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LCRC Executive Board



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President's Message:

"Courage Is Contagious" Pass it on.

Even in Quitman?



It is our fundamental right as Americans to be able to address our government concerns with our elected officials. They need to know our concerns; they represent us. That basic concept is what makes our Constitutional form of government work. That is what has kept this country free and has produced a civilization more advanced, with more liberties and accomplishments, than any in history.

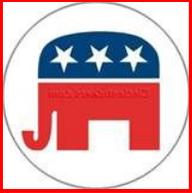
However, when our legitimate concerns as citizens are hijacked by leftists pushing their socialist type agendas, these concerns become tools for the leftists to exploit, which they will gladly do. The recent events at the cancelled town hall meeting at the Carroll Green Civic Center are a prime example of the efforts that these leftists will go to in order to create an "incident" and gain publicity for their "cause".

They have taken our legitimate concerns about the "Tar Sands Project" and have attempted to twist them to facilitate more regulation, more government intrusion and less logical, cognitive thinking about legitimate safety concerns. As red-blooded Americans, we cannot allow them to hijack our concerns. We have to learn how to go toe-to-toe with these activists to maintain order and disarm their intimidation tactics while trying not to play to the television media that they have so skillfully and successfully manipulated and brought with them.

The activists that we have seen all over our country pushing their leftists agendas are growing. They are moving out to even the small towns such as Quitman in an effort to expand their SEIU type disruptive global socialist philosophy. When these activists show up at a town hall meeting near you with lots of "mouths," attempting to instigate violence by assaulting constituents, and we the Conservatives show up with a minimum presence, guess whose voice is heard? We HAVE TO BE THERE, we have no choice. We must stay engaged and vigilant. We must continually fight for our country. And the battle is just beginning.

God Bless America

Regards to all,
Greg Bowen



Minutes of the Meeting
Lynn AronSpeer
Lake Country Republican Minutes
General Meeting Minutes
August 23rd, 2011

The LCRC met at the Quitman Library, Goode Street, Quitman, TX. At 5:58 PM our president, Greg Bowen, called the meeting to order.

Roger Tune led the prayer and Dr. Marvel led the pledges.

Greg noted elected officials present were Sheriff Bill Wansley, Constable Steve Bowser, former sheriff and upcoming sheriff candidate, Dwaine Daugherty, Precinct Chair Helen Heavey, upcoming sheriff candidate, Jim Brown and Precinct Chair, Sara Phillips.

Following were Committee Reports:

Minutes for July, 2011 were approved as written.

Treasurer: Gene Shoemaker’s report was approved.

Greg announced that Representative Jeb Hensarling was having a Town Hall Meeting at the Carol Green on Tuesday, August 30th, at 10:45 AM.

Fundraising: Greg announced there were many fine books for sale at every meeting. Secondly, Greg suggested an additional fundraiser involving the sale of 2,000 tickets for \$1.00 each. Once all tickets are sold, a drawing will be held for the top three winning tickets as follows:

- 1st Prize: \$500 Walmart gift certificate
- 2nd Prize: \$200 Walmart gift certificate
- 3rd Prize: \$100 Walmart gift certificate.

The idea was resolved and seconded.

County Chair, Helen Heavey, announced Headquarters will be open from 10 AM to 2 PM daily beginning September 1st. Helen asked for volunteers to tend the office; contact Helen schedule.



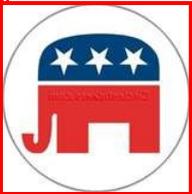
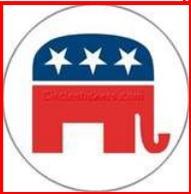
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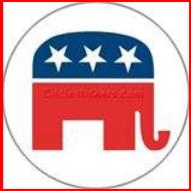
Greg announced the DVD, “Agenda: Grinding America Down” as our program and stated this program illustrates how we got into the mess we’re in.

Date of the next LCRC meeting will be 9/27/11.

The meeting was adjourned sometime before 8:00 PM. (Again, your secretary was so entertained by the program that she failed to notice the time.)

Submitted by Lynn AronSpeer, Secretary.





Membership:

Membership Report for Sept. Sentinel

Lake Country Republicans,

Thirty-one members and 3 guests attended our August 23 meeting. Thanks to all who provided the food; once again, there was plenty for all! I think I finally learned to count – our total paid membership stands at 55, not the 57 reported at the meeting. I was counting some former members who have attended a few meetings, but have not renewed officially. Any new members from this point forward will get a real deal in that their \$10 dues will cover the rest of 2011, and all of 2012. What a bargain!



See you at our September meeting.

Joanna Bowen

Joanna Bowen,
Membership Committee Chair

LCRC September 27 Meeting

Program Notes: Randy Dunn, Quitman alderman & witness to Hensarling event dustup & Nominating committee election.

LCRC meets on the 27th this month. What else happened on this date in American History?

1964 - Warren Commission officially rejected conspiracy in [John Kennedy's assassination](#)

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

Treasurers Report:

Treasure report Balance \$1549.16

Submitted by: Gene Shoemaker, Treasurer



Hospitality:

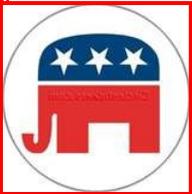
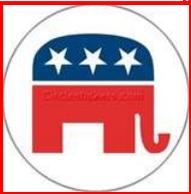
Janice reports no activity this month.

To report hospitality issues:

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

Thank you.

Janice Logan, Hospitality Chair





REPUBLICAN PARTY, COUNTY CHAIR

The wires here at the SENTINEL were burning up with responses to Helen's call for a flat tax:

I like Chairman Helen Heavy's suggestions on balancing the budget. I like the idea that every taxpaying American would pay the same amount of taxes in proportion to their income. There are too many complicated ways to figure taxes that are in service now.

If there were no exemptions for anyone and all paid the same proportion, the wealthy would tend to lose the most. Those of us who don't have any exemptions or don't have enough to 'spit at' would be blessed by a flat tax with no exemptions. Those who do not pay any taxes now, of course, could be worse off. (Their freebies might get cut out of the budget, or their free benefits might have to be taxed too.)

The Wealthy (maybe that's who we are 'gunning for,') shouldering the most tax money taken from their overall income plus losing their \$\$\$\$ exemptions would suffer the most.

Business minded people always consider the profit made for investment made. If it does have any profit, they won't do it at all. So I wonder if our current politicians would 'bail out' of campaigns if the 'profit' they stand to gain is significantly less. What if lobbying was made illegal? What if campaign contributions were limited to no more than \$1,000 per entity? What if only taxpaying American citizens could vote? Would the wealthy still seek office? Or would they simply relocate their homes and businesses to a country they could control with their wealth?

"I'm just saying . . ." Ann

I am so glad someone responded to my flat tax article. I think that only people that pay taxes can vote is great. I do like that a contribution to a candidate will be limited to a \$1000. What I would really like is for the people making the tax rules, to ask Ann and myself what we think.

Dear Mrs. Heavey,

I'm very impressed with your website. What a terrific way to keep everyone "in the loop", and encourage participation. I'm writing in reply to your comments on a flat tax in the Sentinel, and asking you to please seriously study the Fairtax. Even if you think you know what the Fairtax is, please go to www.fairtax.org, and review the information there.

Under "Texas... Dallas/Fort Worth ... Documents", the first on the list is [a chart which compares all three plans, Fairtax - flat tax - and IRS code, which will print out in 2 1/2 pages](#). It's the fastest way to get a good comparison. I think you'd also be interested in the last document on that list, "[Ten Reasons DEMOCRATS should support the FAIRTAX](#)". It demonstrates how this should truly be a non-partisan effort.

I also highly recommend you see the [list of 80 independent economists who endorse the Fairtax](#). Many of these are from Texas, as the Fairtax was mainly developed here, over many, many years.

Also, under "About the Fairtax", you'll find a brief overview, and responses to "Five Fairtax Myths," which opponents, such as lobbyists who stand to lose influence and huge salaries, and the uninformed, are spreading. It's a shame they are not more concerned about what our country needs, instead of their own selfish goals. There are very informative videos on the website, and regular webinars, that go into detail on every aspect of the plan.

If there can possibly be anything positive about this critically high national debt, it's that it will encourage serious consideration of other tax alternatives. I believe the Fairtax is the best thought out, most fair and effective plan for America. And what an opportunity we have for positive change. With the 80+ new conservatives elected in 2010, the stalwarts who were already there, and those I'm confident we will add in 2012, this is the perfect opportunity.

I have been a supporter of the FAIRTAX, for about 15 years. But now, as a Grandmother, I'm working harder than ever. The Fairtax is truly grassroots, that's why you see so many supporters at the Tea Party Rallies. I'm also involved in the local Tea Parties in Plano and Marble Falls.

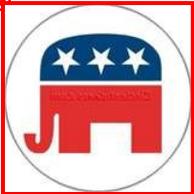
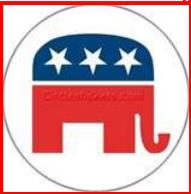
Thank You so much for Your Time.
Mary (Elaine) Bandy

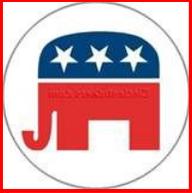
I want to thank Mary for her information on the Fairtax; I am looking into this. I believe it would be better than what we have now, but I still believe a flat tax would be fairer to most people. If you only pay taxes when you make a purchase, then we would be back where only the rich would be paying taxes. I will look into the Fairtax more.

I am an Enrolled Agent for the IRS and have been making my living preparing taxes for the last thirty years. I am now retired and would love to work on any fair and easier way to pay our taxes.

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Helen Heavey, Wood County Republican Chairman





Editorial Page:

Ron Paul ~ Good Medicine for Texas and US?

This is a shocking title for SENTINEL readers familiar with my constant criticisms of the congressman. I have always opposed his ambitions for the Presidency. Even those who agree with the congressman's quirky foreign policy positions must realize that his is a minority position. His domestic policy positions, on the other hand, are the gold standard for constitutional conservatives. I fear, that as President, he would find himself isolated and ineffective. Because of his foreign policy he would find himself opposed not only by Democrats but also by congressmen from his own party. It is likely that in the midterm elections a backlash would bring a Democratic majority to both houses and President Paul's domestic agenda would never see the light of day.



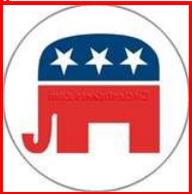
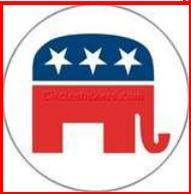
Ron Paul is a bright guy and a principled individual. As a physician he lowered his fees and even worked pro bono in order to refuse Medicaid and Medicare payments. I often quote the congressman on issues constitutional and economic and link to articles he has written on these subjects. He has thoroughly studied the Constitution at its roots and understands the Founders' principled plan for this country. He is well versed in the Austrian school of economics from von Mises and Hayak to Friedman. On these issues there is no one who commands more respect.

Although I believe he would be ineffective as President, I think there is a platform from which he could be effective and get much of his domestic agenda adopted nationally. I propose to re-purpose the congressman as Governor of the State of Texas. The governor's office in Austin, Texas may not appear at first glance to be the place to restructure the federal government. But understand that as governor, the federal government could not constrain him or veto any of his actions.

From Austin, as governor, he could invoke the Tenth Amendment to prohibit the federal government through agencies like the EPA, the Department of Energy and the Department of Education from trying to run our state from afar. Would a Governor Ron Paul use Texas State Troopers to escort EPA officials out of a Texas coal fired power plant they were trying to shut down? I think he would. As Governor of the State of Texas, would Ron Paul lead a successful movement to repeal the Seventeenth Amendment? I think he would. Would a Governor Ron Paul mobilize the Texas National Guard to secure the border Texas shares with the drug cartel infested, failed state of Mexico? I would hope that he would.

I think this is the right prescription for Texas and for the nation. As Governor of a vibrant border state and with the backing of a conservative population, he could effectively challenge the federal government and be magnitudes more effective in influencing the direction of the country than he would if he sat in the Oval Office. He would effectively challenge an out of control federal bureaucracy. The citizens would support him. Other state governments and governors would support him. They could reclaim, for themselves and their states, the powers unconstitutionally stripped from them by a power mad federal government. The Founders expected states to do this. I cannot think of a politician with a better understanding of these issues than Ron Paul. Few other governors have the historical knowledge and intellectual resources to make this argument. Few other states have the resources to make this stand.

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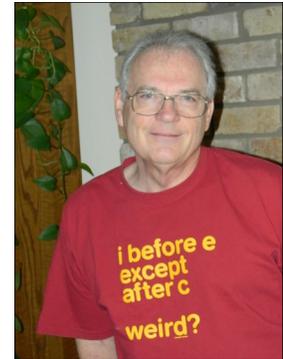




Texas is the place to make this stand. When I think about it, I cannot imagine a better person than Ron Paul for this position or this task. It is time we had a governor who realizes the federal government is out of control, will not be bought by them and will stand up to their intrusions. Let me know what you think. ~ ed

Maxine Waters ~ Offers Olive Branch to the Tea Party Invites Them to Her Home for Dinner

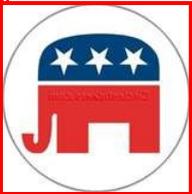
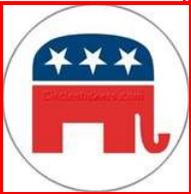
OK, I'm paraphrasing. What she actually said is that "The Tea Party can go straight to hell." But wouldn't that be the same thing as dinner with Maxine? She and many other members of the Congressional Black Caucus have called the Tea Parties racist. I am pausing for that to sink in. Members of the Congressional **Black** Caucus are calling Tea Parties **racist**. Isn't this the pot calling the driven snow "black." Occasionally a racist, or a left wing activist acting the part of a racist (these are not antithetical positions,) has shown up at a Tea Party rally only to be scolded and driven out by the Tea Party members. There are many Tea Party supporters who are black, Asian, Hispanic, even white. How many whites are members of the Congressional Black Caucus? The name does not sound inviting to me, a non-African-American. Isn't the Congressional Black Caucus the very definition of a racist organization? To assume that the Tea Parties are racist just because they object to a rampant welfare state is to imply that the recipients of welfare, incapable of getting their lives together, are predominantly of one race. Is that not racist? It must be clear that the racist in these examples is the Congressional Black Caucus. Not the Tea Party. We must be able to make this argument.

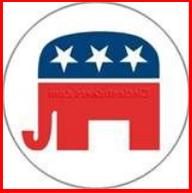


The real racists will claim that the only reason the Tea Party tolerates some blacks is that they share the same traditional American beliefs. Well, yeah. Isn't that what makes the Tea Party a group of like minded American patriots while the Congressional Black Caucus, which is exclusive in its membership to a single race, a racist institution? The Tea Party forwards the beliefs of our Founders that a limited government provides the best opportunity for prosperity to all Americans regardless of, well anything. Really, I wish the Congressional Black Caucus would just issue a clear statement as to why they find liberty and equal justice for all so objectionable. At least then we would know where these socialists stand. Don't get your knickers in a twist. Maxine proudly refers to herself as a socialist as do many members of the Caucus.

Over the decades I have witnessed many good constitutionally grounded Republicans abandon the fight, frustrated as the Republican congressional dunderheads compromised our Founders' vision away. These drop-outs went on to raise their children, advance their career and retire in peace. We watched our great Republic turned into a first rate socialist nightmare. One day they woke up to realize that while they had dropped out of the fight the rest of us were busy losing it. The America they had hoped to bequeath to their children had vanished. They are not all former Republicans. Some were Democrats who realized that the Democratic Party was evolving irretrievably leftward. Some were independents, who, seeing the ineffectiveness of the Republicans to counter this movement also gave up on politics. They have returned, mature, self-educated and energetic. This was the birth of the Tea Party movement. These are the fresh troops which will be needed to reclaim our birthright of liberty. We welcome them.

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What the Tea Party must now realize, is that although they opened their arms to all comers, Republicans, Democrats, and independents; the Democrats have rejected them and in no uncertain terms. What is left for the Tea Party is one of two paths. Historically, one has a history of failure. Not just failure to advance its own ideas but a failure so catastrophic that it actually advances the ideas of their opposition. This option is to field third party candidates. It is a historically proven recipe for disaster. The other option is the one first suggested publicly by Dick Army when he said, “The Tea Party should march in and take over the Republican Party.”

Almost every Republican I know will welcome these fresh troops with open arms. We have missed you. There are those in leadership who will object. These are members of a leadership class who swing from one party to the next unimpeded by any sense of personal principles. We will not miss them. They are the problem and you, my dear Tea Party member, are the solution. And as we have seen what can happen, we should learn this lesson from history. Although we should integrate the Tea Party into the Republican Party, the Tea Party should never disband. They should still meet “off-site” and conspire amongst themselves to insure that the Republican Party never becomes so corrupted again.

The Democrats do not want you any more than they want the America our Founders envisioned. The history of the Democratic Party is that of a corrective to the Founders vision. Before the Civil War, Democrats celebrated Constitution Day but not July 4th when we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Many Democratic congressmen can be found making statements critical of the Declaration of Independence in the congressional record. They objected to the principle of liberty for all. Read the farewell speeches of Democratic Congressional Representatives as they left the U. S. Congress to return to the South in 1861. This is a matter of public record.

The Republican Party, for all its flaws, was the first “refounders movement.” The Tea Party is the second. The principles of the Tea Party are the founding principles of the Republican Party and of this nation. It is a natural fit. You are welcome here. We need you now more than ever. ~ ed

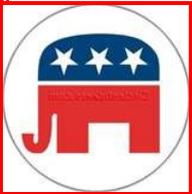
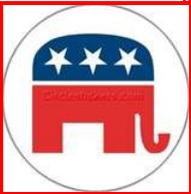
Stimulus is not Stimulating

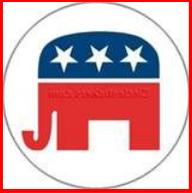
Last month we explored why charity practiced by government is not charitable. The argument involved a basic understanding of economics. To understand why the various governmental stimulus schemes do not stimulate anything, we will once again call upon this understanding and throw in a little monetary theory as well. The law of unintended consequences, with which we are all familiar, also comes into play.



Let’s set up some basic tenets. An economy is measured by its performance over time, usually one year. The money spent during the year buys the goods and services produced over roughly the same period.

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A dollar is a busy thing. A single one dollar bill is spent repeatedly during the year. The dollar bill you left as a tip for the waitress at breakfast may have been handed to her baby sitter when she returned home. The sitter may have used this same dollar to purchase a cappuccino on her way to an afternoon class. The coffee shop owner may have used the dollar to pay the grounds keeper for services. And the grounds keeper may have used this same dollar to buy a paper and a mint on his way home. This one busy dollar accounted for five dollars of economic activity in one day.

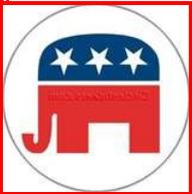
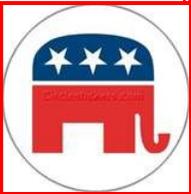
When they say we have a 14 trillion dollar economy that does not mean that there are 14 trillion physical dollars in circulation. It simply means that there was 14 trillion dollars worth of economic activity. As we have seen, one dollar can account for many times its worth in economic activity. As a matter of fact if everyone were to go to the bank and take out just what is in their account, you would want to be at the head of the line because only the first 2% would receive their money in dollars. After that the bank would be empty. There are just not that many physical dollars.

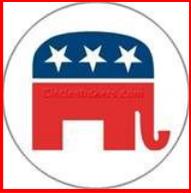
The dollar is the incentive to produce the good or perform the service. A transaction occurs when a willing seller values your money more than the thing he is selling and you value the thing he is selling more than the money you are willing to spend. Otherwise there would be no transaction, no economic activity. When you make a purchase, the more you buy with the dollar the greater the value of the dollar. Production gives value to money, not the other way around. Bargain hunters perform a great service increasing the value of the dollar.

When an economy slows down there is less economic activity. A 14 trillion dollar economy can easily become a 7 trillion dollar economy even though the number of physical dollars remains the same. When this happens the government can print dollars with impunity. It will seem like the economy is better than it is. Even though they circulate at a slower rate there are now more of them, so the slowdown is not as obvious. The problem occurs as an economy recovers and the rate of economic activity increases. Now it becomes apparent that the economy has been flooded with dollars, fiat money. Each dollar now buys less, inflation occurs. Your dollars have less purchasing power. It is as if you experienced a tax increase and yet there was no tax increase passed by the legislature.

So what does all this have to do with bogus government stimulus programs? When the government spends a dollar in a way which does not incentivize an economic activity, as in a cash-for-clunkers program or just sending out checks for nothing, it cheapens or lowers the value of all existing dollars. It is in fact, inflationary. **Any time a dollar moves without causing the production of a good or service, the economy is damaged and the dollar suffers.** The greatest contribution the cash-for-clunkers program produced was to remove from the streets thousands of Obama bumper stickers. The automotive industry received a dollar rush immediately followed by a sales slump; *unintended consequences*.

When an inflated economy comes back to life it is the responsibility of the government to remove the excess currency. Most governments see the increased revenue and think of all the "good" they can do. But by leaving the excess dollars in the economy, they impoverish their citizens; *unintended consequences*. The removal of the excess currency is accomplished by either taxation or through high interest rates. The only modern President I know of who was able to accomplish this cont . . .





was Ronald Reagan. In the first years of his administration he kept interest rates high. Everyone loves the low rates when they are buying a house but why would an investor be attracted to such low rates. Foreign investment in the American economy was at record levels during Reagan's administration. The current administration wonders why no one will invest in this economy. Obama is holding the rates lower than that a free market would establish.

But Reagan lowered taxes? That is true, but by doing so, he increased revenues to the treasury. Mind boggling to a lefty, but they have no knowledge of economics. I would remind the reader that Reagan held a degree in economics, frequently consulted with Milton Friedman (see "Hit the Links") and visited with Friedrich von Hayek in the Oval Office. Who are Obama's economic advisors? How embarrassing for him.

If anyone wants to stimulate this economy they will cut government spending, reduce government employee wages to at or below the level of the private sector's comparable position. Reduce regulation by getting rid of entire regulatory agencies. The EPA, Department of Energy, Department of Education and ObamaCare all come to mind. Lower tax rates especially as they relate to business and investment. Write a simpler, flatter, fairer tax code. A Flat or Fair tax would be best, but the 16th Amendment must be repealed before it could take effect. I write this before Obama gives his big speech before a joint session of congress. I bet I can predict how many of these changes he will propose. I think you can too. ~ ed

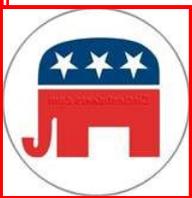
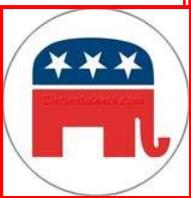
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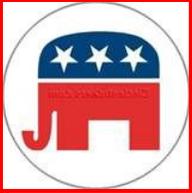
Men Behaving Badly - can be seen at almost any sporting event these days. To our younger readers this is a new thing. People used to put on a tie to rob a bank. But as control of the significant things in life is removed from the citizen, the mundane becomes more significant. As our rights are stripped away, the right to choose our own medical care, the right to cut down a tree on our own property, the right to choose what type of light bulb we read by, little is said because we have come to accept that we will lose our freedom. There will be no protest on our part. But do not insult our favorite sports team or pitcher. The over the top reaction must contain all of the anger for all that has been taken from us.

We are not Amused - say young Muslim women at Rye Playland, a New York amusement park, regarding safety rules which do not allow them to wear the *habib* on certain rides. Ball caps and head coverings of all types are prohibited in response to the death of a seven year old girl who was strangled when her scarf became entangled in the ride's mechanical parts some years ago. It was not a mild protest. The religion of peace sent two police officers to the hospital. But always sympathetic to the plight of Muslims I think they should be allowed to ride. In fact I think we should subsidize Muslims on this ride with free tickets. Further I think that as a matter of chivalry, Muslim men should don the *habib* and ride the ride too. We should give them all free tickets and to prove our sincerity we should make the ride mandatory for them.

Darrell Issa - is prying the lid off the 'Pandora's box' known as 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue as he pursues leads into White House and the Justice Department regarding 'Operation Fast and Furious.' We should all be furious. <http://video.foxnews.com/v/1042624898001/rep-darrell-issa-talks-operation-fast-and-furious>

Fire Fighters and First Responders - claim's of 9/11 related cancers are questioned. Scientifically this seems appropriate as cancer usually takes decades to develop. Their particular exposure was unprecedented and may have produced *unusual* results. However there is another way to look at this. They were there for us when we needed them. Is it not appropriate that we be there for them now? This is a current, living example of government involved in charity (see lead editorial in last month's SENTINEL.) I believe a private foundation should be initiated for their assistance and the government should step aside.



**Quick Comments continued:**

Solyndra - another corporate victim of the Obama depression or a half billion dollar campaign financing fraud? How does this work? The government guarantees a loan to a company. The company gets the money from the bank. The company uses the money to contribute to the President's re-election campaign, to fund union workers' pensions and maybe for corporate bonuses. They deserve it, after all they did secure that loan. The company then files for bankruptcy. The government pays the loan off and no one is out any money; except of course for you the hapless taxpayer. And how much is your bill? Over half a billion dollars, \$535 million.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Because of the Sentinel News Alert there were quite a few. But first:

Terrell.....Finally got a chance to read the Latest Sentinel. As always I enjoyed it very much. I intend to use your article on charity with a well meaning friend who always is in favor of "state charity" because people "should not suffer needlessly". So thanks for the ammo. "Whoa" article was so fabulously pithy. simply great.

Congregate dining.....this is not just a Wood county thing. We got a mailing regarding our eligibility to join local school locations for the "free lunch" program during the summer because of our age. Seems free lunch actually is free breakfast and lunch! Really irritated us 'cause it just pointed out what we already knew. Federal funding amok!

Guest editorialist's Marxist column was soooooo informative. Political correctness has always irritated me till I wanted to spit as does pop culture stuff, now I know why. Anyway she's wonderful.

Perhaps my favorite (worth a thousand words) was the cemetery photo. Very moving and totally unforgettable.

Thanks for all you do. If admiration counts for anything you've got mine in spades.

Kellie

Your editor is humbled.

The following from Cathy:

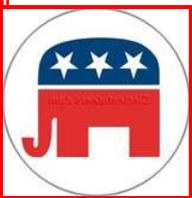
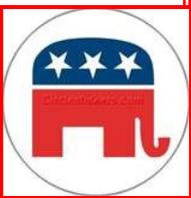
I did get the Sentinel and what a great newsletter! Charity begins at home, and get the darn government out! Your article was very well articulated. But as my hubby says, when you rob Peter to pay Paul, Paul will vote for you every time! That is the march that has to stop before everyone in the USA is on the government dole. We will never get rid of the bad politicians when they redistribute the wealth. If I hear one more Democrat say we have to have "SHARED SACRIFICE" I am going to barf!

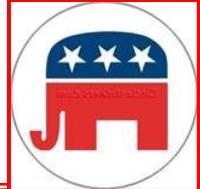
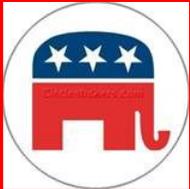
Cathy

Ann Writes:

Hi, Terrell.....I sent a copy of the Aug. Sent. to my cousin Cliff who lives in Wylie. He said , "Thanks a million!". I hope he subscribes. It was a wonderful issue....as usual. Ann

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Regarding the Sentinel News Alert:

Unbelievable! What they (the toadies) can't do with logic and civil discourse, they do with mob mentality. I think these flash political mobs are going to get worse, just as the gang riot flash mobs are doing. We are in a very scary time in our country, to be sure.

Cathy

Wow, quite a story. Were any of them wearing purple T-shirts? If they were, they are SEIU members, out of Tyler... paid protesters and they play hardball.

I ran into them in summer of 2009 just after the Obamacare bill passed. Hensarling had a town hall meeting at Mineola City Hall.

There were over 300 people there, so SEIU group, about 7 or 8 of them, were outnumbered. They remained quiet during the meeting. But one accosted me in the parking lot afterward. Luckily a cop came by and they went away. They likely don't wear their shirts anymore. Glenn Beck and FOX showed lots of coverage of them wearing purple tops...but they did turn up in Wisconsin. They are organizing a big event Oct 11th...on Wal Sreet, I think and perhaps also in D.C.

It's going to get very ugly. They want to forment violence but make it look like Tea Partiers are causing it ...

Sheilah

Out of state license plates, one from Illinois, were noted in the parking lot.

Thank you Terrell for sending this out .

I am glad Greg Bowen was with you. He being law enforcement knew exactly what to do. Thank you for sharing. I hope everyone will take heed to your advice.

CC and Paul

Never hurts to emasculate the editor.

This in from Kevin:

You got it Terrell. Good to hear from you.

We are in for a fight.....or a flight (which is what they want!). Thanks for keeping your cool, Terrell. I'm proud of you and those who stood with you. Shame on Channel 19! Ann

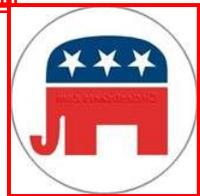
Well the guy did offer to beat the c__p out of me, but I decided to keep my c__p because Republican c__p is better than their c__p any day. ed

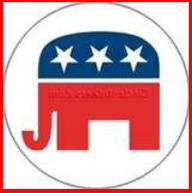
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The Strike

As Ayn Rand Predicted, the Wealthy are Going on Strike Against Obama.

The U.S. economy is crumbling. Businesses are collapsing in record numbers. Jobs have disappeared. Tax revenues are down dramatically. Coincidence?

Everything happening today under Obama resembles the storyline of Ayn Rand's famous book, Atlas Shrugged, one of the most popular books of all time, selling over 7 million copies. Now, under President Obama, Atlas Shrugged has come to life. Rand prophesized a country dominated by socialists, Marxists and statists, where looters, free loaders and poverty promoters live off the productive class. To rationalize the fleecing of innovative business owners and job creators, the looter class demonized the wealthy, just as Obama and his socialist cabal are doing in real life today.

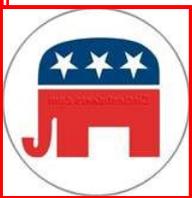
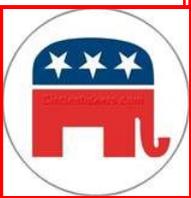
The central plot of Atlas Shrugged is that in response to being demonized, over-taxed, over-regulated, and punished for success, America's business owners were disappearing -- dropping off the grid, and refusing to work 16-hour days to support those unwilling to put in the same blood, sweat and tears. They were going on strike. Because of that the original proposed title of "Atlas Shrugged" was "The Strike."

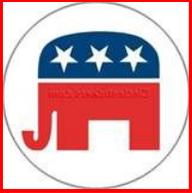
They were going on strike to teach that civilization cannot survive when people are slaves to government. That without a productive class of innovative business owners willing to risk their own money and work 16-hour days, weekends and holidays, there are no jobs and no taxes to pay for government. If you punish the wealthy, the risk-takers, the innovators, you kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. In Obama's America, fiction is becoming fact.

The lesson of Atlas Shrugged is that without the \$100,000+ earners paying into Social Security, there are no pensions for the poor and lower middle class. Without the wealthy owners of million-dollar mansions paying \$25,000 and \$50,000 annual property tax bills, there is no funding for public schools. Without the wealthy paying into Medicare, there is no "free" healthcare for the elderly. Without capitalists motivated by profit, there are no discoveries to eradicate polio or create miraculous cancer and AIDS drugs. Without capitalists motivated by profit, there are no jobs, period! That is what happens when the producers of society go on strike to protect themselves from the looters.

Ayn Rand was warning the looters that there are consequences to their overzealous actions. She was warning that if the productive classes felt used, demonized, ripped off, and taken for granted, they would go on strike -- stop working, retire early, go underground, or move to places where achievement is celebrated and they feel appreciated.

The latest U.S. Census proves Ayn Rand right. Under Obama the wealthy are striking, voting with their feet. They are moving to low-tax red states in droves, escaping from high-tax blue states where they are being demonized and punished by the millions.





The Census proves that Obama's tax and spend philosophy is a dismal failure, an economic disaster killing jobs. It is no coincidence that 1.9 million FEWER Americans are working than before Obama's stimulus. It is no coincidence that jobs are not returning to the private sector. It is no coincidence that tax revenues have dropped dramatically and cannot support Obama's bloated Big Brother government. The innovators, risk-takers, and wealthy he demonized and punished are on strike.

The high tech revolution has killed the progressive-liberal tax-and-spend dream. Because of the Internet, email, Facebook, Twitter, Skype, Satellite TV, I-phones, I-pads, and cell phones, business owners are no longer prisoners of Big Brother. Take a look at states where the latest Census shows Americans moved during the past decade: Nevada, Texas, Arizona, Florida, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alaska, Virginia -- all low- or no-tax red states, states that lead the USA in economic freedom.

Now look at states they escaped from: New York, New Jersey, California, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan. Taxpayers, business owners, jobs creators, retirees with assets are fleeing the high tax, big spending, Big Brother states -- the states being run like Obama is running the nation.

Progressives be afraid, be very afraid. If Obama is re-elected, these valuable producers will pick up and leave America altogether. There is a big world out there begging them to come. Places like Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Monte Carlo, Belize, Costa Rica, Panama, Bahamas, and Cayman Islands are low-tax havens that appreciate business owners and their sacrifices. They welcome wealthy ex-patriots. They celebrate individual achievement. They reward instead of punish business owners and financial risk-takers. They are wonderful places to live and are aggressively pursuing Americans.

I am just one small businessman, a third-party Libertarian political leader. Yet I personally have heard from thousands of fans, friends and supporters who have left America, are thinking of leaving America, are visiting other countries right now to decide where to go, or making preparations to leave in case Obama is re-elected. Just as Ayn Rand predicted, business owners are going on strike. Permanently.

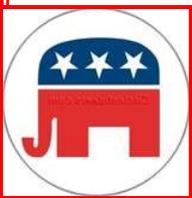
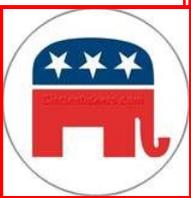
The high tech revolution has freed them to run their businesses from anywhere in the world. The same high tech tools and toys that toppled a powerful and invincible 30-year dictator in Egypt and now threaten to topple powerful leaders throughout the Arab world, also offer mobility and freedom to U.S. taxpayers. Obama better learn the lesson of Mubarek before millions more business people decide they do not need to put up with looters, free loaders, and politicians who despise them.

Atlas is shrugging. Ayn Rand is saying "I told you so."

And The Strike has begun. ~ Wayne Allyn Root

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"It is more important to be informed than it is to be opinionated"





SENTINEL SPECIAL

MSNBC Republican Primary Debate Wednesday September 7, 2011

Tonight's debate featured 8 contenders from left to right:

Rick Santorum ~ Former two term Senator from Pennsylvania.

Newt Gingrich ~ former seven term Congressman from Georgia and Speaker of the House.

Michele Bachmann ~ Three term Congresswoman from Minnesota.

Mitt Romney ~ Former Governor of Massachusetts.

Rick Perry ~ Governor of the state of Texas.

Ron Paul ~ Six term US Representative from Texas.

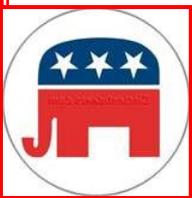
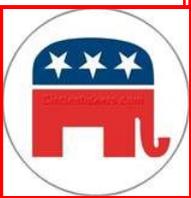
Herman Cain ~ CEO and former Fed chair from the Kansas City District.

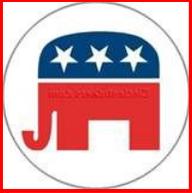
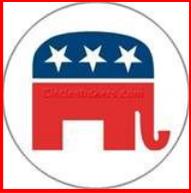
John Huntsman ~ Former Governor of Utah and former Ambassador to China.

Choosing a President does not always accurately measure the worth of a candidate. It does, however, accurately measure the ability of a population to choose the best candidate for that office. The worth of a debate is measured in how well it informs the audience. Are they vindicated in a choice made earlier? Did they find themselves changing candidates based on new information? When evaluating the debate performance of the participants keep the general election in mind. Ask yourself, how will this candidate do against the apparent Democratic Party nominee? Keep in mind that a significant number of voters will see or read no campaign material. Elections turn on the general election debate performances.

Tonight's debate was more "Jerry Springer" than "Touched by an Angel." We must decide who we are as an audience. Do we want to see our Republican candidates taking cheap shots and misrepresenting each other's positions? One candidate noticed the moderator's provocations and brought it to the attention of the audience and the participants. He gets points for this and the others, who failed to take this into account even after it was pointed out, should be criticized for this failure. Each candidate displayed moments of rational thought which justified their place on the debate stage.

Although the moderators struggled to be brighter than the chairs in which they sat (I will give at least one example of where they failed), I gleaned enough from this debate to change my opinion of which candidates my dream ticket would include (details at the end). I was impressed that a single candidate exhibited leadership skills, managed his time creatively and efficiently, and gave detailed and specific answers. On the other hand I was appalled at how easily some of the other candidates were manipulated by the intellectually challenged moderators. Brian Williams was constantly trying to pit one candidate against another in an attempt to create a 'dust up' and I assume therefore to boost ratings. Moderating the event from his uncontainable leftist viewpoint was MSNBC's Brian Williams. Joining him were Politico's John Harris and briefly, Jose Diez of Telemundo, NBC's Hispanic affiliate.

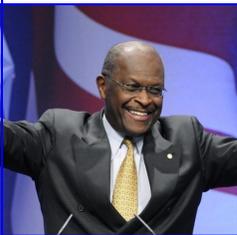




At the risk of being redundant and predictable, my number one choice was Newt Gingrich. Although he was asked only 4 questions during the entire 1 hour and 40 minute debate, he always answered with great specificity and with an efficiency which allowed him to answer another question previously asked of one of the other participants. This was very clever because he then got to pick the question he wished to answer. Not only did he not allow the moderators to goad him into picking a fight with other participants, he called the moderators out for being provocateurs *"I am not interested in your effort to get Republicans to fight each other."* and praised the aspirations of all his fellow participants *"Every one of these candidates opposes Obama care."* He was always gracious giving credit to others with whom he had worked and to those on the stage for their contributions to resolving the pressing political issues of our day. In one chilling response on the merits of having a Home Land Security Agency he reviewed the conditions which led to that decision and reminded us that their mission was to *"Be able to respond to nuclear events in three cities all on the same morning."* Asked about the amnesty given illegal aliens during the Reagan administration, Newt explained that it was granted in exchange for a list of specific concessions which he then listed from memory. Tragically, these concessions were not enacted into law. Finally when asked if he would keep Ben Bernanke in a Gingrich administration, Newt replied, *"I would fire him tomorrow."* Newt further stated that Mr. Bernanke was *"inflationary, dangerous and power centered."* He also stated *"The Fed should be audited. The Fed secretly moving money is antithetical to a free society."* He did this in less than 30 seconds and then went on to answer a question he said had been asked wrongly. Instead of asking how we would raise taxes he said they should have asked how they would raise revenues. He then listed three specific ways to accomplish this. Were Newt to debate the President, Obama could only hope for sympathy votes.



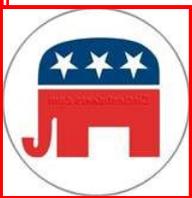
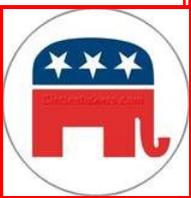
My second spot goes to Herman Cain. He is well conversant on all the issues now. His plans are simple and detailed. His "999 plan for economic growth" includes 9% income tax on corporate profits, 9% income tax on individual income and an across the board 9% sales tax. The plan includes elimination of loop holes and establishment of "empowerment zones" made popular by the late Jack Kemp. Cain took a firm stand against "individual mandates." He also said that the federal government needed to get out of the business of picking winners and losers. He seemed to want to fix a lot of agencies I personally would phase out. However on Social Security his fix was to use the Chilean model which would mean replacing the current system. Cain always presented himself as presidential and did not take the bait to criticize his fellow Republicans. It was a solid and credible performance all the way around. In a debate, Cain could easily go toe to toe with Barack Obama.

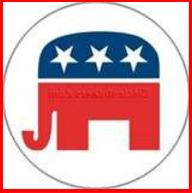


Michele Bachmann squeaks past Rick Santorum for third place. She has lost some steam with the entry of Rick Perry. However she retains her command of the facts. It was Michele who pointed out that the Obama care bill was so intertwined with the regulatory structure that it could not easily be dispensed with by an executive order as advocated by both Rick Perry and Mitt Romney. They should know better and probably do which makes their suggestion just an election year gimmick. She pointed out the benefit of energy industry deregulation both from a jobs and revenue standpoint. She also pointed out that Obama must know of the impediment of EPA regulations otherwise he would not have temporarily suspended them. She provided a spirited and solid parental rights argument regarding Perry's executive order to mandate Gardasil injections for all 12 year old girls in public schools. She cited the Spanish experience to illustrate the job killing effects of Obama's 'green jobs initiative.' She pointed out that no one in the administration could cite the compelling national interest to intervene in Libya. On knowledge of facts, she would easily beat the President in a debate.



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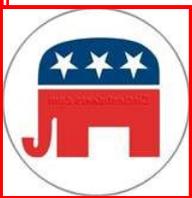
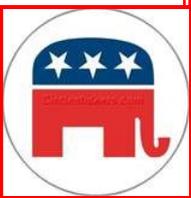


Close behind Michele is Rick Santorum. He lacks presidential demeanor. He appears petulant. However, Rick credibly defended the Home Land Security agency decision while criticizing some of its implementation. He gave a solid defense for the compassion of the right when asked if his Catholic theology did not mandate taking care of the poor and disadvantaged. His stand on illegal immigration mirrors Newt's. Rick stated that it is *"Important that your first step in immigration be a legal one."* Rick spoke credibly on parental rights and declared that the isolationist policies of Ron Paul and John Huntsman were ill-considered. He also stated that Obama intervened in Libya at the direction of the UN, implying that Obama was taking orders from them. In a debate he could beat the President on knowledge but not on debate style.



The order of the next four hardly seems to matter but I will give it a go. Because of his usual brilliance on economic and domestic issues I am giving this slot to Ron Paul. But even here he is inconsistent. At one point in the debate he was making the point that a good economy would do more for border security than good fences and sufficient man power. Excuse me; a good economy is just further inducement to climb his non-existent fence. Then, as if deliberately trying to stake a claim to the title; 'idiot savant,' he claimed we should be wary of a fence because it could be used just as easily to keep us in as unwanted foreign nationals out. I cannot imagine any foreseeable future, even the one that has all of us in foxholes in our front yards fighting for the freedoms bequeathed to us by our forefathers, in which Mexico is more attractive than the United States. Foreign policy is just beyond his grasp. Ron gave a proper criticism of the current tortured interpretation of the 'commerce clause.' He defended the benefits of welfare reform. Ron suggested abolishing the TSA. He rightly criticized Rick Perry for his executive order requiring 12 year old girls attending public school to receive Gardasil shots. But then Paul criticized Perry for writing a letter supporting Hillary care when Perry was a Democrat. This does not make sense to me, but neither does Perry's ever *being* a Democrat. But when Brian Williams suggested Republicans were not compassionate citing school lunch programs as an example, Ron Paul came to life. He stated quite properly that it was unconstitutional and the purview of local government, not the feds. Ron said *"We who believe in liberty understand markets. We know how people are taken care of, how they are fed, how they have jobs. It is the market, never the government that does it. You think there is something wrong with people who do not lavish out free stuff from the government, that we aren't compassionate enough. I resist that accusation."* (See last month's SENTINEL editorial on government and Charity) In a debate with the President, Paul's lack of understanding of foreign policy would just be embarrassing.

The rest of the pack is down here at the bottom because of their constant sniping at each other. Perry barely edged out Romney for the sixth position. Two answers made this possible, his mediocre defense of his claim that Social Security is a ponzi scheme and a near brilliant defense of capital punishment. For all the sniping between the two, usually their positions on issues were quite similar. Both foolishly proposed using executive orders to overturn Obama care. Rick favored block granting Medicare back to the states. Although given numerous opportunities to explain that issues like low average wages and high school dropout rates were due to a large illegal population he avoided it as long as he could, one must assume, out of fear of alienating the Hispanic vote. I fear Perry would lose a debate with the President. But Perry's defense of capital punishment was inspired and delivered in easily understood terms.





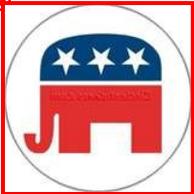
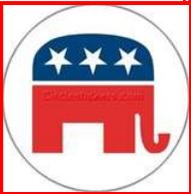
The moderator then asked the stupidest question ever. Perry's answer to the capital punishment question had been punctuated before and after with rousing applause. Brian Williams, incapable of understanding why good people would support this position then asked Perry, *who had just defended the position*, what was wrong with the people for applauding *his* answer (I am paraphrasing the question but that was its essence.) Later in the analysis Chris Mathews was apoplectic about the audience's response. But I will guarantee you that Mathews is "pro-choice" on abortion. Apparently in his mind the slaughter of innocents is easily justified; it is the guilty that must be protected. With a mind like that, how he gets through the day without injuring himself eludes me.

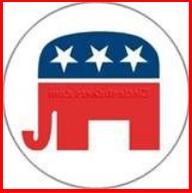
In prior debates, Mitt looked presidential apparently only because he thought he could afford to. He was early out of the box going after fellow Republicans and egged on by the moderators. Mitt said he would issue an executive order to give all 50 (not 57) states a waiver on Obama care. As Republicans I would think we would shun executive orders as a means of legislating from the executive branch. Shouldn't executive orders be limited to establishing rules of conduct within the executive branch? Romney and Perry constantly sniped at each other causing neither to appear in any way presidential. The bulk of Mitt's answers were nuanced, bureaucratic and technical. Mitt pointed out that neither the poor nor the rich were as adversely affected as the middle class. Even if you are on the right side, why engage in this kind of class warfare? He continues to defend the Massachusetts individual mandate as a proper activity of a state. Yet, neither he nor any of the other candidates pointed out that Rick Perry's executive order insisting that 12 year old Texas school girls be inoculated with Gardasil was also an individual mandate. However, Mitt could hold his own in a debate with Obama.



A well deserved last place goes to John Huntsman. I am not sure whether he was wearing a bright yellow tie or if the striping machine got him while he lay in the middle of the road. It seems that no matter how radically the road veers to the left, he is determined to stay in the middle of it. He needs to pull onto the right shoulder and get a lesson in conservative values. Add to his "pro choice" credentials an earnest belief that man made global warming is *settled science*. Rick Perry gave the most tortured defense of the argument against global warming I have ever heard. Had Newt been asked to give the rebuttal, I assure you not only would he have been able to name the scientists on our side, he could have told you the name of the publications in which you could find their articles and he would have given a salient quote from one. Huntsman spent most of his time banging his own drum. Santorum also fell into this habit. It is a siren call many down the pack cannot resist. Yet Herman Cain never does this, which is why he looks presidential even though he is down in the polls. In a debate with the President I fear Huntsman would walk away convinced he should vote for Obama.

These debates are instructive and I have come to the conclusion that a number of these candidates, even though they are right on most of the issues, may not be able to defeat the President in a debate. Prior to this debate my secret Republican presidential dream ticket was Christie/Bachmann. I came to question this decision, not because of Christie's refusal to run (this I believe could be overcome,) but because of concerning news that Christie had appointed a Muslim to the Superior Court in New Jersey. Researching the issue softened my concerns but did not eradicate them. The Judge is an Indian Muslim. Radicalization of Indian Muslims is rare. Sohail Mohammed was instrumental after the murderous attacks of 9-11 in building a bridge between the Muslim community and law enforcement allowing them to solicit information from that community. Christie's defense





of the appointment is found in the following link; [Christie defends appointment of Muslim judge](#). In truth I would have been just as happy with a Christie/Rubio ticket. Obama has a street fighter's mentality. Christie would beat him at his own game. After this debate, Frank Luntz was conducting a panel poll and asked how many in the room would like to see Governor Christie get into the race. The positive response was almost unanimous.

There was one candidate on the debate stage, however, that could embarrass Obama into moving back to Kenya. Newt is a straight shooter. It was he who called Obama's policies "bureaucratic socialism." Newt spelled out a clear path to prosperity. Newt understands the difference between taxes and revenue. Democrats think the two are synonymous. Newt can explain in terms people can understand why they are not. Newt is strong on borders and defense. Newt can tell you who the smart guys are in the room. When Newt spoke the audience responded with applause.

Every candidate has some baggage and Newt is no exception. Looking at the negatives of the other candidates, Newt's are no worse. The major disqualifier seems to be his age, 68. If he were elected he would be four months younger than Reagan when he took office. Newt brings a lot of experience and a great deal of wisdom with his age. Marco Rubio is just 40. What a great tutor Gingrich would be. Even if Newt were not up to a second term, by then a well seasoned Marco Rubio could take the seat. Marco Rubio is almost universally recognized as the leading contender for the second position on the ticket. I would hate to lose him in the Senate but a suitable replacement can be found and I believe a Gingrich/Rubio ticket would be the unstoppable force needed for 2012; vibrant, substantial and an intellectual power house. Those who fail to hear Newt Gingrich, do so because he is "down in the polls." But that is our fault. If you did not notice the quality of Newt's performance you have a second chance. Follow this link: [Reagan Library Presidential Debate 9/7/11](#). There are many more debates to come and the debate stage will get smaller. This is a primary, the time to get behind the *best* candidate, not the one the media is pushing. I am all in for a Gingrich/Rubio ticket. Tell me why I am wrong. ~ ed

Reader Comment:

Terrell.....Finally they have a debate when I can watch! Although I don't like these early forums when there are too many candidates to hear adequately from any one contender, I still came away with some strong impressions. Close as it was I feel that Perry out shown Romney just a bit, possibly due to the "death penalty" response and applause. Santorum sp? bored me, Paul frightened me, Huntsman may have shown up at the wrong party's debate, Bachman although attractive comes across better on the radio and Herman Cain as always was a breath of fresh air. You gotta love the non politicianness of this guy! But I gotta tell ya, I found myself waiting for someone to address a question to Newt. His answers; always spot on, his delivery; flawless, his knowledge; vast and unlike any other politician I almost never get tired of listening to him. It's always a valuable history lesson that never makes me feel stupid. Tell me again why this guy can't get elected? Oh yes, he doesn't appeal to the undecided voter. Does it matter that the undecided voter doesn't appeal to me? Kellie

I thought Rick did pretty well last night as did Romney. Loved it when Newt went after the so-called moderator.

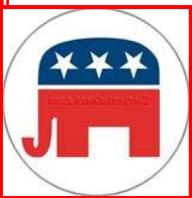
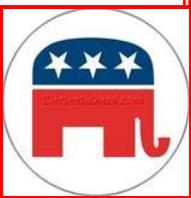
I can't imagine why we let our guys be questioned by those cretins at MSNBC and Politico....oh well, at least their ratings are in the tank at MSNBC.

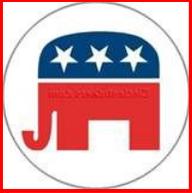
I like that Perry doesn't back his positions and dance around...that's a good thing ...Obama needs to be met head on and hard.

Sheilah. (Sheilah is a professional columnist for the Hawkins newspaper. The SENTINEL is honored.)

Thanks for your input, Sheliah. Personally, I thought Rick and Mitt caved a bit to the "moderators" puppeteering and I was disappointed in them both. I think Newt stood head and shoulders above them both last night. Cain did better, Bachmann should shoot her hairdresser but she had all the answers readily, Santorum came across as a bit desperate and Huntsman remains snarky. ~ lynn

Why is it that a single careless match can start a forest fire . . .





The Tea Party Report:



The combined Tea Party clubs of Wood County met on the fourth this month at the library in Quitman, led by Michael Kinzie. The event was well attended.

Speaker David Walls, a Grassroots Coordinator for Liberty Institute addressed the group. Liberty Institute is involved in a number of pro bono actions involving issues such as students being denied the right to prayer at commencement events.

Some time was also given to discussion of the canceled Jeb Hensarling event and what happened there.

Also from Michael:

Tea Party Cheers Death of Uninsured?

The Tea Party cheer(s) for the death of the uninsured at the CNN/Tea Party Express Presidential Debate? That's not the way I saw it, so I've got to throw the BS flag on this one. Watch the video for yourself and we'll go from there.

I was there. My seat was in the third row center stage. There was NO applause after someone shouted out "Yes!", as most of the media is reporting. What I heard were two shouts and could not tell if it was from the same person or if it was two different people. The rest of the crowd was looking around to see if they could identify who this jerk was. However, the left-wing sharks were cunningly circling waiting for someone to chum the waters, and unfortunately someone did.

Read the rest of the article:

http://www.teaparty911.com/articles/tea_party_cheers_death_of_uninsured.htm

RWWC Report:



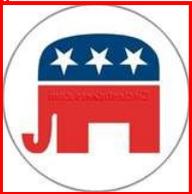
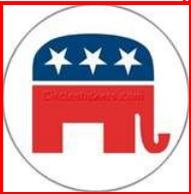
The Republican Women of Wood County met on Monday August 15th led by Shirley Haskins. As usual the event was well attended.

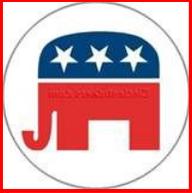
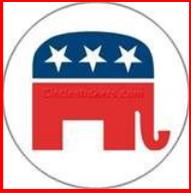
Isabel McGuffin provided a program on Parliamentary Procedure which involved wearing all these hats (see illustration below). . . but not all at the same time.

Details of the Taste of East Texas event, LCRC's major fund raising event, were discussed. A large turnout is normal for this event. The entire Sentinel staff plans to attend.



but it takes an entire box of matches to start a camp fire?





SENTINEL SPECIAL

CNN/Tea Party Express Republican Primary Debate Monday September 12, 2011

Tonight's debate featured 8 contenders from left to right:

John Huntsman ~ Former Governor of Utah and former Ambassador to China.

Herman Cain ~ CEO and former Fed chair from the Kansas City District.

Michele Bachmann ~ Three term Congresswoman from Minnesota.

Mitt Romney ~ Former Governor of Massachusetts.

Rick Perry ~ Governor of the state of Texas.

Ron Paul ~ Six term US Representative from Texas.

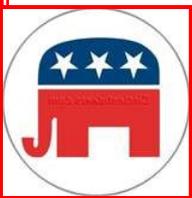
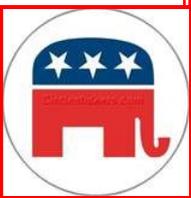
Newt Gingrich ~ Former seven term Congressman from Georgia and Speaker of the House.

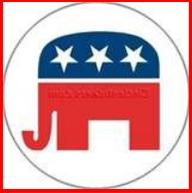
Rick Santorum ~ Former two term Senator from Pennsylvania.

Having seen one CNN Republican Presidential primary debate this season already, one could not help but notice the contrast. I give full credit to Tea Party influence. Displays of patriotism do not come easily to CNN but are quite natural to the Tea Party, so the event opened with the national anthem. But first there was a 'perp walk' which worked better for some than others. When Newt walked out onto the stage, one (old ones anyway) could not help but think of Alfred Hitchcock. All that was missing was the empty silhouette. Rick Perry walked out as one who rides tall in the saddle. Fitness level was on full display. Wolf Blitzer was the moderator and was able to perform this task without yipping like a spoiled dog while answers were given. Now CNN knows it can be done. This is the first debate this season in which all participants got a fair allotment of time. Apparently, that too can be done. The questions were intelligent and thoughtful. This was due to the fact that they were asked by real Tea Party members and not the cloistered dunderheads at CNN. Without reservation, this was the best debate of the season.

Time for answers was allocated more evenly because there were fewer questions and usually, each candidate would get a chance to comment on some aspect of each question. Following a 'ladies first' rule, Michele Bachmann kicked off the debate with the first question. (Call me chauvinistic, but I think a society which does not honor its women is not worth fighting for.) She exhibited some presidential mettle by getting rid of whoever did her hair at the last debate. She looked good and was on top of her game throughout. Almost all the candidates had moments of rational thought which they were able to articulate.

My first slot goes predictably to Newt Gingrich and for the usual reasons. Going by the amount of applause he receives for almost every answer, I have to conclude that on some level, most people agree with this assessment but that some preconceived notion does not allow them to think of Newt as a front runner. I ask you to reconsider. The only error I caught him making was when he told Wolf that the applause was eating into his time. He said, *"Obama, not Romney or Perry, was scaring people by threatening to withhold their Social Security checks. Young people should not have to fear that politicians will take away their Social Security."* (Then, more applause). Asked about compromise, Newt pointed out that during his 4 years as Speaker, more jobs were created in Utah than during Huntsman's time as governor, more in Massachusetts than when Romney was governor and more in Texas than during Perry's 11 years as governor. He did not take personal credit but pointed out that the vibrant economy (constructed by Reagan, restored by Gingrich and enjoyed by Clinton) was the cause. He stated we do not compromise principle. Like Reagan, take the fight directly to the people. When asked whether we should spend more or less on defense, Newt listed the three major security threats, Mexican border, unstable Middle East and the deindustrialization of America. He pointed out the administration's foreign policy failures and why we needed a robust defense posture. When asked what he would take to the White House he said he would clear out space by getting rid of all the czars.





Michele Bachmann was a close second. She was on her game this night. Being mindful of her audience, when introducing herself, she reminded everyone that she was the founder and head of the Congressional Tea Party Caucus. Bachmann stressed rebuilding an ownership society where everyone takes personal responsibility. She understands what it would take to repeal Dodd/Frank and Obama Care. The governors on stage do not seem to understand this issue. She is committed to getting this done. If she were to take the second spot on the ticket, the new President should assign her this task. She took on Rick Perry for his executive order mandating Gardisil injections for 12 year old Texas School girls, citing parental rights. She followed up noting that Perry's chief of staff had a relationship with the drug company which manufactures Gardisil. They stood to make many millions from the mandate and they had contributed to Perry's campaign. Perry feigned indignation stating he was insulted that she thought he could be bought for a \$5,000 donation. Instead of taking the easy shot (*So what is your going rate Governor?*), she reinforced her parental rights argument. When asked about Obama Care she rightly called it an unconstitutional mandate. She reinforced the seriousness of the issue stating "*We have just this one election to decide whether the United States will have socialized medicine.*" Bachmann said Perry's policies toward illegal aliens "*... were similar to the dream act.*" She took some of the wind off of Perry's sails.



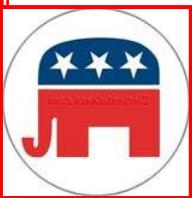
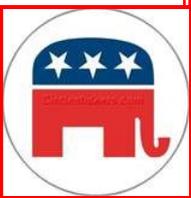
The third place ribbon goes to Rick Santorum. He was a little more relaxed this time probably because he was not totally ignored. When asked if he agreed with Romney or Perry on Social Security he said, "*Who's with me?*" claiming his own real estate on the stage. He then described his own work on this issue over the years. He gave a strong argument for parental rights regarding Perry's Gardisil blunder. And he appropriately scolded Ron Paul for putting a statement on his web site on the tenth anniversary of 9-11 blaming the United States for the attacks. He received good support from the audience for this stand. It was Ron Paul's turn to look petulant. It was a good performance from one down in the polls.

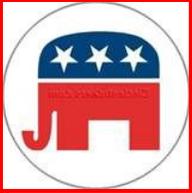
In a close fourth is Herman Cain. Always Presidential in demeanor He did not take shots at any other candidate but stuck to his own proposals. Perry had made a vague illusion to Texas taking over Social Security functions within the state. But it was Herman Cain who brought the point home citing the example in Galveston County where they covered county workers. He got a good audience reaction when he said, "*I know how Washington works. It doesn't.*" He then restated his now quite familiar 999 plan. He was strong on energy independence as were most of the candidates. He also proposed a Regulation Reduction Commission staffed with the victims of regulations. I fear it might just become another bureaucracy.



Fifth, by my observation, goes to Texas governor Rick Perry. It was close between him and Mitt Romney, but Perry is good at the off-the-cuff quip. He credibly defended his stand on Social Security. When Romney defended the program Perry quipped back "*If you are saying that the government, back in the '30's and '40's made all the right decisions, I disagree with you.*" This Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee duo then proceeded to waste our time by misquoting and mischaracterizing each other's positions. Perry delivered some quotable lines like; "*People are tired of spending money we don't have on programs we don't want.*" When Romney tried to imply that as governor, Perry was just lucky stating that, "*When you are dealt four aces you don't have to be a good poker player.*" Perry came back with, "*You were doing pretty good till you started talking poker.*" Perry admitted that he mishandled the Gardisil policy but did not admit that the policy itself was wrong. He got beat-up pretty good on this issue. But he was booed by the audience for defending his policies toward illegal immigration. However, overall Perry may have dealt Romney a fatal blow.

A close sixth is Mitt Romney. Watching the interchange between Romney and Perry you get the impression that Romney is the smarter of the two, but then you wonder why it is that Perry always seems to get the better of him. This constant sniping, although entertaining for some, diminishes both candidates. Mitt's nuanced positions make him come across as an experienced technocrat; competent but not that appealing. Mitt took counting on ones fingers to a new level citing seven things to turn the economy around. He must have really big hands. Romney's





constant attempts to diminish Perry by saying he was lucky to have Texas may have earned him some votes in our state but I am sure it cost him some in Massachusetts and it made Romney appear petty. Romney's biggest blunder of the debate went unnoticed. Romney, defended the Fed saying "*Without the Fed who's going to run the currency, Congress?*" I would direct the governor to the US Constitution, Article 1 Section 8 "*The Congress shall have power to . . . coin money, regulate the value thereof and of foreign coin.*" Hard to believe Ron Paul did not catch this one. Romney was strong on the issue of a border fence. When asked what he would bring to the White House he said, "*The bust of Winston Churchill.*" Finally, criticizing the President and not a fellow Republican. For just a moment, he looked Presidential.



A distant seventh is Ron Paul. Someone should tell him not every question is 'Would you favor closing all foreign bases and bringing all military personnel home?' Yet almost every question he answers is in response to this question. His complaint about the cost of an embassy in Bagdad made me think he might want to bring the entire diplomatic staff home too. He managed to get in a jab at our governor, when asked about his record in the state he pointed out how high our taxes are and said, "*I don't want to offend the governor because he might raise my taxes.*" Paul well defended the concept of 'choice' in medical care. Apparently Paul wants to dump the B-52. He went unchallenged when he stated that George W. Bush won a campaign based on non-intervention policies in 2000. As I remember something unfortunate happened after that and George had to reverse that policy. Paul got the longest sustained boos of the evening when he started in on how unfairly the Palestinians are treated. Yet when asked what he would take to the White House he was spot on with, "*A bushel basket of common sense.*" There is precious little of that in Washington and on certain issues Paul has plenty.

At dead last and only because there is no possible lower score is John Huntsman. He vacillated between self serving narcissism and nasty snarkiness all evening. The other candidates were all able to deliver an occasional applause line. On the rare occasion Huntsman received any applause, they were faint and appeared to come exclusively from members of his immediate family. If you feed someone, they will support you. He was booed for his hyperbolic criticism calling Perry's policies on illegal immigration treasonous. In reviewing my pages of notes from the debate I find not one quote or good idea. But there are numerous comments on his snarky criticisms of the other candidates.



Without a doubt, this was the best debate of the season so far. Some trends are becoming apparent. Our supposed front runners are weak. I think both have been made weaker by this debate. I see this as good news. As Mitt Romney and Rick Perry fall in the polls, other candidates on the stage may get fresh scrutiny. I believe there are four people on the debate stage which would ultimately make better candidates than either of our current 'front runners.' They deserve your consideration. We have learned from Newt that it does not hurt to be smart. We have learned from Michele that it does not hurt to be knowledgeable. We have learned from Rick Santorum that it does not hurt to be principled. From Herman we learned being a politician does not help. From Rick Perry we learned it is good to be quotable. This is a great lesson for all the candidates. From Mitt we learned our worst enemy is often ourselves. Additionally there is still time for Chris Christie to get into the race. It is a long shot but he would broaden the selection. He is a big man and to make room, two current candidates would have to go. I have selected the two I would not miss and I am ready to get the hook.

If you happened to miss this debate or if you would like to see it again you may wish to use the following links. This first link breaks the debate down into small segments, one for each question and it is perfect for research purposes.

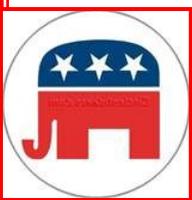
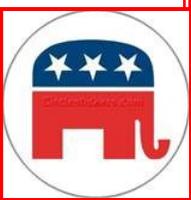
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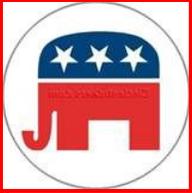
Next is a series of three links which breaks the debate into three longer segments. If you wish to get the true flavor of the debate you may prefer these:

Pt 1 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yu0HTixWjHl>

Pt 2 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=oi-UTG6UUno>

Pt 3 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=LmRF14XdibY>





Reader Comments:

From George:

Huntsman sounds like Obama "Lite." Not much there, yes you are screwed, no border to Mexico! Shine, what shoes, Harley the best thing he said all night.
 Allen Cain I liked, he has turned around on the "fed" and I like that, Kill Obamacare, Yes, loser pay, Yes (Perry does this also) Sounds better every time he talks,
 Michelle was forgotten, She is alive and good words on the "fed", Don't pile on. I repeat. Don't pile on. Wolf, don't cut in! Kill Obamacare. Yes Wolf your right, BS
 Mitt should stop staring at Perry, if'ie on the "fed", follow Newt on no Taxes in the "Middle", Kill Obamacare, How many Latinos did you deal with? Winston yes!
 Perry comes across as electable, Like ideas on the "fed". Admitted he made a mistake, I like, Kill Obamacare, Borders get;em Rick, Military can we get our, I think not,
 Newt needs to go back to writing books, GE? Companies don't pay taxes, it is past down to the end user! Sounds word'ly.
 Ron has some good ideas but scares the general population, No executive orders I like! Health care I love it! Sound better all the time, love Mil vice
 Oh, and who was that other guy, ah, "Planate" Drill baby drill, Don't pile on. He doesn't live on the border!

My wife and I did not see a clear winner. They all did well but we thought Bachman was strong as was Perry and Romney. I wish Cain could break away from the pack because I like him a lot but it does not appear that is going to occur.

John Tweedell

Ole Wolf can't help but repeat that tired old Democrat line...it was Bush's fault. I sincerely hope that whomever wins the nomination will find a way to use Newt as a Cabinet Secretary. Ellen

Terrell: Regarding the debate. I think every one of the candidates is against Obama Care. I was most impressed with Herman Cain. He is a business man & made it plain that the Government should be run like a business.
 Nothing was said about Education.

I don't think Herman Cain will make the grade to Presidency, but he makes more sense & was not the same or political crap. I also think the World demise will be from peoples lack of knowledge & people looking for outer peace instead of enter Peace. People are only thinking of "Whats in it for me."Greed for ones self.

Roger Tune

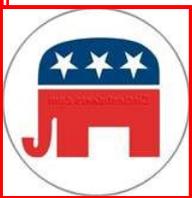
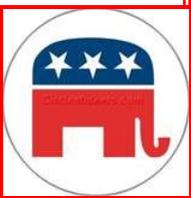
I know this is not the general consensus, but I thought Perry did quite well, considering almost everyone on the stage was attacking him. I'm watching for the next Rasmussen poll to come out (The only one that is consistently correct). I think Perry will remain the front runner. Bachman did not do herself any good last night. The Gardasil issue just does not play across the spectrum.

I think even the conservative media is missing something awfully important about Perry. He has "IT" - that indefinable quality that takes over any stage. Plus, he has the cajones to take Obama on directly. He does not care if he comes across as the cowboy and I think that resonates with the average person, if not within the Beltway. He has a touch of Reagan in him, and that can win an election.

Sheilah Pepper

Much as I hate to say it there appears to be only one candidate ready for prime time. The debate answers are quick, to the point, factual, well researched, and they clearly suggest an equal or superior opponent to the glib Obama in debates next year. Further Romney has the credentials to be a president of the United States which none of the other candidates other than Perry have. I just can't see the needed independents rallying around a congressperson, an unelected pizza businessman, an ambassador from the Obama administration, an ex-senator that lost his last election, or the former speaker of the house. So a few more Perry performances like that and we can start shining up our "I love Romney" buttons for the general election.

With regrets,
Don Mellon





I thought the debate was really good. I do not know the winner but I liked Newt, Herman, Rick and Michelle. Even Rick and Mitt gave good answers. I do not know who would be the best candidate for president. Janice

If we had all witnessed the same crime I am not sure who they would hang. But I really enjoy this kind of participation. On behalf of our readers, I thank all who participated. To make your own judgments, view the video links of the debate found above. ~ ed

The debate analysis found below comes from Michael Kinzie of Wood County's Tea Party Patriots who attended the debate and gives us an eye witness account of the event.

The Tea Party Express – CNN Debate from the Third Row

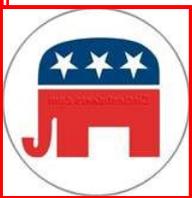
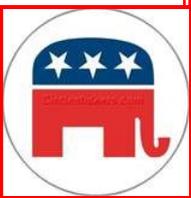
First of all, I would like to thank the Tea Party Express and (I can't believe I'm typing these words) CNN for hosting the first ever Tea Party Presidential Debate in history. I would have loved watching the debate on television, but being there in the third row center stage allowed me the opportunity to see things from an entirely different perspective. From my vantage point, I could see the facial expressions and body language of all the candidates regardless of what was shown on CNN. Therefore, I'd like to share my thoughts on the debate and welcome your feedback in comparison.

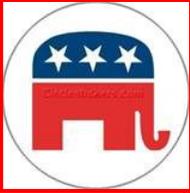
Wolf Blitzer: I have to start with CNN's moderator, Wolf Blitzer. I must say, Wolf Blitzer did a great job of doing his job. It was apparent that his goal was to provoke and get sound bites that could be used against the candidates and the Tea Party. He was successful at both. Because of the questions asked, several of the candidates were afforded the opportunity to take their shots at Governor Perry which have been in the news all week. The "should society just let him die" question provoked a response from a couple of people in the audience that has taken center stage in the liberal media and being spun as the "[Tea Party Cheers the Death of the Uninsured.](#)"

Michele Bachmann: While many of the pundits are saying that Bachmann is losing steam in her campaign and she did little to improve that during the debate, I completely disagree. This was, in my opinion, Bachmann's best debate performance to date. Her conviction, tone, and mannerisms when answering questions left little doubt that she meant what she said. When Bachmann went after Perry over the HPV vaccination and crony capitalism, this showed the audience and America that she can get in there and mix it up when necessary. Bachmann was among the winners of this debate.

John Huntsman: All I could do while John Huntsman was speaking was to be reminded of the Peanuts cartoon. Does everyone remember the teacher from Peanuts? All I could hear was "Wha, wha, wha wha wha." Sorry John, that's the best I can do for you. His answers left me wondering what the "R" after his name actually stands for.

Ron Paul: Congressman Paul was one of the few who did not sound scripted. His answers were quick and unafraid. However, during Paul's discussion of Iran, 9/11, and terrorism, this was one of the points where being in the audience was an advantage. There were seven candidates on the stage who in unison cocked their heads at an angle and looked at each other with facial expressions of utter amazement. Paul's stance on these issues also drew a chorus of boos from the audience. On the other hand, Paul's answers regarding domestic policy drew cheers from the audience. Gauging from the response of the audience it's domestic issues yes, Constitutional issues yes, and foreign policy no.





Newt Gingrich: Newt was the solutions man during the debate. He came across as having a clear understanding of the problems facing the country and practical solutions to those problems. Former Speaker Gingrich also received the most enthusiastic response from the audience when he commented that President Obama scares the American people every day. Gingrich's responses to social security, government waste and fraud, and pointing out Obama's hierarchy concerning GE were big hits among the audience. Gingrich also threw out some pretty impressive job numbers from during the time when he was Speaker of the House. In my opinion, Gingrich was among the winners of this debate, if not the outright winner. (Newt, you need to work on that smile; it's a little too forced.)
More coming soon at TeaParty911.com.

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By Lloyd Marcus

March 27, 2010

As millions of my fellow Americans, I am outraged, devastated and extremely angry by the democrat's unbelievable arrogance and disdain for We The People. Despite our screaming "no" from the rooftops, they forced Obamacare down our throats. Please forgive me for using the following crude saying, but it is very appropriate to describe what has happened. "Don't urinate on me and tell me it's raining." Democrats say their mission is to give all Americans health care. The democrats are lying. Signing Obamacare into law against our will and the Constitution is tyranny and step one of their hideous goal of having as many Americans as possible dependent on government, thus controlling our lives and fulfilling Obama's promise to fundamentally transform America .

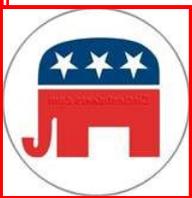
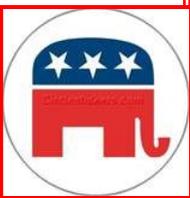
I keep asking myself. How did our government move so far from the normal procedures of getting things done? Could a white president have so successfully pulled off shredding the Constitution to further his agenda? I think not.

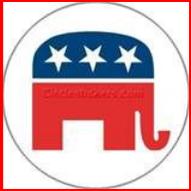
Ironically, proving America is completely the opposite of the evil racist country they relentlessly accuse her of being, progressives used America's goodness, guilt and sense of fair play against her.. In their quest to destroy America as we know it, progressives borrowed a brilliant scheme from Greek mythology. They offered America a modern day Trojan Horse, a beautifully crafted golden shiny new black man as a presidential candidate. Democrat Joe Biden lorded Obama as the first clean and articulate African American candidate. Democrat Harry Reid said Obama only uses a black dialect when he wants.

White America relished the opportunity to vote for a black man naively believing they would never suffer the pain of being called racist again. Black Americans viewed casting their vote for Obama as the ultimate Affirmative Action for America's sins of the past.

Then there were the entitlement loser voters who said, *"I'm votin' for the black dude who promises to take from those rich SOB's and give to me."*

Just as the deceived Trojans dragged the beautifully crafted Trojan Horse into Troy as a symbol of their victory, deceived Americans embraced the progressive's young, handsome, articulate and so called moderate black presidential candidate as a symbol of their liberation from accusation of being a racist nation. Also like the Trojan Horse, Obama was filled with the enemy hiding inside.





Sunday, March 21, 2010, a secret door opened in Obama, the shiny golden black man. A raging army of democrats charged out. Without mercy, they began their vicious bloody slaughter of every value, freedom and institution we Americans hold dear: launching the end of America as we know it.

Wielding swords of votes reeking with the putrid odor of back door deals, the democrats landed a severe death blow to America and individual rights by passing Obamacare.

The mainstream liberal media has been relentlessly badgering the Tea Party movement with accusations of racism. Because I am a black tea party patriot, I am bombarded with interviewers asking me the same veiled question. "Why are you siding with these white racists against America 's first African American president?" I defend my fellow patriots who are white stating, *"These patriots do not give a hoot about Obama's skin color. They simply love their country and oppose his radical agenda. Obama's race is not an issue."*

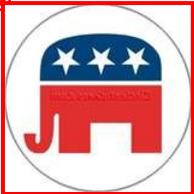
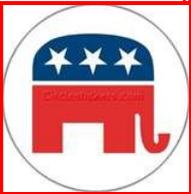
Recently, I have come to believe that perhaps I am wrong about Obama's race not being an issue. In reality, Obama's presidency has everything to do with racism, but not from the Tea Party movement. Progressives and Obama have exploited his race from the rookie senator's virtually unchallenged presidential campaign to his unprecedented bullying of America into Obamacare. Obama's race trumped all normal media scrutiny of him as a presidential candidate and most recently even the Constitution of the United States . Obamacare forces all Americans to purchase health care which is clearly unconstitutional.

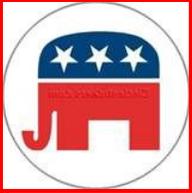
No white president could get away with boldly and arrogantly thwarting the will of the American people and ignoring laws. President Clinton tried universal health care. Bush tried social security reform. The American people said "no" to both president's proposals and it was the end of it. So how can Obama get away with giving the American people the finger? The answer. He is black.

The mainstream liberal media continues to portray all who oppose Obama in any way as racist. Despite a list of failed policies, overreaches into the private sector, violations of the Constitution and planned destructive legislation too numerous to mention in this article, many Americans are still fearful of criticizing our first black president. Incredible.

My fellow Americans, you must not continue to allow yourselves to be "played" and intimidated by Obama's race or the historical context of his presidency. If we are to save America , the greatest nation on the planet, Obama's progressive agenda must be stopped.

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Original political cartoons by Bart Bartlett. Is it just me or can you hear the rabbit saying "spending my a_ _."

WHO SAID IT:

"Underlying most arguments against the free market is a lack of belief in freedom itself."

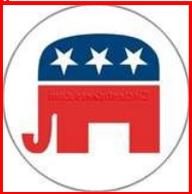
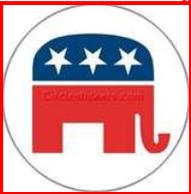
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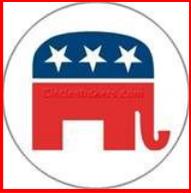
2011
Lake Country Republican Club
COMMITTEES



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

We cut a swath through the heartland this month:

[Rep Reid Ribble of Wisconsin](#)

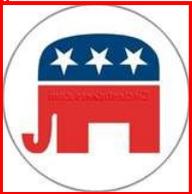
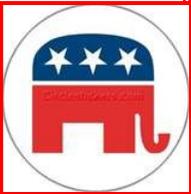
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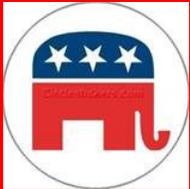
[Rep. John Carter of Texas](#)

Regulate your own d_ _ n self

[Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas](#)

Apparently the Senator agrees with Helen Heavey





What's Up:

Lake Country Republican Club (LCRC):

Club Meetings: September 27, 6PM - Quitman Library
Program: Randy Dunn and TBD

SENTINEL Submission Deadlines: Tenth of Publication Month
SENTINEL Publication Date: Fifteenth of Publication Month

Republican Women of Wood County (RWWC):

Club Meetings: September 19, 11:30 AM - Texas Tea Room
Program: Teaching the Constitution

Holly Lake Ranch Hawkins Republican Club (HLRHRC):

Club Meetings: October 3, 7P.M. - Holly Hall
Program: Clint Perkins on Wood County agriculture.

Wood County Tea Party (WCTP) and Tea Party Patriots

Club Meetings: October 2, 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

HIT THE LINKS:



The SENTINEL bets you can't find a hole in one.

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[Easy to be Charitable When it Doesn't Cost You Anything](#)

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[Liberty and Government](#) **Well explained.**

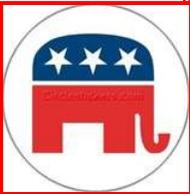
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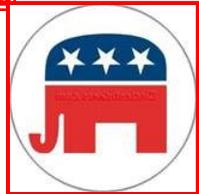
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Life is easier when you plow around the stump.





Legislative Report, State:

Legislative Report for September 2011

Republican Women of Wood County
Isabel McGuffin, Legislative Chairman

August 2011 Legislative Report by Barbara Larson, TFRW VP Legislation

The Federal Government is discussing two issues that will clearly affect all of us – ending the VISA Lottery for immigration and increasing the debt ceiling. Due to my deadline, I have to write this report before either issue is resolved. No doubt you will be hearing about the debt ceiling negotiations from our media, but there will not be as much information on the VISA Lottery bill. I have given you a website where you can check this information.

VISA Lottery Bill, HR 704. This bill would end the practice of randomly selecting 50,000 individuals from countries that are not always necessarily friendly towards us. Please call your House Member and ask them to vote for this bill. A great web site to go to for information on immigration is <http://www.numberUSA.com>.

Debt Ceiling. Currently, the White House and our Congress are engaged in negotiations whether to raise the debt ceiling. In order for Congress to agree to take this course of action, they want spending cuts in order to begin to reduce our horrific, crippling debt. Our liberals in the White House want us to raise taxes. Stay tuned.

Texas Special Session. CSSB 1 (The Committee Substitute Bill for SB 1). This bill was passed by both the House and Senate and sent to the Governor on June 29, 2011. This bill is a very comprehensive financial bill providing allocations for educational funding and provisions for business taxes.

SB 2 This bill directs how the money for the operation of state will be spent. This bill was sent to the Governor on July 6, 2011.

SB 3 Dealing with the Texas Windstorm Insurance was left in committee.

SB 4 changes the Congressional Districts in Texas. TFRW has formed a committee to change our geographical structure as a result of these changes. More information on this will be provided by TFRW.

SB 5 on the Interstate Health Care Compact was left in Committee.

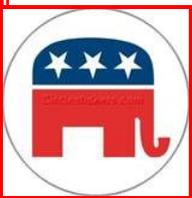
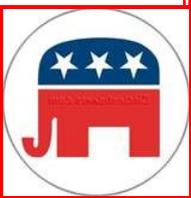
SB 6 was sent to the Governor on June 28, 2011. This bill provides for the educational materials in our schools.

SB 7 provides changes on the manner in which the Texas Medicaid program will operate. This bill was sent to the Governor on June 28, 2011.

SB 8 provides flexibility for the Board of Trustees to operate a school district. Proponents of local control are very supportive of this bill. The bill was sent to the Governor on June 28, 2011.

SB 9 was left pending in committee to the great disappointment of many. If passed, this bill would have put an end to sanctuary cities.

Governor Signs Bills Important to Barnett Shale. Governor Rick Perry signed HB 3328 which was passed in the regular session. This legislation co-sponsored by State Senator Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, requires public disclosure of the chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing.



**Congressman Jeb Hensarling, CD5**

Congressman Hensarling sent out an email on 8/14/11 which many of you may have received. For those who didn't receive it, I'm reprinting it here:

Earlier this week, I was appointed to co-chair the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction. The joint committee is a 12-member panel composed of Democrats and Republicans from the House and Senate tasked with finding \$1.5 trillion or more in deficit cuts over the next decade. The committee will provide deficit reduction recommendations to Congress that will be voted on by the full House and Senate no later than December 23, 2011.

Our nation is facing a spending-driven debt crisis. This crisis is a legitimate threat to our nation's future, and the American people cannot afford to wait any longer. The time to act is now. We must stop spending money we don't have. This commission may not be able to solve all our nation's budget problems in a few short months, but we can work together to cut spending and decrease our nation's debt in order to bring back jobs, hope, and opportunity for the American people.

In addition to the work on the joint committee, I remain committed to furthering the cause of the Balanced Budget Amendment, which I believe to be the ultimate solution to our debt crisis. The House and Senate will vote on this essential addition to our Constitution before the end of this year.

I would like to hear your thoughts on how we can get our nation's fiscal house in Order. Please take the time to record your opinion by participating in this brief survey by clicking [here](#).

Yours respectfully, Jeb Hensarling, Member of Congress

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He also invites you to visit his YouTube page, his Facebook page, and follow him on Twitter

Texas Constitutional Amendments

Texas will have a Constitutional Amendments Election on November 8, 2011. You can view the ten amendments with analyses at www.tlc.state.tx.us/const_amends.htm. Hard copies of the document may be obtained from the council's document distribution office at (512)463-1144. The unabridged *Analyses of Proposed Constitutional Amendments* will be posted on the council's website at the above address by early September.

Amendment No. 1 (S.J.R. 14): The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

Amendment No. 2 (S.J.R. 4): The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding.

Amendment No. 3 (S.J.R. 50): The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the state to finance educational loans to student.

Amendment No. 4 (H.J.R. 63): The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

Amendment No. 5 (S.J.R. 26): The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund.

Amendment No. 6 (H.J.R. 109): The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund.

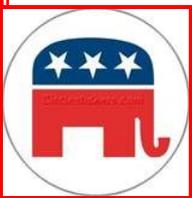
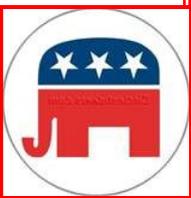
Amendment No. 7 (S.J.R. 28): The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities.

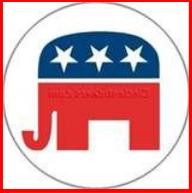
Amendment No. 8 (S.J.R. 16): The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

Amendment No. 9 (S.J.R. 9): The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

Amendment No. 10 (S.J.R. 37): The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office.

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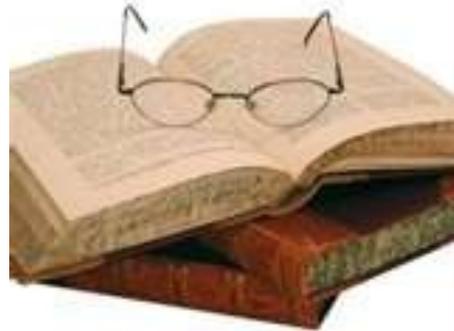


BOOK REVIEW:

RECOMMENDED READING – Jane Byrd

**After America
Get Ready for Armageddon**

By Mark Steyn



Brace yourself. Pull your sox up. Put your Big Girl undies on. Then you might be able to get through Mark Steyn’s **After America**.

Good for us like a cold shower, or maybe a root canal done by a witty dentist, **After America** describes the trouble we’re in as a nation. “Look around you,” he says, “From now on, it gets worse. In ten year’s time, there will be no American Dream...”

And try this: “Prevailing political realities of the United States do not allow for any meaningful course correction. And, without meaningful course correction, America is doomed.”

And this: “When it happens incrementally, and apparently painlessly, free peoples who were once willing to give their lives for liberty can be persuaded very easily to relinquish their liberties for a quiet life.” Ouch? He backs it up with facts.

Why should Republican Women care? Perhaps because we have work to do?

Incidentally, Steyn says “The most important place to start correcting America’s structural defects is in the schoolhouse.” So “Bravo” to Lyn Baldwin and her volunteers, teaching about the US Constitution in Wood County public schools. (Note to Lyn: In re: our Constitution, Steyn also says, “If the Commerce Clause can be stretched to require you to make arrangements for your health care that meet the approval of the national government, then the republic is dead.” **After America**, p.78)

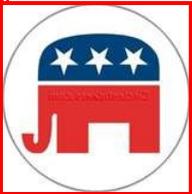
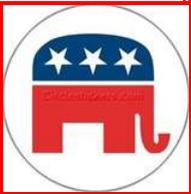
And here’s a thought for Republicans to ponder in the run-up to a presidential primary. Steyn says two of our past candidates Bob Dole and John McCain were/are “decent old sticks who know how to give dignified concession speeches.” Cautionary?

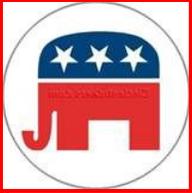
If you enjoy Steyn’s signature wit and wordplay, try these. He writes of “the dopey Obamatrons of 2008” and “the Hopeychanger in Chief” now residing in “Barackingham Palace.”

In his final chapter he sums it up. “Freedom is messy...people will fall through the cracks – drink too much, eat too much, buy unaffordable homes, fail to make prudent provision for health care, and much else. But the price of being relieved of all those tiresome choices by a benign paternal government is far too high. Big Government is the small option: it’s the guarantee of smaller freedom, smaller homes, smaller cars, smaller opportunities, smaller lives.”

Heaven help us! Please!

by: *Jane Byrd*

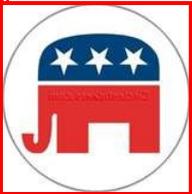
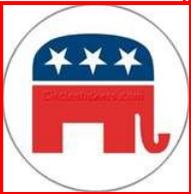




Lake Country Republican Club



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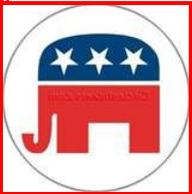
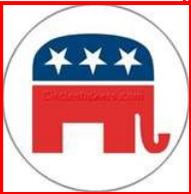
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