012,” the evening’s program would consist of the introduction of and a brainstorming session by the newly formed **Conservative Leadership Council of Wood County**.

The members of the Leadership Council are as follows:

**Shirley Haskins**, President of the Republican Women of Wood County, stated the RWWC current membership is 64 members and 15 associates, is affiliated with TFRW and NFRW, supports many community outreach projects, and supports women candidates after the primary selection process. The club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at the Tea Room in Quitman at 11:30 AM. She will report the formation of the Council to her membership.

**Tim Discher**, Holly Lake Ranch past president and recent founder of Wood County We the People, says his is a watch dog organization where issues are brought to his attention and then tracked if deemed appropriate.

**Mike Kinzie**, leader of Lake Fork Tea Party Patriots and acting leader for Quitman Tea Party Patriots, stated the movement’s watchwords are Fiscal responsibility, Constitutionality, and Free market systems. Through combining efforts, Mike hopes to run off some of the unholy alliances between unions and communists by using keyboards, phones and pens. The Quitman group meets the first Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM at the Quitman Library.

**Charles Caffrey**, President, Holly Lake Hawkins Republican Club, stated we might be able to get candidates to come to Wood County by forming the Council. His club, like RWWC, cannot support any candidate until after the primary and any subsequent run-off election. He stated that last time they supported a candidate who won by a mere 18 votes. His club meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at Holly Hall, HLR and on June 6<sup>th</sup>, they are holding a fundraiser Hotdog Supper.

**Greg Bowen**, President Lake Country Republican Club, announced there were books for sale in the meeting room on how we got into this mess and suggested members and visitors peruse them. He stated we need a strong vetting process for candidates and that the Tea party is the world’s biggest steering committee.

A lively discussion ensued where Terrell AronSpeer stated the Republicans are good at electing people but not so good at holding their feet to the fire and that elections are not events but processes and it’s necessary to walk the precincts and make sure voters are ferried to the polls.

Char Doonan said the needs are Teach, Educate and Advocate.

Greg said it was briefly reported by FOX that Chavez of Venezuela and Ahmadenejad of Iran got together last year for nefarious purposes and we should be watchful for what might emerge.

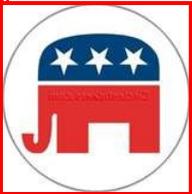
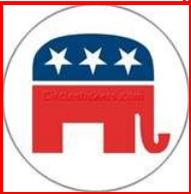


Eugene Spencer stated the 2012 election will be the dirtiest election we’ve ever seen, that it will take a superhuman effort to beat them and to be on guard.

Greg suggested we have a class/program on current media technologies.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

**Submitted by Lynn AronSpeer, Secretary.**





**Membership:**

Dear Lake Country Republicans,

The May 24 meeting was well attended, with 27 members and 12 guests present. We also added three members. Add these names to your membership roster:



Joe Janes  
287 CR 2385  
Alba, TX 75410  
Ph. 903-768-2834 (hm.)  
903-574-3515 (cell)

C.D. & Vicky Threlkeld  
221 Francis St.  
Mineola, TX 75773  
C.D. cell 903-376-1663  
Vicky cell 903-376-1682

This brings our total to 43 paid members. We had as our guests the members of the new Conservative Leadership Council. We'll be hearing more from this council in the near future.

Guests present at our meeting, other than the people named above who joined, were Char Doonan, Charles Caffrey, Tim Discher, Peggy and Rod Plumlee, Shirley Haskins, Jeannette Giles, Michael Kinzie, and Jim Brown.

See you at the June 28 meeting, 6 PM at the Quitman Library.

Joanna Bowen  
Membership Committee Chair

## LCRC June 28 Meeting

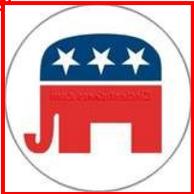
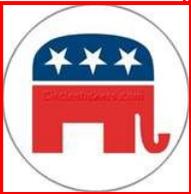
June 28, 2011 6 PM Quitman Library

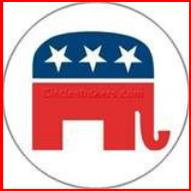
**Program Notes:** Guest Speaker John Tweedell  
Of the East Texas Constitution Alliance

**LCRC meets** on the 28th this month. What else happened on this date in American History?

1919 - The Peace Treaty ending World War I was signed at Versailles.  
The SENTINEL thinks this was a good thing.

LCRC meets in the Quitman library at 6 PM. Enter on the east side toward the back

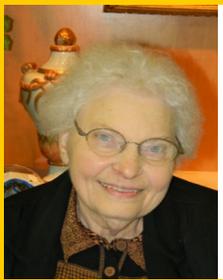




**Treasurers Report:**

Gene reports a balance of \$1424.16

Submitted by: Gene Shoemaker



**Hospitality:**

I sent a Thank You card to Joe Janes welcoming him back into Lake Country Republican Club.

Contact Janice Logan at 223 County Road 1961, Yantis, 75497, phone 903-383-3247, cell # 903-850-3267. Thank you.

Janice Logan

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE;**

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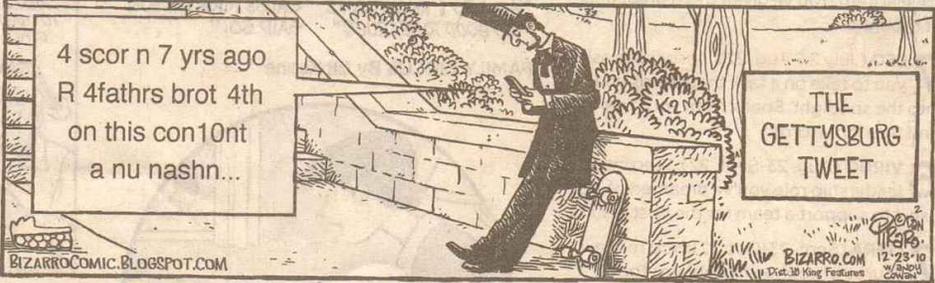
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By Dan Piraro



Submitted by:

*Jane Byrd*

**REPUBLICAN PARTY COUNTY CHAIR**

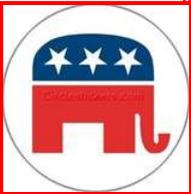
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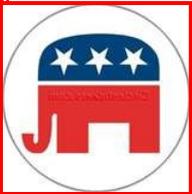
**REPORTS:** No news from HQ.

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*Helen Heavey*



**LOOK EACH WAY**





**Editorial Page:**

## Principle is a Moth

OK, you are way ahead of me. If principle is a moth, then compromise must be the flame. The fact that something is obvious is no reason to avoid stating it—and often, apparently, because too many still do not get it. A comedian on Hannity’s panel on June 2 (who puts these panels together?) stated he thought Israel should sit down and talk with Hamas. In their charter Hamas calls for the destruction of the State of Israel and the eradication of her citizens. What would a compromise with such people look like?

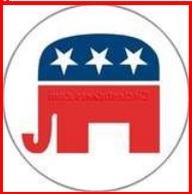
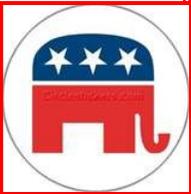


Israel, of course, wishes to be left alone to continue to bring forth bounty from the desert. In the mind of the left (apparently they have only the one), all ideas are equally worthy. Apparently, each of these concepts is equally self-serving; therefore a compromise between the two positions should be possible. Compromise is the meeting half-way between two positions. How would this look to an Israeli or a Palestinian?

Obviously, half-way between “destroy the State of Israel” and “please leave us alone” would be the destruction of only half of Israel. Perhaps Palestinians would be happy if they were allowed to blow up Jerusalem. Maybe the Israelis would have to throw in Haifa too. Of course, there is that whole eradication thing too. Perhaps Israel could just eliminate half her citizens. If the median age could be determined, then the group on either side of that line could be eliminated. Unfortunately, this would lead to the problem of either an aged population or an immature one. Maybe people with birthdays on even- numbered days could just go away.

I wonder if any of this would satisfy the Palestinians. To them, it would not seem like half-way at all. The State of Israel would still exist, and there would still be all those Jews. Of course, Israelis, the remaining ones anyway, would most likely not agree to the elimination of any of its citizens, and a simple maiming would most likely not satisfy *either* party.

The point of this absurd exercise is that compromise is not always possible, that the obsession with finding a compromise to every conflict is pathological. Neville Chamberlain reached a compromise with Hitler—great unless you were a Poll or a Czech. Ultimately, Hitler did not understand the compromise, but he did get the whole defeat thing. Evil, which seems to understand defeat, even if only temporarily, thrives on compromise. Compromise between good and bad is, by definition, half bad.





Besides, for evil, the compromise is just a resting place, a place where it can regroup and refresh when it is already half way to its goal. And have you noticed that the compromise becomes the new default position for good. In the next round, good now starts *here*, whereas evil will once again compromise and once again will wind up even closer to its goal. People, we have to figure out this game.

Not all compromise is bad. Say you have your eye on the new Jumboflat 5000 aircraft, but you will have to build a new 12,000 foot runway at all the locations where you expect to land and take off. Specs call for a 10,000 foot runway, but you want an additional 2,000 feet for safety. (Safety's not a bad thing). However environmentalist groups fear the encroaching development is pushing Johnson Grass onto the endangered species list. Obviously a proper compromise would be to build a 6,000 foot runway.

Wait a minute! The runway will still encroach on the habitat of the Johnson Grass. Furthermore, I don't think I would want to be a passenger on the Jumboflat. Bad example! Try this instead.

A man's daughter wants to spend a king's ransom on her wedding. The father thinks that the wedding is a one-day extravaganza with no lasting benefit other than a memory of bad cake and ill-behaved in-laws. A compromise could be reached so that only half of a king's ransom is spent on a scaled-back wedding with the other half going to a significant down payment on a home for the newlyweds. Thank goodness, Dad did not choose to save any of the money. But there, the art of compromise is actually achieved in this example.

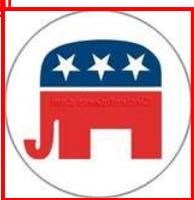
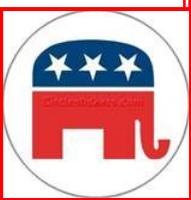
When we compromise a principle, we have only half a principle left. Would you consider the statement "he's half-way principled" to be a ringing endorsement? Around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, we compromised our capitalist system. Again, in FDR's administration, we compromised with communism. (Really, read the history of FDR's administration and the people in it.) Once again, we find ourselves compromising with admitted Marxists. The resulting unrelenting march to the left has been all too predictable.

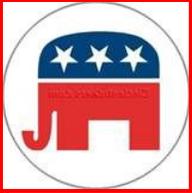
Compromise has been oversold and over-rated. As a strategy for conservatives, it should be abandoned. As a replacement strategy, until something better can be found, I suggest victory. ~ ed.

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## We've Lost Them Both

That right. Hugh and Cry; they're both gone. Alright the editor in me says that should be "hue" but that is not the point. In the 1960's we started hearing reports; "Someone takes LSD and jumps out a window." (This will not be an editorial on drugs or the drug war, I promise) These reports were constant and at the time we assumed that something must have happened. Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) had been around for more than thirty years and now people were jumping out of windows. A great hue and cry arose from the masses and now we have a 15 billion dollar a year war on drugs. That's just the federal government. State and local governments spend about twice that.



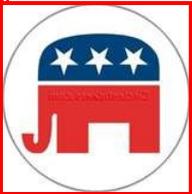
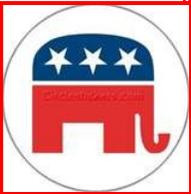
In pursuit of another topic I wondered, 'was this even true?' So I started looking for credible reports, ones with a name and an obituary. Although there were many stories, I found only two names. One was the child of a celebrity, Diane Linkletter, child of TV host Art Linkletter who spoke of the drug which his daughter was known to use. He was of course, devastated. This incident may be the origin of the modern subsequent stories. An autopsy revealed no traces of LSD or other drugs in her system, however she was known to suffer from depression.

The other name which kept popping up was Frank Olson who jumped out a window in Manhattan in 1953 while being questioned by federal authorities. He was not under the influence of LSD at the time and an autopsy conducted over forty years after his death indicated it may have been a homicide. Mr. Olson had been involved, during WW II, in a federal program to study the effects of hallucinogens and the possibility of weaponizing them.

The other stories, and there were quite a few, fell into one of two categories. First was "I knew a guy who" with no name or corroboration. He/she would be a friend, acquaintance, frat brother or sorority sister who after taking LSD and thinking they could fly, would jump out a window. But no names are ever given. The second scenario includes the CIA who would, as an experiment or in an attempt to gain information (had they not heard of sodium pentothal) dose an unsuspecting person in France, Africa or even here in the states. The subject would go mad and leap out of a 12 story window; again, no names. One would think that after a few such incidents, the CIA would adopt a policy of booking rooms on the ground floor.

None of this really matters but that on such flimsy evidence and a lot of hype we have instituted an expensive drug war and a huge bureaucracy. To so much as question the motives or effectiveness of the program will immediately bring suspicion on ones self.

But what if there were a drug which provably induces suicide. Not the antiseptic take-a-bottle-of-pills sort of suicide but a nasty, messy splatter-yourself-all-over-the-place sort of suicide. Would you not expect a comparable hue and cry? And what if an all too effective homicidal rage was a side effect of this drug? What if, after taking in this drug, people in a homicidal rage spilled out into the streets where innocent bystanders would be splattered all over the place in such a manner that the pieces of the suicidal perpetrator could not be sorted out from those of the innocent victims. Would you not expect a comparable hue and cry? Would there not be a comparable multibillion dollar program and bureaucracy to combat the menace and protect the citizens?





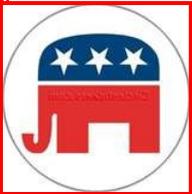
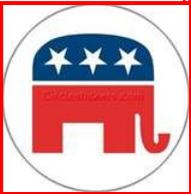
My observation is that we live in just such a world; that there is such a drug and that on the contrary, there is no such bureaucracy and that the hue and cry is muffled at best. In fact our government is an enabler to this behavior. The percentage of people taking this drug who exhibit these side effects is magnitudes greater than the percentage who took acid and then jumped out a window. So where are you, hue and cry?

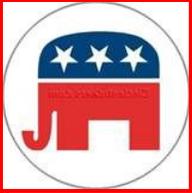
If you criticize anyone taking this substance you will be labeled an Islamaphobe. Yes, about one seventh of the world's population takes Islam and the teachings of Mohamed into their lives daily. Apparently it is addictive. Some would say only a small percentage exhibit the symptoms I have described. Yet in Islamic countries 10% to 70% are sympathetic with these actions. Side effects are more pronounced in some than others. About 25% of Muslims in this county are sympathetic with these actions. Among American Islamic youth the number is closer to 50%. How many would actually act on these side effects? I guess we could wait and just count the number of incidents like some observer from another planet.

Before you rush to hide behind the First Amendment (*congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or the free exercise thereof*), ask yourself why we think Islam is a religion? Islam says it is. They pray to a higher power. They have a messiah. So there are some basic recognizable elements. They have rules. Christians have the Ten Commandments. Jews have Halakhah and Muslims have Sharia. So far it all looks the same. The Ten Commandments are somewhat broad guidelines which Christians, if they are doing it right, use to inform their actions on a daily basis. Halakhah and Sharia are far more specific and direct all, including the most mundane, of one's daily activities. There is a difference there but hardly enough to declare these or Christianity to not be a religion. Judaism and Muslimism are apparently more rigorous. With the exception that we understand that Christians may be a bit lackadaisical, all seems to be in order.

OK so let's examine the experience of these similar sounding institutions and where they fit into the daily lives of the citizen. In America one can print blasphemy on a t-shirt and wear it out in public. Personally, I find this offensive and inconsiderate, and I am likely to exercise my First Amendment right to tell him so. It pretty much ends right there. In Israel, even with their more rigorous Halakhah, the result is going to be the same as it is in America. Everyone is entitled to their opinion. In the streets of Kandahar or Islamabad the result would be quite different. You will be beaten in the street and perhaps killed. There will be **no protection from the state** and no sympathy from the citizenry. Now that **is** different. Sharia law trumps or replaces secular law and the state has no mandate or right to protect the citizen from the enforcement of religious law. In America, a Catholic who was eating a ham sandwich on Friday and who was beaten by a priest would see the priest arrested for assault. Likewise the Rabi in Tel Aviv who beat someone for ordering a ham sandwich in the kosher deli would be prosecuted. I would not suggest opening so much as a hot dog stand in Cairo.

I could paint similar pictures with the stoning of rape victims, the severing of hands of petty shop lifters, the lack of due process, the institutionalized misogamy, but that is not the point. Nor is it a question of how much you are willing to put up with or where you personally draw the line. The point is there is a fundamental difference between religions which, through the power of persuasion, seek to influence the daily behavior of willing congregants, and political institutions which enforce their law by the sword of the state. A religion may be dominate in a given geographical region but still does not **rule** over it. A political institution **rules** over a geographical area whether all persons in the geographical area are considered citizens or not. You will still be subject to the rules of the State.





Where Islam exists, it rules or attempts to rule. The introduction of Sharia law into American courts accepts the premise that not all of our citizens are entitled to equal protection. Worse it claims that these are not *our* citizens, but *theirs*. A two state solution within our borders is no solution at all. Religions do not ask for these types of considerations, political institutions do. We can no longer afford to grant the protections of religion to a political institution. We participate in this folly at our own peril. To understand this threat you must properly define it. You may think a fish is a horse but when you saddle up you will get wet. Mounting the Trojan horse which is political Islam will be a much greater disaster.

Where is the hue and cry? Where is the multibillion dollar bureaucracy that is tasked with protecting us from this menace? Where is the war on Islamic thugs? ~ ed.

### Quick Comments:

Quick Comments is a new feature containing editorial comment without asking you to slog through an entire editorial. The purpose is to elicit your comments on a broader variety of subjects. It is our belief that clarity of thought is achieved through writing. To achieve your own clarity, let us know what you think by writing it down and sending it to the SENTINEL at [terrellaronspeer@peoplescom.net](mailto:terrellaronspeer@peoplescom.net). Your best efforts will be seen on the pages of the SENTINEL.

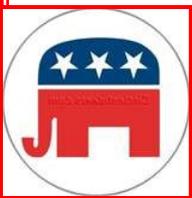
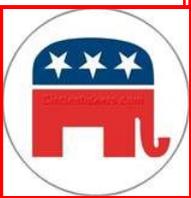
Unprecedented Charge a lawyer for John Edwards claimed. He stated that the **charge** against his client is “unprecedented” implying that because of this, the **charge** was illegitimate. I contend that if a person on Long Island were to attack a bus load of Ugandan tourists and feed their hearts to harp seals, the **charge** would probably be unprecedented. But it is the **crime** which is unprecedented; the charge just follows the crime.

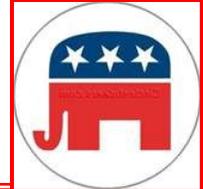
There is not much unusual in politician’s lack of fidelity. Nor is the same politician’s desire to cover it up. There is nothing unusual in a lawyer asking others to pay for the lawyer’s indiscretions. What might be unprecedented is that someone would actually be willing to pony up almost a million dollars to cover up the mess of an out of control narcissistic lawyer. What is obviously illegal is covering up the misappropriation of funds intended to cover up a politically embarrassing situation in the middle of an election. Also unprecedented is the hubris of the lawyer asking anyone to believe that there was no political motive in the expenditure of these funds. I’m sure you can cover up an aircraft carrier for a lot less than a million dollars.

Political Correctness ran amuck today when a sports caster covering the French Open Tennis match announced that China’s Li Na was the first **man or woman** from that country to win a Grand Slam final round. I asked my honey how it was that they knew to put her in the women’s round if they were uncertain as to what her gender might be. “Political correctness” is always political but seldom correct.

Sara Palin should get in or get out. One Trump is enough.

Donald Trump on Greta’s show on June 8, stated he might run as an independent if Republicans nominate the **wrong** candidate, wrong in *his* mind. In other words Trump aspires to be the new Ross Perot assuring victory to the Democrats. A quick review of Trump’s political contributions over the last thirty years shows he is more likely to contribute to a Democrat than a Republican, about 60/40. This is not a sign of even handed fairness. This is a man with no principles. Among others you will find Chuck Schumer and Harry Reid on that list. Tell your Trump loving friends.





## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Only one this month:

Read it all. Good stuff! Ann

Unless Ann is a shut-in, "Read it all," pithy as it is, counts as high praise. The SENTINEL thanks Ann for her perseverance.

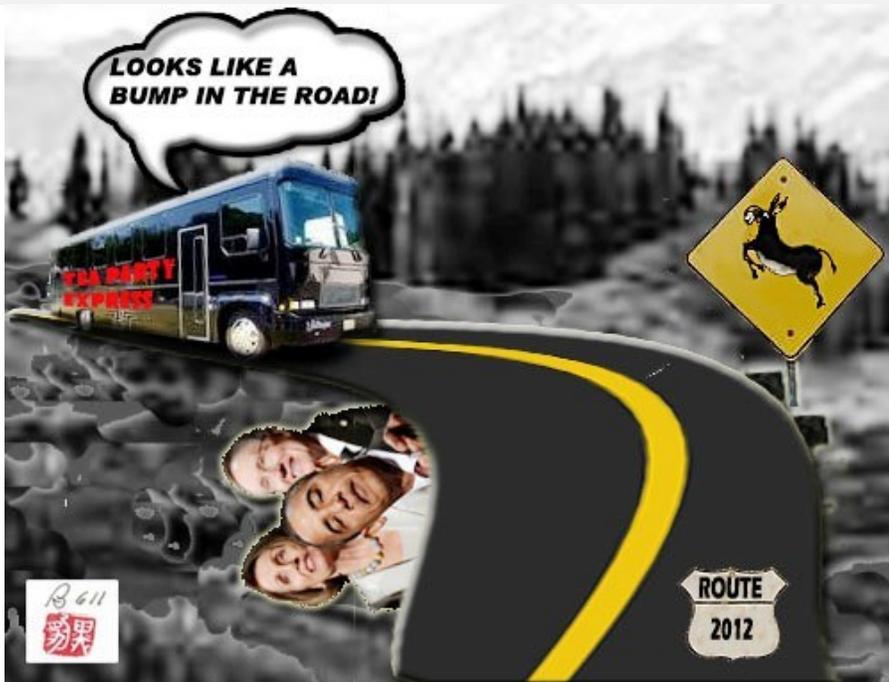
### Who Said It:

*"An army of principles can penetrate where an army of men cannot."*

Answer, page 24  
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### Below:

More than a difference in style is revealed. What is apparent are the core values of each man, his very soul.

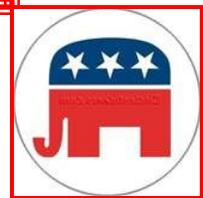
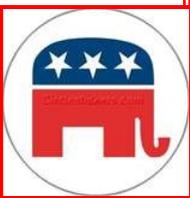


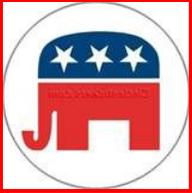
### George W. Bush speech after capture of Saddam:

The success of yesterday's mission is a tribute to **our men and women** now serving in Iraq. The operation was based on the superb work of **intelligence analysts** who found the dictator's footprints in a vast country. The operation was carried out with skill and precision by a **brave fighting force**. **Our servicemen and women and our coalition allies** have faced many dangers in the hunt for members of the fallen regime, and in their effort to bring hope and freedom to the Iraqi people. **Their** work continues, and so do the risks. Today, **on behalf of the nation**, I thank the **members of our Armed Forces** and I congratulate 'em.

### Barack Obama speech after killing of bin Laden:

And so shortly after taking office, **I directed** Leon Panetta, the director of the CIA, to make the killing or capture of bin Laden the top priority of our war against al Qaeda, even as we continued our broader efforts to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat his network. Then, last August, after years of painstaking work by our intelligence community, **I was briefed** on a possible lead to bin Laden. It was far from certain, and it took many months to run this thread to ground. **I met repeatedly** with my national security team as we developed more information about the possibility that we had located bin Laden hiding within a compound deep inside of Pakistan. And finally, last week, **I determined** that we had enough intelligence to take action, and **authorized** an operation to get Osama bin Laden and bring him to justice. Today, **at my direction**, the United States launched a targeted operation against that compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan..





**Larry Elder** is an American radio and television personality. His radio program, *The Larry Elder Show*, airs weekdays 9 AM to noon PST on talk radio 790 KABC in Los Angeles, California. His legions of loyal fans, I count myself among them, are known as "Eldorados."

### Supreme Court to California: 'Release the Hounds'

"Today the court affirms what is perhaps the most radical injunction issued by a court in our nation's history." So began Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's enraged dissent.



Release up to 46,000 convicted felons, the court recently ordered the state of California. In a 5-4 decision, the court gave California two years to reduce its prison "overcrowding" -- or set tens of thousands free. The ACLU, which brought the suit, successfully argued that poor prison conditions violated the prisoners' rights *as a class*, not individually, thus the threat of mass premature release.

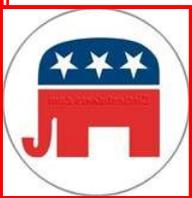
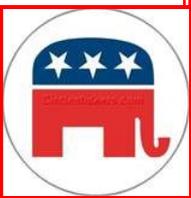
Justice Anthony Kennedy, in his majority opinion, agreed with the lower court, which said that overcrowding and an undermanned medical staff mean "an inmate in one of California's prisons needlessly dies every six to seven days." California houses 143,000 inmates in 33 adult prisons designed for 80,000. The prison conditions, including under-treatment for the mentally ill, wrote Kennedy, "(fall) short of minimum constitutional requirements."

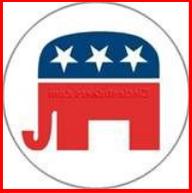
Where to start with this outrageous decision?

First, elections matter. A Republican president would have seated neither Sonia Sotomayor nor Elena Kagan, who together comprised two-fifths of the majority. President Barack I-look-for-justices-with-empathy Obama filled two liberal vacancies with two liberal justices. Given that the major Republican presidential candidates promised to seat justices in the mold of Chief Justice John Roberts or Justice Sam Alito, this decision would have gone 6-3 the other way.

Second, criminals commit crimes when not locked up. Alito, in a separate dissent, wrote: "In the early 1990s, federal courts enforced a cap on the number of inmates in the Philadelphia prison system, and thousand of inmates were set free. *Although efforts were made to release only those prisoners who were least likely to commit violent crimes* (emphasis added), that attempt was spectacularly unsuccessful. During an 18-month period, the Philadelphia police rearrested thousands of these prisoners for committing 9,732 new crimes. Those defendants were charged with 79 murders, 90 rapes, 1,113 assaults, 959 robberies, 701 burglaries and 2,748 thefts, not to mention thousands of drug offenses." These, of course, are only the ones who got caught and were charged.

Where's the "empathy" for the future victims of crime? Alito attacked this "premature release of approximately 46,000 criminals -- the equivalent of three Army divisions." Even if California somehow managed to release only "nonviolent" prisoners, a 2004 study by the Justice Department's Bureau





of Justice Statistics shows that, after release, one out of every five "nonviolent" criminals are re-arrested for *violent* crimes -- including murder.

Third, the dissents concede that some prisoners have died and some have inadequate medical care due to overcrowding. But the number is small and declining. Not all of the up to 46,000 will have suffered, let alone equally. "Most of them," wrote Scalia, "will not be prisoners with medical conditions or severe mental illness; and many will undoubtedly be fine physical specimens who have developed intimidating muscles pumping iron in the prison gym." They are, after all, convicted felons deserving of nothing more than protection against cruel and unusual punishment.

Housing 200 prisoners in a gym violates the Eighth Amendment -- for all 200? Fifty-four men per one bathroom violates the Eighth Amendment -- for all 54? Surely there are ways of addressing the overcrowding short of one of the largest court-ordered mass prisoner releases in U.S. history.

What's more, in January 2010, California's "non-revocable parole law" went into effect. It grants the release, without parole supervision, of "less-serious" offenders that a computer program predicts are unlikely to re-offend. An inspector general report found that the computer was wrong 23.5 percent of the time in assessing 10,000 inmates under consideration for early release during the first seven months of the new law. One thousand five hundred were improperly released, including 450 carrying "a high risk for violence."

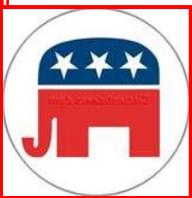
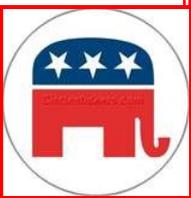
Fourth, what gives courts the expertise to direct a state on how to run a prison system? "Three years of law school and familiarity with pertinent Supreme Court precedents," wrote Scalia, "give no insight whatsoever into the management of social institutions. ... (T)he problems of prisons in America are complex and intractable. ... Running a prison is an inordinately difficult undertaking that requires expertise, planning and the commitment of resources. ..." This is the job of the legislature, not the courts.

Finally, what does this order say about California, a state that produces an annual "structural deficit" between \$20 billion and \$30 billion? Its tax-the-rich, three-to-one Democrat vs. Republican electorate recently returned to the governorship the same man who, in the '70s, granted collective bargaining rights to public employee unions, one of the reasons for the state's pathetic job-killing fiscal condition.

California owes \$500 billion dollars in unfunded pension liabilities to its public employees. Prison guards, backed by the strongest union in the state, earn \$71,000 per year before overtime. Texas pays its guards an average of \$31,000. It costs California \$47,000 to house an inmate each year, versus \$18,000 in Texas.

The effect of California's welfare-state-supporting, "environmentally conscious," self-destructive left-wing policies has failed to convince voters to re-think. Maybe the impending murders will.

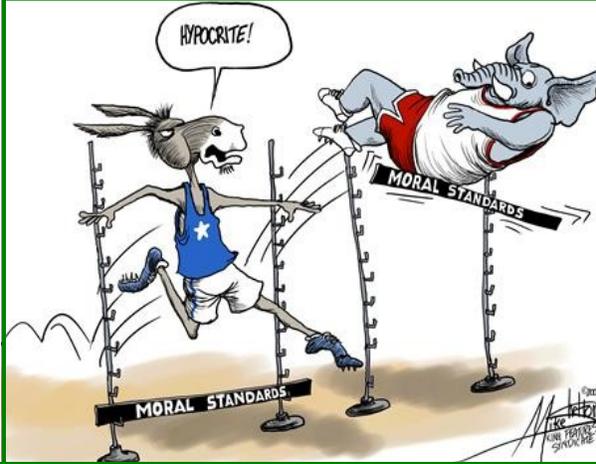
~ Larry Elder





## He's a Weiner!

Ordinarily the SENTINEL would not touch this story. However, occasionally we encounter hubris of such magnitude that to ignore it would be dereliction of duty. Had the congressman truly accepted responsibility, including the consequences for his actions—a resignation—the SENTINEL would not waste a page or any of your time on this issue. This is not about sex or even tawdry behavior, although there was plenty of that. This is about recklessness in office. This is about a creepiness which would usually put one on a “notify the police when you move” list. This is about abuse of power. This is about wasting the time of a multitude of people and about suspended adolescence. This is about the slander of a credible journalist, Andrew Breitbart. The SENTINEL adds this one page to what we hope is a soon to be forgotten story. He has earned it:



We often hear the complaint that there is a “double standard.” I contend that each party is held to its own standard. It explains a lot and says a lot about each party. It should make you proud.

Maria Cardona, a Hillary Clinton campaign adviser, stated, referring to the Wiener situation, “We must hold our elected officials to a higher standard.” I ask, ‘what higher standard?’ It seems to me they are incapable of meeting a minimal standard.

“He thinks he’s hot. At a minimum you have to question his judgment.”~Sean Hannity

If it looks like and wiener and lies like a wiener it’s a wiener.

Wiener - Just another sext and spend liberal.

### The SENTINEL announces its first ever **Beauty Contest**

The finalists are as follows:



**Putin of Russia**

**Vs.**

**Weiner of the USA**

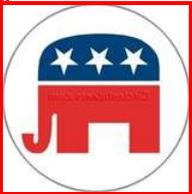
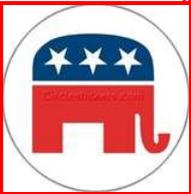
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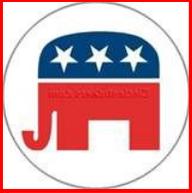
E-mail the SENTINEL.

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We are done with this story.





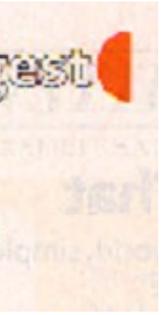
## Regulatory Agencies Your Tax Dollars at Work

Today the SENTINEL brings to your attention an article scanned from the pages of the most recent edition of *Readers Digest*. Too many wonder why medical costs have skyrocketed in the recent decades. We have done this to ourselves by allowing our congress to establish regulatory agencies which answer to no one. These regulatory agencies have not always existed. There was a time when, if a business actually killed a customer, it was bad for business. This is called “market forces.”

Some see this approach as heartless or even ineffective. The SENTINEL disagrees. With proper “tort reform,” (loser pays,) an injured consumer would be an effective deterrent to reckless business practices. “But someone might die,” your bleeding heart laments. This is true.

However the same is true if one dies because one cannot afford to buy a necessary drug, or if because of the high cost of regulation a pharmaceutical company cannot afford to produce it for an artificially low regulated price, or if because of the high price a government agency rations the needed medication. The regulatory agency is more likely to limit the liability of damages to an injured consumer than they are to save you from a bad drug. The agency is also more likely, through regulation, to keep an effective drug out of your hands.

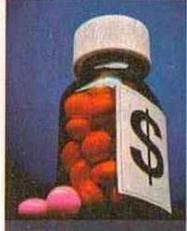
It is the SENTINEL’s contention that more people have been killed in the US by “well meaning” regulation than by reckless manufacturing practices. The medical industry is not the only one so effected by rampant regulation. Food production and energy, also essential to life, are negatively affected. Examples of regulatory failures in all these industries can be found on the pages of newspapers across the country every day. The SENTINEL believes, appearances aside, we would be better served and better protected with far fewer regulations from far fewer agencies. To quote John Lennon “Imagine.”



**HealthDigest**

**HEALTH-CARE COSTS**

### How Is That Price Set?



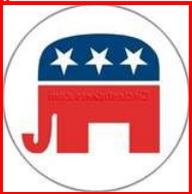
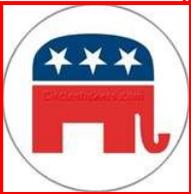
How does a drug go from \$15 to \$1,440 a dose?

That’s how much the price jumped in February for a synthetic hormone, 17P, used to prevent premature births, Arthur Allen writes in *Slate*. The drug was already on the market in 1962 when the FDA began requiring rigorous tests as part of the drug-approval process, so 17P had never been officially proved safe and effective (it and a number of other drugs were simply “grandfathered” in). The agency has finally started to catch up, in some cases telling manufacturers to stop selling a medication, in others inviting them to perform needed tests. The problem: After tests come price hikes.

Inexpensive 17P is now exorbitant Makena. After an outcry, its maker lowered the price of a dose to \$690, the *Los Angeles Times* reports, but a full course of treatment still runs nearly \$14,000. (A drug for gout has made a leap, too, from about ten cents per old pill to \$5 per pill for newly tested Colcrys.) Perhaps the tests for 17P were extraordinarily demanding? No, George Washington University obstetrics professor John Larsen, MD, told the *Times*. A healthy profit is fine, he said. “But there’s no reason for it to be that high. The ingredients are cheap, and they didn’t have to do any scientific research.”

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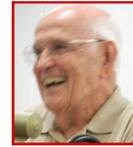




## The Tea Party Report:

The Wood County Tea Party (WCTP) and Tea Party Patriots (TTP) meeting on June 5, at the Library in Quitman, led by Michael Kinzie was well attended.

John Tweedell introduced the concept of Tea Party internet radio which will follow a talk radio format and which will be premiering soon.



Jeff Akin, with three decades of radio experience, will man the microphone. He spoke briefly about internet radio and then spoke on specific methods for winning elections. He revealed successful strategies which had been used in the recent past.



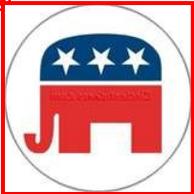
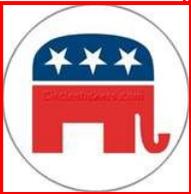
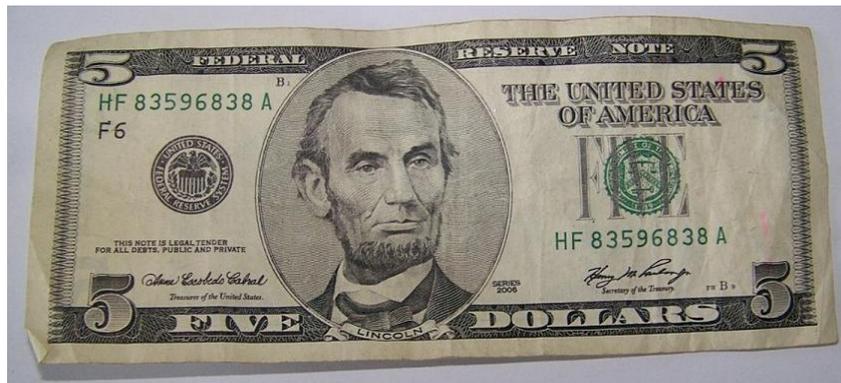
LCRC's own Greg Bowen spoke on the importance of unity in 2012 and introduced the Leadership Council concept.

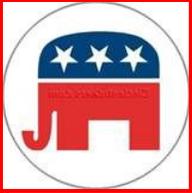


## Super Saver Section:

I didn't realize it, but these coupons are good for one gallon of gas at most retailers. I have seen them around, but until recently never took advantage of them. I never realized their actual worth.

You probably have one or two just lying around somewhere, now is the time to use them before they lose their value, and it's too late!!





Original political cartoons submitted by local Wood County artist Bart Bartlett

2011  
Lake Country Republican Club

COMMITTEES

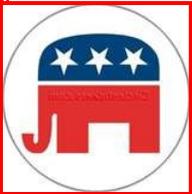
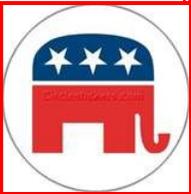


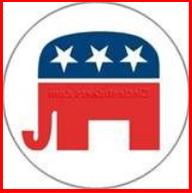
1. FUNDRAISING This committee shall be responsible for development and conduct of the club’s fundraising activities, in compliance with the rules and regulation of the Texas Ethics Commission and the laws of the state of Texas.

- 1. **Open Position**, Chairman
- 2. Joe Blair
- 3. Gene Shoemaker
- 4. Terrell AronSpeer

2. LEGISLATION This committee shall be charged with keeping the club informed and aware of legislative events, votes and processes which could have an impact on, or may be of interest to the club. This shall include but not be limited to the coordination and notification of the clubs’ membership of the need for urgent action of a political nature.

- 1. Philip Winter Chairman
- 2. Isabel McGuffin
- 3. Travis Burk
- 4. Pat Nelson
- 5. Rick Shoemaker
- 6. Eugene & Joyce Spencer





LCRC committees continued . . .

3. PUBLICITY and COMMUNICATIONS This committee shall establish and maintain contact with local media outlets and shall actively work to publicize the club’s activities, newsletter, website and events.

- 1. Terrell AronSpeer Chairman
- 2. Lynn AronSpeer
- 3. Betty Dubbs
- 4. Rick Shoemaker

4. PROGRAM This committee shall be responsible for producing monthly and special club meeting programs, including the procurement of speakers, and shall keep the Publicity Chairman informed in advance of future programs, to allow news releases to meet local media deadlines.

- 1. Dr. James Marvel Chairman
- 2. Terrell AronSpeer
- 3. Isabel McGuffin
- 4. Greg Bowen

5. MEMBERSHIP This committee shall be responsible for the development of special membership drives and programs. It also should be charged with keeping members informed about club meetings and activities by means of telephone and/or email notification.

- 1. Joanna Bowen Chairman
- 2. Sheryl Nelson
- 3. Gene and Norma Shoemaker
- 4. Eugene and Joyce Spencer
- 5. Roger and Sandy Tune

6. HOSPITALITY This committee shall be responsible for the decoration of facilities used for special meetings and events and for appointing “greeters” for meetings and special events.

- 1. Janice Logan Chairman
- 2. Joanna Bowen
- 3. Sheryl Nelson
- 4. Lynn AronSpeer
- 5. Tera Burk
- 6. Shirley Daugherty
- 7. Betty Dubbs
- 8. Norma Shoemaker

**Meet the 112th**

Its ladies day at meet the 112th Congress. Both representatives are from sparsely populated states and therefore are the sole (at large) representative from their respective states.

[Kelly Ayotte new Senator from New Hampshire](#)

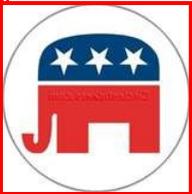
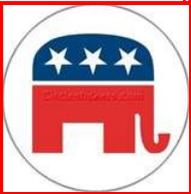
The Senator, a prosecutor, comes from a military family and was the former Attorney General for the State of New Hampshire.

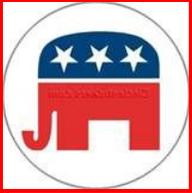
[Cynthia Lummis two term Rep from Wyoming](#)

Congress woman Lummis apparently thinks the government is growing too large.

[Kristi Noem freshman Rep from South Dakota](#)

Very poised freshman Congresswoman.





## What's Up:

### Lake Country Republican Club (LCRC):

Meeting Dates:

Club Meetings: June 28, 6 PM - Quitman Library

Program John Tweedell, East Texas Constitution Alliance

July 26, 6 PM - Quitman Library

SENTINEL Submission Deadlines: Tenth of Publication Month

SENTINEL Publication Date: Fifteenth of Publication Month

### Republican Women of Wood County (RWWC):

Club Meetings: June 20, 11:30 AM - Texas Tea Room

Program: Speaker Thomas Ratliff Member SBOE to speak on State and local school issues.

July 18, 11:30 AM - Texas Tea Room

Program: Speaker Talmadge Heflin, Dir., Center for Fiscal policy.

Also: Mark your calendar **September 17 ~ Taste of East Texas**

### Holly Lake Ranch Hawkins Republican Club (HLRHRC):

Club Meetings: July 11, 6P.M. - Holly Hall

Program: Speaker Steve Brown Sr. Resident FBI Agent ret.

### Wood County Tea Party (WCTP) and Tea Party Patriots

Club Meetings: July 3, 2 PM - Quitman Library

Wood County We The People (wcwtp.org)

To become a WCWTP Watchdog: Contact Tim Discher through the website or at [wcwtpa@gmail.com](mailto:wcwtpa@gmail.com)

## HIT THE LINKS:

More meaningful links thanks to Michael Kinzie.



[www.tsatyranny.com](http://www.tsatyranny.com)

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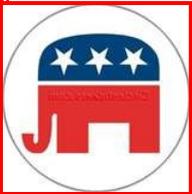
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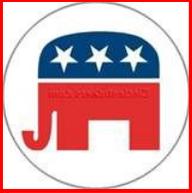
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[Stossel puts the DE in Department](#)

[The Media Should Not Pick Our Candidates](#)

[The Filibuster is Back](#)





## Republican Debate on CNN

Comment on this debate is being written as soon as the debate concludes. Comment on the debate from our readers will be posted as it comes in even as it interrupts the writing process. Readers' comments are presented in red. In advance, the Sentinel thanks all readers who took, or will take, the time to share their thoughts with us. We received comments from both club members and subscribers.

On stage for the debate from left to right were:

**Rick Santorum**, former two term Senator from Pennsylvania.

**Michele Bachmann**, three term Congresswoman from Minnesota.

**Newt Gingrich**, former 7 term Congressman from Georgia and Speaker of the House.

**Mitt Romney**, former Governor of Massachusetts.

**Ron Paul**, six term US Representative from Texas.

**Tim Pawlenty**, former two term Governor from Minnesota.

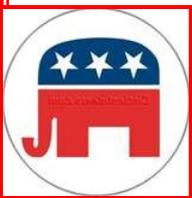
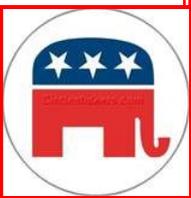
**Herman Cain**, former CEO of Godfathers Pizza and Former Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas.

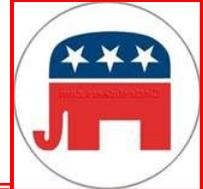
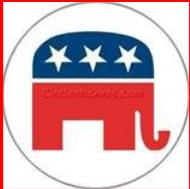
All of the candidates not only turned in credible performances but all did better than I expected. Despite reports to the contrary, it is obviously a strong field. There was however, one person who should never again be allowed on a presidential debate stage. Almost immediately I found my self yelling 'get the hook' and he never got any better. I am giving debate moderator, CNN's John King, the golden dunce cap award for being the worst moderator ever.

The first question was asked by a viewer and addressed specifically to Newt Gingrich. However, moderator John immediately passed it to Tim Pawlenty. Apparently John was not raised by my grandmother. In his world ladies are last. When he finally got to Michele she announced that she was officially a candidate, putting her on an equal footing with other candidates and generously giving CNN a scoop. John (appropriately named for a toilet) immediately cut her off, not allowing her to answer the question. Add to this his unfortunate habit of yapping like an abandon wiener dog while candidates tried to answer questions. They could have found a better moderator by picking up a day laborer with ESL issues.

Just in ~ "Republicans have a terrific field of candidates! Was John King ill? Acid reflux causing the constant 'burping' noise he was making? Seems to me that CNN put on a real third-rate debate format. E" Seems E agrees.

I found it very difficult to score this debate but I have to give a slight edge to Newt Gingrich. On several occasions his answers went beyond the thinking of a winning candidate to the thinking of





a winning President and a winning administration. He boldly gave the obviously correct but politically incorrect answer regarding Muslims in the government. He cited a contemporary example of a Pakistani charged with an attempted bombing in Times Square telling the judge he lied because “America is his enemy.” Then Newt cited two historic examples which he characterized as “controversial at the time” but prove to be correct in the light of history. This had to do with the illegalization of the Nazi Party during WW II and the illegalization of the Communist Party in the '50's because both had called for the destruction of America.

Apparently Newt has the unique ability of recognizing that people who want to kill us are our enemy. Exhibiting leadership, he is able to state this publicly. All candidates should dump their handlers. They instantly become more genuine and more electable. It worked for McCain last time and I suspect Tim Pawlenty would benefit if he dumped his as well.

**More results ~ "I liked Michele Bachman, Tim Pawlenty and Herman Cain. Janice"**

I agree with Janice. Michele is the real deal. I did not know how she would do in a debate situation, but I was impressed with her clarity, poise and focus. “The EPA would be the first to go” - now that's straight talk. I also like that there is a longer list.



**They keep coming in ~ "To make it simple anyone would be much better than Obama, however, I know that is not what you wanted. So my picks would be 1) Bachman 2) Cain 3) Santorum 4) Pawlenty. JT"**

Bachmann is catching on! I have a dream ticket in mind already and Michele is on it. The other candidate I have in mind has not yet announced so I will decline to comment further. Also the remaining candidates did so well I will refrain from scoring beyond my number two.



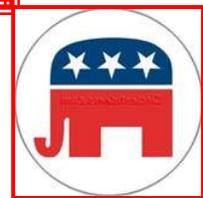
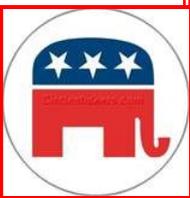
Two candidates were much improved from the first debate. Herman Cain counted on his fingers only twice and at least the first time it was very effective. He is still too reliant on expertise.

It is very difficult to fault Ron Paul on matters Constitutional or Economic. In spite of the fact that he claimed that recipients of Medicare take out three times what they contribute; he failed to adjust for inflation. He did however, offered the pithiest quote of the evening, “We need to do a lot less a lot sooner.” Rarely was foreign policy discussed and Israel was avoided completely so Ron Paul was able to avoid the weeds.



The rest turned in solid performances. I admire Rick Santorum's consistently principled responses. They are an anathema to the opposition.

Tim Pawlenty is still a little too nuanced, too inside ball. I think his administration would be much better and more inspiring than his campaign. He would benefit if his campaign staff were to stage a 'Newtny' as well.





Mitt gave the solid performance one would expect from a campaign veteran. The States Rights argument for “Romney-Care” is an improvement, but until he figures out the visceral reaction Republicans have to mandates, he will struggle.

#### Tuesday AM Comments:

**From Gene** ~ Same normal ^%\$# (\*&^ no answers to any questions. Kill Obama they all said. Hummmmm Ok normal political hog wash! Will see down the road what kind of action plans they have, if any. Sorry was not impressed really by anyone. When they start giving answers instead of how great I am. Then I might have a clue of who can do the job. **Boy! Somebody’s crabby.** Apparently we watched different debates.

**From Char** ~ "Hurry!" "Save time." "Keep the conversation moving." "A little bit shorter on the answers" "No applause, it wastes time."

Solve this country’s biggest problems within 30 seconds or LESS! (my comment). Rush on the important questions, such as the economy, Obamacare, the Middle East, entitlements, etc. Plenty of time for "social issue" questions. (hummmmm) Pick a VP now.

More importantly, "Blackberry or iphone?" "Elvis or Johnnie Cash?" "Deep dish or thin crust?" "This or that?" Entertainment or serious politics?

Seriously, Bachmann & Cain were both very impressive. And we still don't know who all of the candidates are yet. **Good suggestions all.**

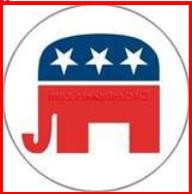
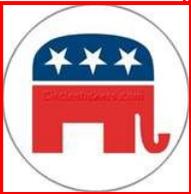
**LEA writes** ~ Of a male candidate we never state, “He managed to look masculine as well as presidential.” Think about it. How can a woman look presidential? This question was recently put to rest. Until June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 America has had no perfect model for a woman president: now we do. Michele Bachmann is eminently presidential both in presence and knowledge.

The rest of the field was interesting to a man. Newt stood out in that he answered questions from a presidential perspective rather than that of a candidate. His Muslim stance was impressive.

Mitt is just so darn presidential looking. And gorgeous! Also, he did something interesting: as each candidate spoke, Mitt turned in their direction and listened attentively, implying that as president, he would be willing to take advice. This was novel and it also gave the impression of his being active while many others woodenly clutched their podiums.

I liked Cain but he overly accentuates his lack of knowledge of the Beltway and Santorum is so moral and religious, I fear he would turn the other cheek when it was inappropriate. Neither quite rose to the level of my top three. And, although Paul cannot be beat constitutionally, his lack of interest in foreign policy is scary. And of Tim, the slogan “Good & Pawlenty” always comes to mind, keeping him from being the strong candidate we need at this time. **Interesting perspectives.** “Interesting to a man” a pun perhaps?

One final observation. For those who were able to stomach the liberal analysis after the debate they had a pollster with dial meters. Notice, the independents, and this is true when Frank Luntz includes independents as well, often tracked a little more conservative than Republicans. This is consistent with what I have been saying for years; that Democrats are left (way left actually) historically, Republicans represent the moderate middle and most independents are to the Republican’s right. If this is true, it should inform not only how we run campaigns but how we govern as well. ~ ed





## Congress Gets an American President — For a Day

SENTINEL research was unable to determine the authorship of this important article. Thanks Sara for the fwd.

It was fitting that Barack Obama was out of the country on the day when a leader walked into a joint session of Congress and spoke the way an American President should.

Benjamin Netanyahu's speech extolled America and the ideals for which it stands. The enthusiasm of the members of both the House and Senate was born not only of their admiration and love for the State of Israel, but also because a man of stature stood before them and announced something they haven't heard during the last two years, namely, that America represents the best the world has ever seen. Unlike President Obama, who has reminded us that American values may not be suitable for most countries, Mr. Netanyahu spoke of his pride that his country, Israel, mirrors the idealism and nobility of America. Contrary to Barack Obama, Netanyahu believes in American exceptionalism.

Having actually been in the House Chamber to witness the event, I was able to see a panorama that one doesn't see on television. The thrill and excitement on the faces, in the applause, in the thirty standing ovations, was internalized by all those who had the privilege of being an immediate participant in this historic moment. They loved the Prime Minister and they loved his speech because he showed his love for America.

When speaking of justice and liberty, Netanyahu spoke about them as enduring principles of the American personality, as opposed to the current President who speaks of them in terms of class warfare, not to mention an America at fault for those within our country he claims have not yet received justice or liberty. He spoke with awe when referring to our Founders and their inscriptions on the monuments that line the Potomac, America's River Jordan. There was nothing in his remarks, unlike the President, that appeared ambivalent about these great men. For Mr. Netanyahu and the members of Congress who rapturously drank in his words of praise about America, it was a refreshing moment.

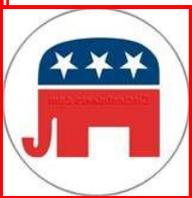
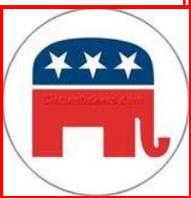
When speaking of the narrative of his country, Israel, he found no better model than that of America's own narrative. They cheered because, on that spot, where Presidents normally deliver an annual message to our citizens, stood a man who they knew revered what they revere and finds precious what is precious in the hearts of the countrymen whom they represent.

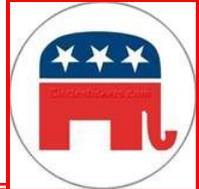
He spoke truth and he spoke as a statesman — as a leader. Finally, the people's representatives heard a leader casting Iran as the foremost threat to civilization. He spoke of a world divided between liberty and tyranny. The public has starved over the last two years for words of moral clarity. What it has received, instead, has been diplomatic, U.N.-type language that speaks about Iran as if it is but a problem in need of a solution, as opposed to the cataclysmic and moral challenge that it really is. Mr. Netanyahu speaks of ultimate victory, intoning a self-confident righteousness in our cause, whereas Mr. Obama uses the standard, lipid political jargon characteristic of bureaucrats dealing with problems of "de-stabilization".

Instead of a president continually dodging the ideological threat that is Islam and, worse, denying the danger it poses, Mr. Netanyahu spoke forthrightly about the worldwide threat of extreme Islam. He did not speak like a community organizer, nor did he speak as one whose priority is to protect particular constituencies or befriend him to diplomats who populate the United Nations. Unlike the present occupant of the White House, Mr. Netanyahu spoke as a world-class statesman, at times Reagan-esque, and even Churchill-ian.

I saw the faces, the body language, the enthusiasm, the immediacy on each of those filling the seats of august ancestors. Remember, a man such as Eric Cantor, for example, does not simply represent Culpepper, Virginia, but is heir to the seat of James Madison himself. And so it is with so many of our current representatives who are scions of great predecessors. For one hour on May, 24, 2011, our representatives, most of whom see themselves first as Americans, were allowed to imbibe feelings of America's majesty.. Finally, the joint session of Congress was not victim of chastisement from a haughty overseer, but a recipient of sweet and reinforcing acknowledgment of our country's greatness. Today, no Supreme Court Justice was reviled, instead the justice of America was extolled.

It was evident from Mr. Netanyahu that not only does he love America, but also loves Americans. Over the last two years, the America people have heard how they "cling to their religion and their guns." They have been forced to listen how their police, such as in Cambridge, are "stupid." They have been humiliated by a man who has gone across the world apologizing for America and its precipitation of so many of the world's ills. They have heard their own president characterize this nation as "sometimes arrogant". Perhaps, worst of all, they have had to endure a nauseating rewriting of their own history and sacrifice by a President who errantly speaks of the great contributions that Islam made from early on in our history in the development of this country. Today Mr. Netanyahu came in front of the entire Congress of the United States "not to bury her, but to praise her." It was as if for one day we had an American President again.





**Legislative Report for June 2011**  
 Republican Women of Wood County  
 Isabel McGuffin, Legislative Chairman

**The Texas Legislature**

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Texas Legislature is winding down. The last day will be May 30, 2011. However, there may be a Special Session called for multiple reasons such as the Budget, School Funding, and Redistricting.

**Redistricting:**

The House and Senate each passed their own and each others redistricting plans over the weekend of 5/21/11. The House bill for redistricting the House is HB 150, and the Senate bill for the Senate redistricting is SB 31.

Representative Hughes' district which is HD5 changes to the following counties: Northern and eastern Smith (excluding Tyler), Wood, Rains, Camp, Titus, and Morris Counties. Before the change, Representative Hughes had Camp, Harrison, Upshur, and Wood.

Senator Eltife's district will now include all of Smith County. Before the change, Smith was divided into three districts. SD1 includes 16 counties: Bowie, Camp, Cass, Franklin, Gregg, Harrison, Lamar, Marion, Morris, Panola, Red River, Rusk, Smith, Titus, Upshur, and Wood Counties.

The Congressional Districts have not even been addressed by the Texas Legislature, so that may cause a special session or go directly to the Court.

To view the maps go to this website:

<http://gis1.tlc.state.tx.us/>

Under "select plans" button, select "base plan" and then choose PLANH283 (for House map) or PLANS148 (for Senate map). When you get to the map of the entire state, select the district from a drop down box. House District 5 and Senate District 1 are the districts we are in.

**Congressman Jeb Hensarling, CD5**

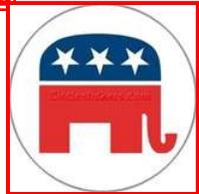
If you are not signed up to receive Congressman Hensarling's emails, you can go to [JebHensarling.com](http://JebHensarling.com) and sign up.

He states in his email of 5/24/11 the following:

"As you may know, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) & the Center for Medicare Services (CMS) have determined that the Social Security & Medicare programs are on the path towards bankruptcy.

"Just recently, the trustees for Medicare released a report showing that the Medicare Trust will be depleted five years earlier than last year's estimate. Without significant reform, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the trust fund will be exhausted by the end of the decade. If we simply do nothing – as some in Congress have suggested – and allow Medicare Trust Fund to be exhausted, benefits will be subject to an automatic cut, unfairly harming current and future beneficiaries.

"I am committed to saving these programs for both current and future generations, which is why I supported the recently passed the House Republican „Path to Prosperity“ budget which will strengthen our nation's health and retirement security programs by creating a more effective, efficient, and accountable government for future retirees while **not** changing those programs for those 55 and older.





“It is important to remember that the Path to Prosperity” proposal is that people (55 and older) who are currently retired or approaching retirement will not see any change in their benefits. The fact is, under our plan, spending for Medicare increases every year. As the son of two parents who are currently on Medicare, this is crucial to my support of any proposal to strengthen the program.

“I want to know thoughts on the future of these important retirement programs. Please take time to record your opinion by participating in this brief survey by clicking here. (Click to view survey.) [I included this paragraph so you will know how important his emails are. Isabel]

“Americans face a choice of two futures. The first is an America where our children drown in the sea of debt and senior don’t receive the benefits they were promised because we chose to ignore the problem. The other future is one where we come together as Americans and decide that we are going to save these programs the right way, the smart way, the gradual way, for both current and future retirees.”

Posted on Congressman Hensarling’s website is the following article:

National Review Online – “*The Corner*” by Robert Costa, posted on May 2, 2011

### **Hensarling: We’ve Still Got a Spending Problem**

The House is back after a two-week recess. Beyond bin Laden, the chatter on Capitol Hill this afternoon is about the GOP town halls, where some folks hollered about the Ryan budget.

Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Texas, the fourth-ranking Republican in leadership, tells National Review Online that fiscal policy remains a top priority for the conference, even though the Beltway is consumed with the news from Pakistan.

“I congratulate the president, and everyone up and down the chain of command, but this does not necessarily mean that I have changed my opinion that he is bankrupting this country,” Hensarling says.

Hensarling is quick to note that Republicans remain more than ready to tangle with the president on the debt ceiling and entitlement reform.

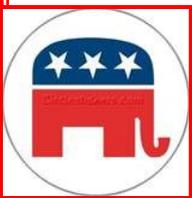
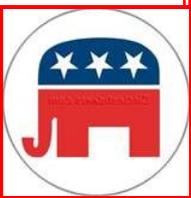
“The problem is not going away simply because we, as a nation, were able to bring bin Laden to justice,” he says. “There are very serious issues here, and I am not sure if one is really going to impact the other, in my own humble opinion.”

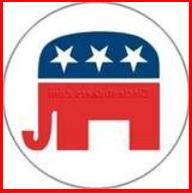
“The message is pretty well known to the president: If he wants our help to pay his bills, he is going to have to start cutting up the credit cards,” Hensarling says. “Frankly, that’s what the American people want; they are on our side in this debate.”

Hensarling also shrugs off the early potshots from liberals about the budget’s Medicare provisions. “This is not a two-day debate, or a two-week or two-month debate. This is, at a minimum, a two year debate,” he says. “All and all, given the fact that we knew it would be challenging, I think we got pretty good reviews on the budget.”

What about those ThinkProgress videos? “I’m not quite buying into that,” he chuckles. “Listen, clearly there were elements on the left who organized at town-hall meetings. That’s not a surprise to members of Congress.”

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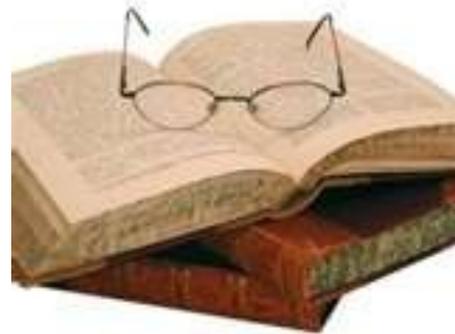


### BOOK REVIEW:

by: Jane Byrd

## Endless War

ENDLESS WAR, *Middle-Eastern Islam vs. Western Civilization*  
Ralph Peters  
Stackpole Books, 2010



With a “not-war” on-going in Libya and drone attacks in Yemen, added to our much-debated wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, we could all do well to read Ralph Peters’ latest nonfiction book, *Endless War*.

Ralph Peters we know from Fox News. He became FNC’s first strategic analyst in 2009, according to *Endless War’s* jacket blurb. He’s also a prolific writer. All of his 25 books are recommended reading.

*Endless War* is a collection of op-eds Peters has published.

Here are a few quotes, just a sampling from the book:

“Afghanistan doesn’t matter. Afghanistan’s just a worthless piece of dirt...Even a perfect success in Kabul (which we shall not achieve) influences nothing beyond the country’s largely imaginary borders...We have embraced a challenge of marginal relevance...The next terror attack on the West will not be launched from Afghanistan.”

And this:

“When safe-at-home ideologues bluster, ‘Just bomb ‘em,’ they haven’t a clue how complex this problem is. Nor is there any chance that the Israelis could handle Iran on their own...We still want to win wars without hurting anybody, by just breaking the other guy’s toys. And that’s never going to happen...Take down Iran’s nuke program? I’m d---d certain of one thing: If we start this one, we’d better get it right from the first shot.”

Tough talk. Still timely.

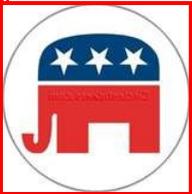
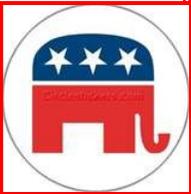
Peters believes our leadership suffers an insufficient grasp of history. He says: “I have never felt so frustrated as I do now by the historical illiteracy of those who make policy, mold opinions, and vote.”

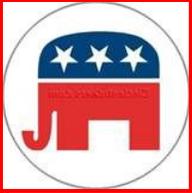
He laments that serious instruction in history “has been stripped from our schools, replaced by narratives meant to correct the social views of children.” “A solid grounding in history,” he says, “won’t provide us with maps to the future, but helps us frame risks and analyze behaviors. It may not hand us a repair manual, but offers a dashboard full of warning lights...Above all, history that adheres to facts inoculates the citizen against lies.”

There’s food for thought throughout the book. If the first few “chapters” are a little too history-heavy, it’s easy to skip over to Col. Peters’ articles that may sound more immediately engaging. Try “Why Putin Should Scare Us,” “The Half-way War,” “Border Bloodbath,” “The No-Victory Lie,” “12 Myths of Twenty-First-Century War,” “Wishful Thinking and Indecisive Wars,” “Trapping Ourselves in Afghanistan.” And there’s much, much more. ~ Jane Byrd jb/6/10/11



It is hard, when considering the notion of an ‘endless war,’ not to be reminded of George Orwell’s 1984 and how prophetic it was in many respects. The only thing required to make a war endless is for the factions to either be incapable of, or disinterested in victory. Chilling but not inconceivable. ~ ed

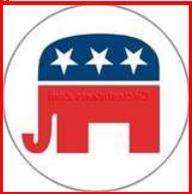
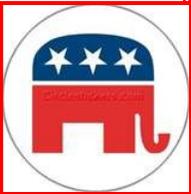


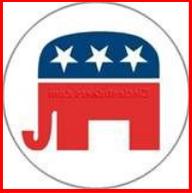


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# A HERO'S WELCOME



All of Quitman turned out for the return of Sgt. Powell this last Sunday. He will be remembered by those who knew him and those who did not.

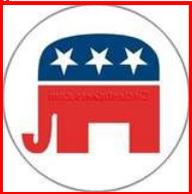
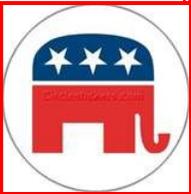
U.S. Army Sgt. Joshua David Powell, 28, of Quitman Texas was killed in action while serving his country in Afghanistan on June 4. Powell was killed in a Humvee, along with three other soldiers, according to a statement released by the family.

Josh is the son of Ray and Brenda Powell of Quitman. The family released the following statement:

"Joshua loved being in the military and serving his country. The family loves him, misses him and we are proud of him for what he has done for our country."

Mere gratitude is insufficient for his sacrifice. May our country be worthy.

May the administration of this country not squander the sacrifice of those who give their all that others might live free. Please remember the Powell family in your prayers.





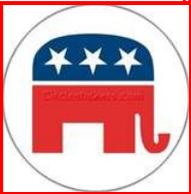
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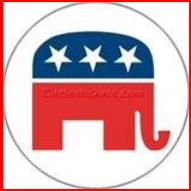
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