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President's Message:

["Courage Is Contagious" Pass it on.](#)

The Quest for Truth

Like many other hard working Americans in their daily quest for truth, I come home after a hard day, kiss the wife, pet the dog and turn on the evening news. That's when it happens.



Obama is making *another* brain dead speech! Looking past his carnival barker style of delivery, I have to wonder where he got his understanding of the United States legal system or our cultural heritage. No one born and raised in America could believe such blather. Although the leftist media never tires of reporting on the vast experience and understanding of this alleged "Constitutional Scholar," the rest of us wonder if he has ever read the Constitution.

In his vast and yet 'top secret' college career I would think he might have read a word or two about the 'Separation of Powers' of our three branches of government. Better yet, had he ever read the Constitution, he would have read the 'Enumerated Powers' listed in the Constitution. It is not a list of the few things they can't do; it is a list of *few* things they *can* do. His blather may be unlimited, but his power is not. Someone should remind him.

Our constitution still burns brightly, lighting the path the Founders prepared for us. But for too many Americans this path is obscured by the constant stream of lies and misrepresentations emanating from our "Constitutional Scholar in Chief" and spread by an adoring leftist press. What is apparent is that Obama never gave a flip about the Constitution, and by ignoring it, feels he cannot be constrained by it. By negating in word and deed the culturally accepted notion of "American Exceptionalism," he has been able to forward his global Marxist, Socialist agenda.

Obama's signature program, "Obama Care," is rapidly sidetracking this country down a most destructive path. Although flawed by prior intrusions of government, the once freest, most effective healthcare system on earth has been put on life support. Full implementation of "Obama Care" will essentially pull the plug on health care and worse. It will not only enslave all in the medical profession, it will make every American citizen a ward of the State. According to Obama, the fact that this bill was passed by a thin majority of Democrats, or as the President likes to call them, "a vast majority," that alone makes the bill constitutional. Apparently in his leftist brain the actual Constitution has nothing to say in this matter and according to the President, neither should the Supreme Court. I wonder what it is that they are supposed to do?

What is clear in all this is that we must do whatever we can to replace Obama this November. What do you think Obama's second term would be like? What would he be like as a "lame duck president?" We must remain diligent and alert during this time, keeping our legislators' phone and email lines hot with demands that they do whatever possible to stop this man. For the damage he can do, could become our heritage to bear for many generations to come. Never give up! Never Surrender! And Never stop Praying! It will take **ALL** of us to fix this mess; I pray that we are up to the task.

God Bless America!

Greg Bowen

LCRC Pres.

The Lake Country Republican Club Meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at the library here in Quitman , Texas at 6 PM

Minutes of the Meeting

Lynn AronSpeer

Lake Country Republican Club

General Meeting Minutes

March 27th, 2012

The LCRC met at the Quitman Library, Goode Street, Quitman, TX. At 6:07 PM our president, Greg Bowen, called the meeting to order.

George Morrow led the Prayer and Greg Bowen led the Pledges.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as written and published in the *Sentinel*.

Other regular Committee Reports were omitted due to the expected length of the program.

Program: Constables' Candidate Forum (in picture from left to right excluding G. Bowen:)

Steve Bowser	Precinct 1 Constable
Ed Shadbolt	Precinct 2 Constable
William Burge	Precinct 2 Candidate
Gary Dixon	Precinct 3 Constable
Tony Ingram	Precinct 3 Candidate
William Henson	Precinct 4 Candidate (Not Present)



All presented reasons why they should be elected or re-elected and answered questions from the membership/audience including supplying information on CopSync as a valuable aid to constables.

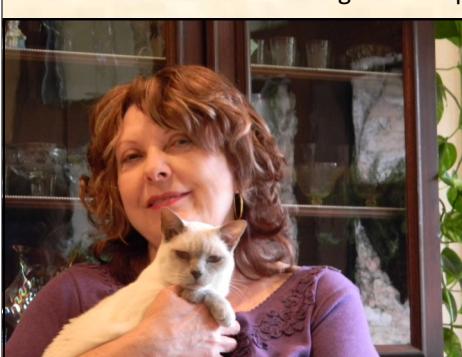
Helen Heavey announced the Wood County Convention would take place on April 21st at 10:00 AM in the Main Courtroom of the Quitman Courthouse.



Greg recognized State Representative, Bryan Hughes, who is running opposed. Bryan made his case for re-election.

Char Doonan announced the next Tea Party meeting to be April 2nd at 7:00 PM (first Monday.)

A committee was formed to get the implementation of CopSync on the Commissioners' agenda.



Members are Char Doonan, Greg Bowen, Pat Lafferty, George Morrow, Roger Tune, Bryan Hughes, and Terrell AronSpeer.

Next LCRC meeting will be April 24th, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Quitman Library. Program will be given by Constables Bowser and Shadbolt on the state of the southern Texas border.

Submitted by

Lynn AronSpeer, Secretary

Membership:

Lake Country Republicans,

As of now, we have 36 paid members. I have sent out notices to 21 additional members who have not renewed their memberships as of the end of March, and expect to have several paid at the April meeting.



Dues remain \$10 per person per year. When you renew your membership, be sure to let me know of any changes in address, email address, or phone numbers.

Thank you!

Joanna Bowen

LCRC April 24th Meeting

Program Notes: Constables Ed Shadbolt and Steve Bowser will speak about drug interdiction, border issues and their effect on Wood County.

LCRC meets on the 24th this month. What else happened on this date in American History?

1803 - [Marbury v. Madison](#) created the precedent of [Judicial Review](#) which stated a law could be determined unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. ([It's like a gift.](#))

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



Treasurers Report:

Bank balance \$1899.16 And no checks written.

Submitted by: Gene Shoemaker, Treasurer

Hospitality:

I sent a card to Becky Vann who is recuperating from a surgery.

To report hospitality issues:

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

Thank you.

Janice Logan, Hospitality Chair



Editorial Page:

The Day Obama Turns White

Except for the facts, there is much to be gleaned from the reporting of the Trayvon Martin/George Zimmerman case. The press does not have to doctor a photo to lie to us. The photo we have all seen is of a 12 year old, cherub-faced Trayvon. More recent photos show an image of 17 year old Trayvon expressing flirtations with gang affiliation. But of course these pictures do not fit the story the press *wants* to tell, and the real story, the truth, just does not interest them. A picture being worth a thousand words, how many lies is that? In describing a 17 year old male, most often the term 'young man' would be used; less common, but still acceptable, might be 'adolescent.' A crafty journalist who wanted you to believe a 17 year old male was younger might call him a boy, but of course, not in this case. In this case and only in this case, is it deemed appropriate to call him a 'child.'



Additionally we now learn that we have become 'fashionably' insensitive - the poor 'hoodie.' We should be grateful the press did not focus on Trayvon's pants being worn well south of any waistline. I could not take a week of looking at sagging, 70 year old congressional butts.

The next thing we were supposed to learn is that George Zimmerman is a "White Hispanic." Dennis Prager said he searched articles printed back to 1851 and could not find a single occurrence of this term being used in the print media. What would be the point, the utility, of this phrase being coined at this time? There are two obvious reasons. In the racist narrative of the left, in print, only Whites are allowed to practice racism. You have to laugh at the irony of that. Secondly, when capturing two disparate minority groups, it is best if you can keep them from each other's throats. It would be unseemly to have the two most reliable Democrat voting-blocks, Blacks and Hispanics, going at it in an election year. Is the term, "White Hispanic" a lie or just a manipulation?

Using the same reasoning, our President is a 'White Black.' Lord knows a good Black socialist man would not tank the economy and literally give foreign policy away. Pardon my Ebonics but, *mus' be da white in 'im done dat* ([the proof](#)). And that will be the day Obama turns white—the day the press must admit his Presidency has been a failure.

So in the Trayvon Martin case, the press did not have to directly lie to us. By crafty editing, which photo to use, and subtle massaging of the language, a somewhat slanted impression could be left in the mind of the news consumer. This is the way they usually deliver the news to us. The press did not have to lie, but they just could not help themselves. What is the point of being an activist if you cannot be active? So, in the 9-1-1 tape, NBC cut the question actually asked by the dispatcher, "Is the subject White, Black or Hispanic?" making it appear to be Zimmerman's racist leanings that had him say, "He appears to be black." In the leftist echo chamber, all video, audio and print media regurgitated the edited, NBC version of the 9-1-1 tape. It is not a thin line of black ink that separates objective journalism from raw propaganda. The line is so broad that few so-called journalists are inclined to swim across it. The amazing thing is which side of this broad line you will find most journalists to be on today. ♦

Individual Liberty & Property Taxes

Most of us think we know what individual liberty is, but few would be able to articulate the concept in a convincing way. More disturbing is that a significant number would be unable to see any value in the exercise. Many of us confuse the term *liberty* with *freedom*. No one I know is better at making this distinction than KrisAnne Hall. But I will make an attempt.



Freedom is unconstrained. On its face, we like this because we trust ourselves to use this freedom wisely; the next guy we are not so sure of. But notice that "wisely" in the previous sentence is a constraining influence. Our Founders made a big deal of a "moral people" being required to maintain their liberty.

Imagine if you will, a people free to act out their every whim, "unconstrained by any sense of personal ethics," to use my honey's favorite phrase. Deception, thievery, and crimes against property and persons would be common. In this case, heavy policing would be required to maintain civil order. From this, police states are born. Kiss your freedom good-bye.

People, who are imbued with sense of personal ethics, are self-policing. A conscience is an acquired personal attribute. Rare is the person who is born with one. This is most often achieved through religious instruction but occasionally is achieved through the strength of good parenting alone. This is important as many religious institutions have been taken over by the enemies of individual liberty, i.e. socialists. The concept of group salvation is creeping into the thinking and teaching of what were once traditional Christian denominations. Additionally, on a good day, the parent is often in the best position to provide religious instruction. Only if a people are self-policing can government be kept small.

With liberty comes responsibility. Our first responsibility is to ourselves. This may sound selfish but restated as 'we are obligated to not be a burden to our fellow man,' it is anything but selfish. We take care of ourselves so as not to burden others. We know of instances where this is not always possible. There are people whose circumstances are so dire and their talent and skill set so meager, that they simply cannot contribute to their own maintenance. But these are rare occurrences. Imagine what Stephen Hawking goes through on a daily basis. Yet he is one of the world's leading physicists. And then there is my favorite motivational speaker, Nick Vujicic. I have linked to him twice in the SENTINEL. The latest from the March edition [Best Motivational Speaker Ever](#) is a remarkable and truly inspirational video. Yet there are those who think leftist policies are a favor for anyone who is out of work, out of shape, and out of ambition. This makes leftists feel good about themselves because they never check their rearview mirror to see the soul-sucking ruination they leave in their wake. This is of course *irresponsible*, the very thing this paragraph is trying to discourage.

Individual liberty, exercised by responsible people, is one of God's greatest gifts. It may also be required for salvation. An individual brought kicking and screaming to goodness and held there against his will may not be a good person at all. If individual liberty is required for personal salvation, those who deny an individual his liberty (not necessarily his freedom) may be thwarting the will of the Creator. Few sins could be considered greater than this. ▷

First we must put our own house in order. It is a rare person who, having ruined their own life, brings wonder to yours. Self sufficiency is a requirement for individual liberty. This does not necessarily mean that before you can fly you must build your own aircraft, although, if you were to do so, you would experience a true liberation of spirit. You simply must produce enough of value to earn a seat on an aircraft. Having earned your seat on the aircraft you have a sense of belonging. It is a very different feeling than when a seat is just given to you. When you pull *your* car onto the road, with the gas you put in the tank and the insurance you paid for, you belong. You are entitled. You have been *responsible*. This is very different than the giddy, lucky feeling you got when your parents first handed you the keys to the car so you could go to the store. For this fortunate teen, life is just happening to them and *this time it was good*. If you go through life like this, depending on the whim of others, you will never become a fully formed adult.

So what is required for this individual liberty? Liberty is God given and recognized as such in our Declaration of Independence. Individual liberty is guaranteed in our Constitution. In it, our government is forbidden from denying this liberty to our citizens without due process. The right to acquire the tools for securing this liberty is guaranteed by the Second Amendment. But this also tells us that the responsibility for securing this liberty lies in the holder of the tools, the individual citizen. To that end, it is our fault that so much has already been taken from us. As individuals in possession of this liberty and charged with the responsibility of defending it, we must revisit the decisions we have made which have resulted in so much loss.

To illustrate the type of decisions we have made which have brought us to this point, I ask you to consider the effect of property taxes. If we are individuals who enjoy liberty, there must be space for us in which to exercise this liberty. A self sufficient individual, truly enjoying liberty must be able to provide for himself unmolested to the extent that he allows others to do the same. There must be a place to which the individual can retreat and be the sovereign of his own life. Some thing, some space must belong to him. In this space he must be allowed to provide for himself.

If your property can be taken from you because you fail to pay homage to some entity on a regular basis, then it does not belong to you. It apparently belongs to the entity. Try not paying "your property taxes" and see if you are not evicted like a common renter. In a world where nothing belongs to you, you have no liberty.

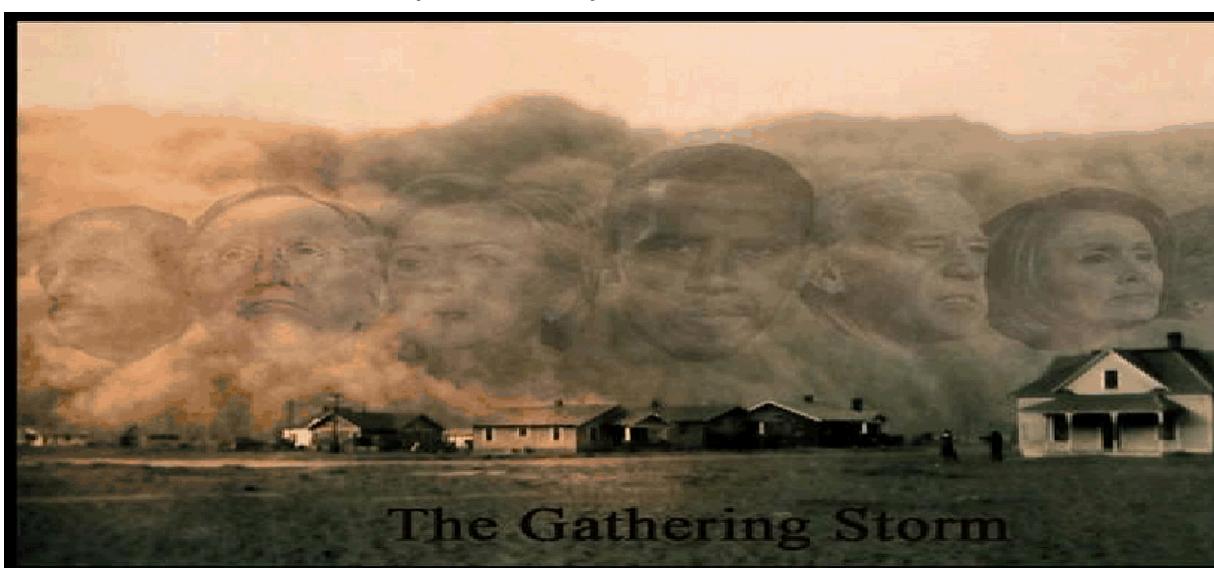
It must warm the cockles of the socialist heart to think that they can just tax people off of their own land, restoring to the state that which belongs to the "collective." The argument will be that there is benefit in being in this space and that you consume services to secure it: from local police and fire departments to a national military and intelligence gathering capability. A great deal of government is consumed protecting this space for your enjoyment. It would be a fool's errand to try to rebut this point. It is not with the logic or even the righteousness of property taxes that I take exception; it is with the remedy. I think it immoral that anyone could ever be taxed off his land. Reasonableness would also suggest that the accumulated tax should never exceed the value of the property.

I suggest that the following be considered so that the property owner might never be taxed off his land and that the governing authority never be deprived of its tax revenue: ▷

At the discretion of the property owner, property taxes should be allowed to accumulate. Property owners wishing to accumulate equity or to leave equity to their heirs would not choose this option. But people who have fallen on hard times, or who have no heirs they deem worthy of inheritance, would be allowed to remain on their property while their tax debt accumulates. The property taxes due can be taken from the proceeds of the sale of the property at such time as the property owner sells, or passes on. People who have owned property for decades and suddenly fall ill can live out their days in dignity in their own home. The net to the state will be the same and the way we treat our most destitute citizens more humane. The tax payer will be saved the cost of the bureaucracy of removing or running people off of their land. And most importantly, our individual liberty will be more secure.

Relative to other locations, property taxes in Texas are remarkably high. To an extent, this is offset by the lack of a state income tax which must be opposed every time it rears its ugly head. But reasonable restraint on property taxes should also be a priority. California, rarely a model for enlightened tax policy, may have gotten it right with "Prop 13." In California, under Proposition 13, property tax increases are limited during the period of ownership. Property taxes are increased only when property is sold so that the new owner takes into account what the new tax amount will be. The predictability of each year's tax amount makes the occasion where an owner is taxed out of his property a rare occurrence. An unintended consequence, benefit if you will, is that it encourages stability of neighborhoods as a decision to move within the state may result in a higher tax burden.

"The power to tax is the power to destroy." Too often do we see this adage played out here in Texas as individual lives are destroyed and the 'family farm' sold off to strangers. If Texans are to experience true individual liberty, some consideration of property tax policy is way overdue. We must become involved in this issue. We must exercise our individual liberty. We must become more self sufficient. We must unwind this Socialist thinking if individual liberty is to be restored to this one, last best hope of humanity. ♦



It's one of the risks you take.

The Circus is Coming



In the traveling circus which constitutes Obama's view of the world and his understanding of American values, he declared in a recent speech that it was *unprecedented* that the "*unelected*" Supreme Court would declare as unconstitutional, a duly constituted law (referring to his healthcare fiasco). Anyone who has actually grown up in America would never make such an idiotic claim. We all learned in elementary school of the Founders' intent and of the precedent set by [Marbury v. Madison](#). But in the President's defense, he did not grow up in America. What of America's history and jurisprudence might a poor boy, who grew up in the Madrasas of Jakarta, learn of these things? Precious little it seems.

But considering that Mr. Obama is alleged to have received a very expensive education at Harvard law school, (we have no idea who paid for this) where he was president of the Harvard Law Review, you would think some knowledge of these things might have been picked up. Whoever paid for this education is due a refund. Additionally, Obama lectured at the University of Chicago Law School on *Constitutional law*. Surely these people are also due a refund.

As a President who has actually *appointed* justices to the Supreme Court, it is difficult to understand his surprise that they are "*unelected*." I think perhaps he would like the word Supreme to be included in his title too; something like 'Supreme Leader.' I offer, as a better example of the term *unprecedented*, the fact that the Senate has not considered a budget in over a thousand days (more than three years for our math challenged Democrat friends).

I doubt Obama believed a word of what he said; I know I seldom do. Obviously he is depending on the stellar work done by the lefties in the NEA (National Education Association aka "Teachers Union") to have sufficiently dumbed-down the American populace so that he can get by with saying these things. Apparently a lot of Americans these days have no understanding of the country in which they live. (What a pain we old people must be to him. It is no wonder that he designed Obama Care to get rid of us.)

A rare treat was thrust upon the smoldering nuclear landscape that is the election year of 2012 by Justice Jerry Smith, a Texan, on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. In an act reminiscent of Sister Mary Francis telling me to write 100 times, "I will not talk in class," Justice Smith directed the Justice Department, under Eric Holder, to write a three page theme, single spaced (this Justice may know Sister Mary Francis personally) on their understanding of the precedent of, 'Judicial Review.' Ummm, Obama got in trouble.

Interestingly, the response signed by Eric Holder himself and turned in on time, was somewhat nuanced and not exactly what the Justice had asked for, but I expect that the court will accept it. I know that if any one of the 100 "I will not talk in class" lines deviated in any way, Sister Mary Francis would have had me skewered and roasted slowly over the fires of Hell, but I suspect the court may be more lenient than this. Obama sure is lucky.

Regardless, in this exercise, for anyone who cared to observe it, much was revealed about this administration. For those who prefer to stick their head in the sand, it will be our responsibility to point out the facts and speak of their relevance, especially as they apply to the upcoming election. This editorial is just the beginning. Feel free to pass it on. Add to it if you wish, but we need to get the word out. This is not the year to sit on the sidelines and let others do the work. ♦

Quick Comments:

The Wealthy showed up en mass to buy lottery tickets. At least that is the conclusion we at the SENTINEL have drawn. What else could explain why so many people who would not buy a ticket when the prize was a mere two or three hundred million dollars, came out in droves when the prize topped half a Billion. Apparently two to three hundred million dollars was insufficient to support their lavish lifestyles.

The Administration continues *its War on Women* by inviting the Muslim Brotherhood to sit down at the White House for talks. The Muslim Brotherhood supports the stoning to death of women for indiscretions members of the administration defended when Bill Clinton did it.

President Obama of the U.S. and President Medvedev of Russia had the following conversation regarding the U.S. nuclear arsenal at the summit in S. Korea:

President Obama: On all these issues, but particularly missile defense, this, this can be solved but it's important for him to give me space.

President Medvedev: Yeah, I understand. I understand your message about space. Space for you...

President Obama: This is my last election. After my election I have more flexibility.

President Medvedev: I understand. I will transmit this information to Vladimir.

Did Obama, who extracted a promise from the Muslim Brotherhood to not field a candidate in Egypt's election, also tell them he could be more flexible after *they* are elected? Apparently, he did because after they lied to him he rewarded them by inviting them to the White House for talks. There may be a pattern here.

The President is implementing his own 9-9-9 plan. By executive order, starting tomorrow, all gasoline purchased in the U.S. will be sold for \$9.99.

Government is just societal Kudzu. It should be cut back aggressively and often. Otherwise it will take over everything.

Paul Ryan's budget proposal is being excoriated for draconian cuts which, the administration tells us, will deny services to old people and send children to bed hungry. The cuts are neither draconian nor do they cut anything. That's right, in this budget proposal, every line item is larger each passing year. Nothing is cut. You could fashion a dugout canoe in the shade of Obama's nose.

The unemployment number is dropping, yet 5.5 million fewer people are employed today than when the President took office. We need a course in 'inside the beltway math.'

The recovery, we are told is weak. Economies go into recession and/or depression when they become weak. Recoveries are strong and that is what brings you out of recession and/or depression. A 'weak recovery' is no more a recovery than a piece of bread with peanut butter on it is a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

The SENTINEL welcomes your comments on these or any other issue covered in this publication. Simply e-mail the SENTINEL at: terrellaronspeer@peoplescom.net

Letters to the Editor:

Becky wrote the following:

I have gotten more accurate and useful information from my first two issues of the LCRC newsletter, the Sentinel, than from years of any AP infested daily newspaper.

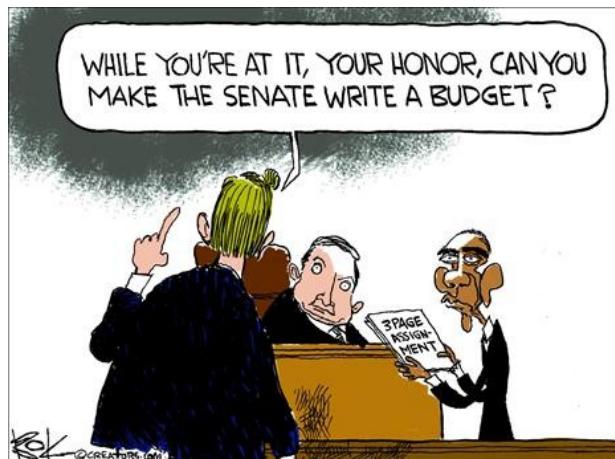
After reading the "Email Making the Rounds" in your latest newsletter regarding veterans being asked non-medical, leading questions at the VA hospital, I went to my pre-admission workup at ETMC Tyler with my antennae at the ready. Sure enough, the RN doing my blood-work and EKG started asking a long, fast-paced list of questions designed to illicit a response without a lot of thinking involved. This is a method used by salesmen, and poll-takers. I met the question about whether I had "thoughts" of hurting myself or others with the question, "Why?" The RN responded by saying she would be required to immediately take me to a psychiatrist for an interview if I answered yes.

Just like at our post-911 airports, an off-hand remark or saying something in jest can have serious consequences. You now need to watch what you say to questions from any medical personnel.

Thank you Terrell.

Thank you Becky. I think that after a visit with the psychiatrist any concealed carry permits Becky might have had could have been in jeopardy. The left is nothing if not resourceful.

Producing an electronic newsletter like the SENTINEL, I often worry that since you cannot wrap a fish in it or line a bird cage with it, does it have any real value to the reader? After reading your kind words, Becky, I have decided to continue . . . at least for another month.



Please send your comments or opinions on any content you find in the SENTINEL or any activities of the club or Republican elected officials to:

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MONEY



One Hundred U.S. Dollars.

\$100 - Most counterfeited money denomination in the world. Keeps the world moving.



Ten Thousand Dollars.

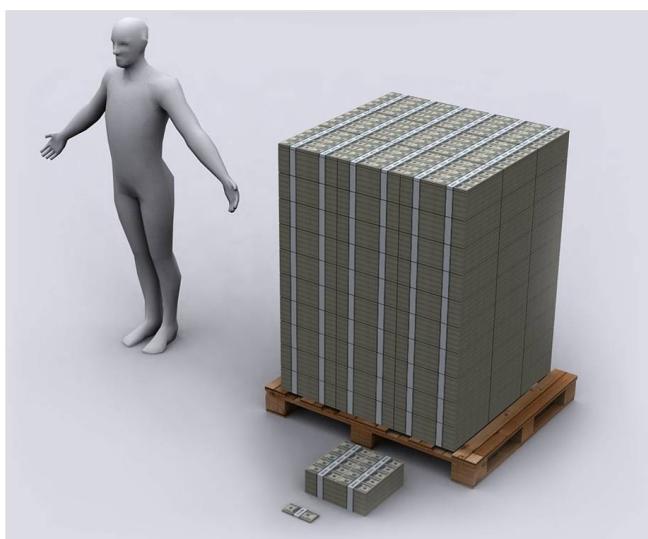
\$10,000 - Enough for a great vacation or to buy a used car.

Approximately one year of work for the average human on earth.



One Million dollars.

\$1,000,000 - Not as big of a pile as you thought, huh? Still this is 92 years of work for the average human on earth.



One Hundred Million Dollars.

\$100,000,000 - Plenty to go around for everyone. Fits nicely on an ISO / Military standard sized pallet.



One Billion Dollars.

\$1,000,000,000 - You will need some help when robbing the bank. Now we are getting serious!

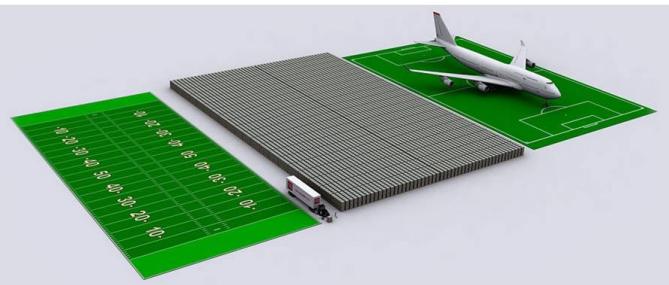
Editors note: This is what the U.S. pays in interest - **EVERY DAY.**

Continued . . .

One Trillion Dollars.

Comparison of \$1,000,000,000,000 dollars to a standard-sized American Football field and European Football field.

Say hello to the Boeing 747-400 transcontinental airliner that's hiding on the right. This was until recently the biggest passenger plane in the world.



Fifteen Trillion Dollars.

\$15,000,000,000,000 - US national debt (credit bill) has just topped the 15 trillion 2 months before Christmas 2011.



Statue of Liberty seems rather worried as United States national debt passes 20% of the entire world's combined GDP (Gross Domestic Product). In 2011 the National Debt will exceed 100% of GDP, and venture into the 100%+ debt-to-GDP ratio that the European PIIGS have (bankrupting nations).

\$ 114.5 Trillion Dollars.

\$114,500,000,000,000. - US unfunded liabilities

To the right you can see the pillar of cold hard \$100 bills that dwarfs the WTC & Empire State Building - both at one point world's tallest buildings. If you look carefully you can see the Statue of Liberty.

The 114.5 Trillion dollar super-skyscraper is the amount of money that the U.S. Government knows it does not have to fully fund the Medicare, Medicare Prescription Drug Program, Social Security, Military and civil servant pensions. It is the money the USA knows it will not have, to pay all its bills.

If you live in the USA, this is also your personal credit card bill; you are responsible along with everyone else to pay this back. The citizens of the USA created the U.S. Government to serve them, this is what the U.S. Government has done while serving The People.

The SENTINEL believes these two pages should be made into a poster and hung on the wall in the office of every member of congress, and in every polling place.





Greg Steussel ~ Greg Stuessel has been active for the past 3 years as an individual liberty activist who works with [We Texans](#), [Texans For Accountable Government](#) and is an avid States' Rights supporter.

The True Roll of Sheriff

It's election time here in Texas and while campaign signs are popping up across the state, there is one office in particular that liberty-loving voters should pay special attention to and that's the office of the county sheriff.

Many people don't pay much attention to the position of the sheriff mistakenly thinking that his role is similar to the chief of police of a city. But, the county sheriff is not just another cop. He is not elected to "keep you safe", round up the bad guys or be in charge of the deputies. As important as those duties are, the sheriff's job is much more important and noble. The chief purpose of a sheriff is to keep you and your county free.

Let's start with some background. America was founded as a constitutional republic in which sovereignty is constitutionally divided between the federal government and the states. Our federal government has extremely limited powers set forth by the Constitution. In order to secure the principles of this Constitution, our Founders penned Article VI paragraph 3, which states very clearly:

"...all executive and judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by oath or affirmation to support this Constitution ...".

The sheriff is part of the executive branch of government and thus is constitutionally required by way of solemn oath, to uphold, defend, support, and obey the United States Constitution. So just like our President and Representatives, our sheriff's supreme duty and responsibility is to protect and defend the Constitution.

This "defense" should rightly take the form of securing the county from encroachment by the federal government. The sheriff is the supreme law enforcement authority in his county and it is for this reason that the office of sheriff is an elected position. In fact, this is the most important aspect of the sheriff's authority; he is elected by, for, and of the people. He is not appointed, he is not a bureaucrat, he does not report to the town manager or to the city council. He reports directly to the people and is answerable to them and them alone. The role of the sheriff is another checks and balance put in place by our founders to help secure a free nation. The office should serve as another level of protection between the government and the people.

For a real life example of a sheriff fulfilling his proper role in defending liberty, let's go back to 1994. The Brady Bill was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton. This law, among other things, sought to force all sheriffs in the nation to promote gun control within their own jurisdictions with no funds being allocated for them to do this work. Additionally, The Brady Act even contained a provision to arrest the Sheriff should he fail to comply. At this time, Richard Mack, Sheriff from Graham County, Arizona, along with six other sheriffs from around the country (Sheriffs Koog from Texas, Frank from Vermont, Romero from Louisiana, McGee from Mississippi, Printz from Montana, and Anders from Wyoming) filed suit against the federal government with the assertion that the Brady Bill was an unconstitutional law.

On June 27, 1997 they won their suit when the Supreme Court ruled that the Brady Bill was in fact unconstitutional stating that the federal government could not commandeer state or county officers for federal bidding. Justice Scalia asserted the following in the supreme court ruling: ▶

"The great innovation of this design was that our citizens would have two political capacities, one state and one federal, each protected from incursion by the other, a legal system unprecedented in form and design, establishing two forms of government, each with its own direct relationship, its own privity, its own set of rights and obligations to the people who sustain it and are governed by it..."

The local or municipal authorities form distinct and independent portions of the supremacy, no more subject, within their respective spheres, to the general authority than the general authority is subject to them, within its own sphere...

This separation of the two spheres is one of the Constitution's structural protections of liberty, a healthy balance of power between the States and the Federal Government will reduce the risk of tyranny and abuse from either front..."

The power of the Federal Government would be augmented immeasurably if it were able to impress into its service—and at no cost to itself—the police officers of the 50 States."

[You can read the full text of the Supreme Court opinion online [here](#)]

The federal government must stay within its proper “sphere” and it is the sheriff’s job to ensure that they do just that. One of our “structural protections of liberty” is based on the notion and principle that “different governments” will keep each other in check and by so doing; provide a “double security” to the rights of the people. Justice Scalia makes it clear that the federal government does not have the power or authority to “impress” the police from the states into federal service. Therefore, the sheriff does not have a lawful obligation to go along with unconstitutional federal actions.

The Supreme Court Ruling of the Mack/Printz case repeatedly states that “*state legislatures are not subject to federal direction.*” Consequently, when the federal government steps outside its constitutional role, our local law enforcement officers have not only a lawful duty but a moral obligation to refuse to acquiesce. It is up to our local and statewide elected officials to “erect barriers” against such encroachments and to stand on the side of the people to provide them with the protection. Doing so is both right and proper and in accordance with an officer’s oath to support our constitutional republic.

During this election season, as candidates make appeals to you based on their qualifications and resumes, it is of utmost importance that we as voters are engaging with candidates to make sure that they understand not only their oath of office but also have an intimate understanding of the Constitution that they will swear by oath to protect. It is that understanding that means the difference between a free nation and one that is on a steady course to tyranny. ♦

For help on how to better examine your local and statewide candidates, please refer to our [How To Guide: Get to Know Your Candidate.](#)

For a more in-depth discussion of the duties of a sheriff consider reading Sheriff Richard Mack’s book: [“The County Sheriff: America’s Last Hope”](#) This book served as both source and inspiration for this post.

WHO SAID IT:

"I wish people could make the distinction between country and government. They are two separate things. You can love your country and dislike your government. This concept is not a paradox."

The answer is located at the bottom of page 28 below the margin.

SUBSTITUTES

RWWC Report:

Vicki Leggett called the Republican Women of Wood County to order on Tuesday, March 19 at 11:30 AM at the Texas Tea Room. State District 5 Representative, Bryan Hughes spoke briefly of his Primary campaign and asked for support. Bryan Hughes yard signs are available at Republican headquarters.

Oscar Martinez , an officer in Iraq & former Border Patrol Agent gave an informative presentation on the alarming situation on our southern border. This situation needs real attention, real soon. As an officer, Martinez suggested that the U.S. had no further business in Afghanistan and that our young soldiers were being abused there. This is a cultural norm in Afghanistan.



Vicki Leggett

The RWWC meets at the Texas Tea Room for lunch which had been from the menu. However recently the club has been flirting with a buffet. Come check it out.

RWWC meets on the third Monday of each month at 11:30 for lunch in the Texas Tea Room here in Quitman. The next meeting is on the 19th of March.

Char Doonan



The Tea Party Report:



The local Tea Party meeting was called to order by Char Doonan on Monday the second at 7 PM in the Quitman library.

Local Winnsboro School Board candidate Jeanette Giles spoke of her candidacy, the School Board education in general. Questions occasionally the discussions became quite lively. Evident was getting clear responses from the a true grass roots citizen campaign.



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The Wood County Tea Party regularly meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Quitman library. The next meeting is May 7th featuring a Town Hall with District 5 State Representative, Bryan Hughes. Visitors are welcome.

CAN DO MORE HARM



Thomas Sowell, a frequent guest author in the SENTINEL, is an economist, syndicated columnist and author of more than 30 books. Sowell is a Rose and Milton Friedman Senior fellow at the Hoover Institute at Stanford University.

Political Word Games

One of the highly developed talents of President Barack Obama is the ability to say things that are demonstrably false, and make them sound not only plausible but inspiring.

That talent was displayed just this week when he was asked whether he thought the Supreme Court would uphold ObamaCare as constitutional or strike it down as unconstitutional.

He replied: "I'm confident that the Supreme Court will not take what would be an unprecedented, extraordinary step of overturning a law that was passed by a strong majority of a democratically elected Congress."

But how unprecedented would it actually be if the Supreme Court declared a law unconstitutional if it was passed by "a strong majority of a democratically elected Congress"?

The Supreme Court has been doing precisely that for 209 years!

Nor is it likely that Barack Obama has never heard of it. He has a degree from the Harvard law school and taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago law school. In what must be one of the most famous Supreme Court cases in history -- *Marbury v. Madison* in 1803 -- Chief Justice John Marshall established the principle that the Supreme Court can declare acts of Congress null and void if these acts violate the Constitution.

They have been doing so for more than two centuries. It is the foundation of American constitutional law. There is no way that Barack Obama has never heard of it or really believes it to be "unprecedented" after two centuries of countless precedents.

In short, he is simply lying.

Now there are different kinds of liars. If we must have lying Presidents of the United States, I prefer that they be like Richard Nixon. You could just look at him and tell that he was lying.

But Obama is much smoother. On this and on many other issues, you would have to know what the facts are to know that he is lying. He is obviously counting on the fact that, in this era of dumbed-down education, many people have no clue as to what the facts are.

He is also counting on something else -- namely, that the pro-Obama media will not expose his lies. ▷

One of the many ways of lying smoothly is to simply redefine words. Barack Obama is a master at that as well.

In the comment on the case pending before the Supreme Court, President Obama said that he wanted to remind "conservative commentators" that they have complained about "judicial activism" -- which he redefines as the idea that "an unelected group of people would somehow overturn a duly constituted and passed law."

First of all, every law that the Supreme Court has overturned for the past 209 years since *Marbury v. Madison* was "a duly constituted and passed law."

Second, the "judicial activism" that conservatives have complained about was judges making rulings based on how they felt personally about the issue at hand, rather than about what the Constitution of the United States said.

In recent years, great efforts have been made to redefine "judicial activism" in terms of judges declaring laws unconstitutional, instead of "deferring" to Congress or other government institutions.

But what is the Constitution's Bill of Rights supposed to protect the ordinary citizen from? Government institutions! If judges are to defer to the very institutions that the Bill of Rights tries to protect the citizen from, what is the point of having a Bill of Rights?

As for Supreme Court justices being unelected, that has been true since the Constitution was created. That was done deliberately, so that they could render their judgments without fear of political repercussions. If unelected Supreme Court justices are to automatically defer to elected officials, that again raises the question of why they are there at all.

Why are the taxpayers paying their salaries and housing them in an expensive marble building -- just so that they can go along to get along?

It would be hard to become nostalgic about Richard Nixon, who was forced to resign in disgrace. But at least you could tell when he was lying. Obama's lies are just as big but not as visible, and the media that exposed Nixon is covering for Obama. ♦♦♦

**"Fathom the Hypocrisy of a Government
that requires every citizen to prove
they are insured... but not everyone
must prove they are a citizen."**

~ Ben Stein

ON A FARM

From Act for America:

Pro-Shariah Group Launches Disinformation Campaign

<http://news.investors.com/Article.aspx?id=606641&ibdbot=1&p=2>

The Islamic Circle of North America has launched a \$3 million campaign to convince Americans that Shariah, the legal code of Islam, is no threat. ICNA is not exactly the best salesman.

The New York-based group, which was founded in 1968 by leaders of the Pakistani branch of the radical Muslim Brotherhood, is promoting Shariah law in a "25-city education tour" that features billboards, radio and TV ads, town hall forums and campus interfaith events.

"The plan is to clear up common misconceptions about Shariah and the Islamic faith," ICNA says. It's responding to legislative efforts to ban judges from recognizing Shariah law in Kansas, Texas, South Carolina, Georgia, Oklahoma, Florida, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arizona and South Dakota.

"Muslim-Americans are asking for the same fundamental rights to observe Shariah" as other faiths enjoy observing their tenets, ICNA asserts.

Of course, Shariah involves far more than just worship. It commands a separate political system. Unlike other religions, it seeks to substitute the U.S. Constitution with its own commandments, which discriminate against women and non-Muslims, restrict free speech, and prescribe cruel and unusual punishment, among other things.

Through groups such as ICNA, as well as the hundreds of mosques it controls, the Muslim Brotherhood teaches Muslim-Americans that Shariah is the law of the land. This is in direct contravention of the so-called supremacy clause, which states: "This Constitution shall be the supreme law of the land; and the judges in every state shall be bound thereby."

Shariah has already crept into U.S. court cases, mostly involving family law. Some heavily Muslim areas of the U.S. have become "no-go zones," where domestic abuse cases, even honor killings, are covered up.

But then, ICNA knows all this. That's why it's trying to disarm the public through a massive propaganda campaign in the U.S.

The ICNA official behind the campaign, Sabeel Ahmed, has privately told Muslims: "We should use every opportunity presented or created to sensitize non-Muslim peers and school staff with Islam and establish an environment in which everywhere a non-Muslims (sic) turn, they notice Islam portrayed in a positive way and get influenced by it and eventually accept Islam with Allah's guidance, insha Allah."

It's plain that ICNA has an agenda other than protecting religious freedom. But it goes beyond conversion of non-Muslims. Here's what ICNA is really hiding:

- The secret archives of the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood, seized by FBI agents in 2004, list ICNA among "our organizations."
- The document, found in the basement of a terror suspect in Annandale, Va., and translated from Arabic, says "their work in America is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within, and sabotaging its miserable house, so that it is eliminated and Allah's religion is made victorious over all other religions."

▷ continued on the bottom of page 24 . . .

Burma Shave

Chuck DeVore served in the California State Assembly from 2004 to 2010 and was a Republican candidate for the United States Senate in 2010. He is currently a visiting senior fellow in fiscal policy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation.



Texas vs. California

One in five Americans calls California or Texas home. The two most populous states have a lot in common: a long coast, a sunny climate, a diverse population, plenty of oil in the ground, and Mexico to the south. Where they diverge is in their governance.

For six years ending in 2010, I represented almost 500,000 people in California's legislature. I was vice chairman of the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation and served on the Budget Committee. I was even a lieutenant colonel in the state's National Guard. Before serving in Sacramento, I worked as an executive in California's aerospace industry.

I moved to Texas late last year, joining the 2 million Californians who have packed up for greener pastures in the past ten years, with Texas the most common destination.

In his State-of-the-State address this January, California governor Jerry Brown said, "Contrary to those declinists who sing of Texas and bemoan our woes, California is still the land of dreams. . . . It's the place where Apple . . . and countless other creative companies all began."

Fast forward to March: Apple announced it was building a \$304 million campus in Austin with plans to hire 3,600 people to staff it, more than doubling its Texas workforce.

California may be dreaming, but Texas is working.

California's elected officials are particularly adept at dreaming up ways to spend other people's money. While the state struggles with interminable deficits caused by years of reckless spending, the argument in Sacramento isn't over how to reduce government; rather, it's over how much to raise taxes and on whom. Governor Brown is pushing for a tax increase of \$6.9 billion per year, to appear on this November's ballot. California's powerful government-employee unions and Molly Munger, a wealthy civil-rights attorney (wealthy by dint of being the daughter of Warren Buffett's business partner) are offering two competing tax-hike plans. The silver lining may be that having three tax hikes on the ballot will turn voters off all of them.

Meanwhile, lawmakers in Texas are grappling with a fiscal question of an entirely different sort: whether or not to spend some of the \$6 billion set aside in the state's rainy-day fund.

California's government-employee unions routinely spend tens of millions of dollars at election time to maintain their hold on power. In Texas, the government unions are weak and don't have collective bargaining, leaving trial attorneys as the main source of funding for Lone Star Democrats.

California's habit of raising taxes to fund a burgeoning regulatory state isn't without impact on its economy. Californians fork over about 10.6 percent of their income to state and local governments, above the U.S. average of 9.8 percent. Texans pay 7.9 percent. This affects the bottom line of both consumers and businesses. ▶

With that money, Californians pay for more government. The number of non-education bureaucrats in California is close to the national average, at 252 per 10,000 people. Texas gets by with a bureaucracy 22 percent smaller: 196 per 10,000.

Of course, having more government employees means making more government rules. According to a 2009 study commissioned by the California legislature, state regulations cost almost \$500 billion per year, or five times the state's general-fund budget. These regulations ding the average small business for some \$134,122 a year in compliance and opportunity costs.

While California has more bureaucrats, Texas has 17 percent more teachers, with 295 education employees per 10,000 people, compared to California's 252.

The two states' educational outcomes reflect this disparity. If we compare national test scores in math, science, and reading for the fourth and eighth grades among four basic ethnic and racial categories - all students, whites, Hispanics, and African-Americans - Texas beats California in every category, and by a substantial margin. In fact, Texas schools perform consistently above the national average across categories of age, race, and subject matter, while California schools perform well below the national average.

Apologists for the Golden State frequently point to Texas's flourishing oil and gas industry as the reason for its success. Texas does lead the nation in proven oil reserves, but California ranks third. The real difference isn't in geology but in public policy: Californians have decided to make it difficult to extract the oil under their feet.

Further, contrary to popular opinion, California's refineries routinely produce a greater value of product than do refineries in Texas, mainly because the special gasoline blends that California requires are more costly

Another advantage that Texas enjoys over California is in its civil-justice system. In 2002, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce ranked Texas's legal system 46th in the nation, just behind California's, which was 45th. Texas went to work improving its lawsuit environment, enacting major medical-malpractice reforms in 2003. Texas's ranking consequently jumped ten places in eight years, while California's dropped to 46th. In the last legislative session, Texas lawmakers passed a landmark loser-pays provision, which promises to further curtail frivolous lawsuits.

[For the latest tort reform news in Texas and the nation, visit \[www.tortreform.com\]\(http://www.tortreform.com\)](http://www.tortreform.com)

While California seeks more ways to tax success, it excels at subsidizing poverty. The percentage of households receiving public assistance in California was 3.7 percent in 2009, double Texas's rate of 1.8 percent. Almost one-third of all Americans on welfare reside in California.

With this in mind, it makes perfect sense that only 18 percent of the Democrats who control both houses of California's full-time legislature worked in business or medicine before being elected. The remainder drew paychecks from government, worked as community organizers, or were attorneys.

In Texas, with its part-time legislature, 75 percent of the Republicans who control both houses earn a living in business, farming, or medicine, with 19 percent being attorneys in private practice. Texas Democrats are more than twice as likely as their California counterparts to claim private-sector experience outside the field of law.

That Texas's legislature is run by makers and California's by takers is glaringly obvious from the two states' respective balance sheets. ♦

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
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

I'll pay for your contraception . . .

What's Up:

Lake Country Republican Club (LCRC):

Club Meetings: April 24, 6 PM - Quitman Library

Program: Constables Shadbolt and Bowser on drug interdiction and border issues

SENTINEL Submission Deadlines: Tenth of Publication Month

SENTINEL Publication Date: Fifteenth of Publication Month

Republican Women of Wood County (RWWC):

Club Meetings: April 16, 11:00 AM - Texas Tea Room

Program: Dr Howard Ladewig ~ Changing nature of China.

May 21, New Member Coffee

Holly Lake Ranch Hawkins Republican Club (HLRHRC):

Club Meetings: May 14, 6:30 PM - Holly Hall

Program: Paul Gleiser - station manager KTBB

GOTV Meeting July 9th—Mark Your Calendars

Wood County Tea Party (WCTP)

Club Meetings: May 7, 7PM - Quitman Library

Program: Town Hall with Dist 5 St. Rep Bryan Hughes.

Wood County We The People (wcwtp.org)

To become a WCWTP Watchdog: Contact Tim Discher through the website or at
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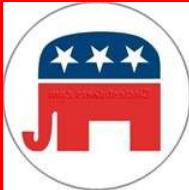
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When you pay for my ammunition.

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Legislative Report – March 2012

Submitted by Janie Walenta, Legislative Chair, RWWC



On March 26 the Supreme Court began hearing oral arguments regarding the fate of President Barack Obama's health care law.

Congressmen Jeb Hensarling-CD 5 and Louie Gohmert CD-1 will be representing Wood County citizens under new redistricting. The following excerpts are from their recent public statements on the legality and constitutionality of this law:

CONGRESSMAN JEB HENSARLING delivered statements on the Second Anniversary of President Obama's Federal Takeover of Health Care

March 23, 2012

"The president's health care law was a legislative abomination two years ago and it still is today as it continues to threaten our nation's job creators, taxpayers, families, and senior citizens. The importance of repealing this law—piece by piece if necessary—cannot be overstated.

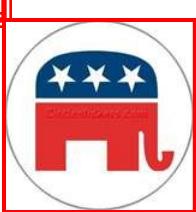
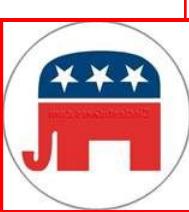
Because the president cannot stand by his record of failed policies and broken promises, he has resorted to the politics of envy and division—while using the rhetoric of 'fairness.' But is it 'fair' the administration has issued nearly 2,000 waivers from the health care law, more than half of which went to unions and the president's political allies? Is it 'fair' the law will do dramatically different things than the president and his party's leaders promised Americans the law would—and would not—do?...

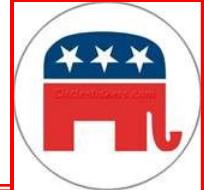
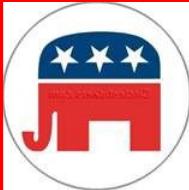
One of the most ominous parts of the law is the creation of a new government control panel—the Independent Payment Advisory Board. The board will be comprised of 15 un-elected bureaucrats—hand-picked by the president—whose sole job it will be to control Medicare's cost growth by imposing price controls that will slash senior access to doctors and other providers....

It is time to take a stand against the president's health care rationing board. It is time for Harry Reid and the Democrat-controlled Senate to pass the PATH Act, stop blocking our actions on behalf of seniors and job creators, and work with us to fully repeal this entire dangerous law."

Congressman Hensarling is the Chairman of the House Republican Conference.

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CONGRESSMAN LOUIS GOHMERT Spoke Out Against ObamaCare in a press conference on Capitol Hill, March 21, 2012

"President Obama's health care bill was not a bill that needed to be passed...it allows any President to tread on the religious freedom expressly promised to us in the Constitution. It is my hope that liberal friends, across the country, who originally bought into the lies about how good this piece of legislation was going to be, will rise up and demand repeal upon realizing the power that this gives a President to trample on their favorite written and unwritten rights.

If the President can overstep and tread on your First Amendment rights, then he can certainly overstep all kinds of other rights—all for the greatest good to the new federal healthcare system. This is such a devastating blow to our liberties for which so much has been sacrificed...ObamaCare was a situation where a minority of Americans dictated the life decisions to a large majority of Americans without their consent and with their frequently stated opposition. Some want to nip around the edges and repeal small parts, but the entire monstrous cancer needs to be destroyed. Then, we can move on and get real health care reform that the people deserve."

Congressman Gohmert is the Vice Chair of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security.

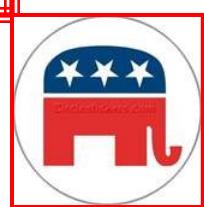
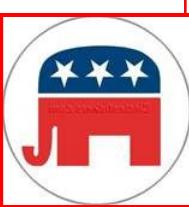
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- The same Brotherhood charter calls for the creation one day of a "Central Islamic Court" in America, according to the best-seller "Muslim Mafia."
- ICNA recently merged with a sister group — the Muslim American Society — which the Justice Department says is the U.S. branch of the Muslim Brotherhood.
- ICNA's "Great Leaders of the last 100 Years" features the late Pakistani Brotherhood leader Maulana Abul Ala Maududi, who has said: "Islam wishes to do away with all states and governments anywhere."
- It also lionizes the late Egyptian Brotherhood leader Sayyid Qutb, who stated: "Wherever an Islamic community exists, it has a God-given right to step forward and take control of the political authority so that it may establish the divine system (Shariah) on earth."
- ICNA has featured in its magazine, "The Message," the writings of the Muslim Brotherhood's spiritual leader, Sheik Yusuf al-Qaradawi, who has stated the following: "What we seek is that legislations and codes be within the limits of the flawless texts and the overall objectives of the Shariah and the Islamic message." Qaradawi, banned from U.S. entry since 1999, has also declared: "We will conquer America."

Those running ICNA's ads and plastering highways (including New York's Lincoln Tunnel) with billboards should know what they're dealing with — a subversive group running a disinformation campaign. ♦



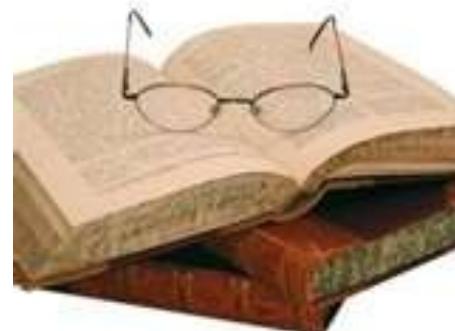
BOOK REVIEW:

by: *Jane Byrd*

The Man Who Would Not Shut Up
by Marvin Kitman

Fox News no-spin Bill O'Reilly, of course, is
Kitman's *The Man Who Would Not Shut Up*.

Published in early 2007, this is not a new book. But as election-year attacks on Fox News intensify, it's well worth reading, for its long look at how O'Reilly's career developed. Quite a story. And for *O'Reilly Factor* fans, it's a page-turner.



Marvin Kitman was the longtime TV/media critic for *Newsday*. Growing up on Long Island, O'Reilly knew who he was, liked his work, and so agreed to be interviewed for the book. Other sources were interviewed too, of course, from O'Reilly's youth and from his long pre-Fox career in TV news.

Six years ago, when he was writing *The Man Who Would Not Shut Up*, Kitman said, "It's amazing that *The O'Reilly Factor* is still around." Such shows, apparently, are not likely to last ten years on TV. Will O'Reilly ever retire? He told Kitman it depends on his health. "I work enormous hours, am under a lot of stress. You got to figure that sooner or later, it's going to get to you..."

In the meantime, Bill O'Reilly has the skills, the talent, the motivation to keep on going, as long as his ratings stay high. Kitman tells us how O'Reilly got to where he is today. (As a little bonus, we learn where O'Reilly first heard the words "pithy" and "opine.")

As a media critic, Kitman declares that nobody is or can be truly objective, reporting the news. He quotes the late Molly Ivins: "We all see the world from where we stand. Anybody who's ever interviewed five eyewitnesses to an automobile accident knows there's no such thing as objectivity."

But Bill O'Reilly has "the fire of a reformer." He's "a man who got angry..." O'Reilly himself says, "...every single good journalist in the history of the world has had that one attribute. They were antiauthority, skeptical of power. Period." Then in his final chapter, *The New Journalism*, Kitman finally gives us this opinion: "I think it's probably a better world having people like him on TV."

Probably? What say you?

Also Recommended: Bill O'Reilly's own book, the best seller *Killing Lincoln*. His story of Grant's last campaign pursuing Lee's army across Virginia is just as suspenseful as the assassination plot itself. And Glenn Beck's **Being George Washington** tells another story that is simply too great to be brought down by GB's preachiness. Recommended for patriots who don't mind being preached at or for young folks in need of readable history. ♦



Postscript:

The problem with producing a monthly publication is that events radically reshape the political landscape daily. Much of the content of the SENTINEL becomes irrelevant within days of being written. The SENTINEL was released early this month in an attempt to preserve any remaining relevance of content.

All of the political analysis I had written became obsolete this week when Santorum suspended his campaign for the Presidency. I had fully expected Santorum to drop out of the race the first time Bella, his youngest daughter whose medical condition is fragile anyway, was hospitalized. Because he did not suspend at that time I was surprised that he suspended his campaign this time; a swing and a miss. Although Bella's condition was not mentioned, I believe it was rightly a major consideration in his decision.

As the primary season seems all but over, two equally valid strategies will present themselves to Republican primary voters:

First, the need to unify behind a single candidate is apparent. A move to solidify behind Romney makes sense here. There has been too much destructive personal politics in this race already. Of course, it can be suspended instantly with a return to decency by each of the candidates. However there has been little evidence of willingness on the part of the candidates to do this.

Second, the need to yank the choke collar of a Party way too unresponsive to its conservative base is also apparent. A message vote for Gingrich makes sense in this case. The Republican Party will not get this point unless it is driven home forcefully. A protest vote for Paul is just confusing in this case as his social and foreign policy positions line up much more closely with McGovern than with Reagan. Ron Paul voters may find this to be an uncomfortable truth, but I would ask them to write down the social policy positions and the foreign policy positions of each of these three candidates and compare them. It is difficult to come to any other conclusion.

But in any case, as Republican Primary voters, we must consider both of these issues in making our decision. Give them the weight you think appropriate. Either candidate would be a vast improvement over our current situation, and short of divine intervention, the inevitability of Romney's candidacy looms large. A vote for either candidate makes total sense to me. I for one will most likely proudly cast a primary vote for Gingrich, and a general election vote for Romney. I will work tirelessly for the nominee regardless.

Additionally, it may not have escaped your notice that the SENTINEL has weighed in boldly or foolishly on the festering issue of race that the administration is injecting into this election year. As in the past, any Republican who ventures into these murky waters can expect to be treated as the object in a political game of Whack-A-Mole. The race baiters, race hustlers and poverty pimps, all members of the Democratic Party, have created much unnecessary confusion on this issue. Allow me, in a few brief paragraphs, to try to bring some clarity to this politically radioactive issue.

In the racist narrative of the left, we are told to believe that the Parties have switched positions on this issue. Nothing could be further from the truth. The demographics of the two Parties *have* flipped. Northern urban areas, which were once the backbone of the Republican Party, have become the new plantation of a racially divisive Democratic Party. Conversely, the rural South, where in 1860 Lincoln's name did not even appear on the ballot, has become the sentinel of Republican values. The principles of the Republican Party, at least among Republican voters, have remained consistent from their founding. These principles are individual sovereignty and individual property rights. ▷

It was not a desire to appeal to people of a certain hue that freed the slaves. It was the application of the principle of individual liberty, and the understanding, that if this philosophy were to prevail, that no person could ever be considered property. As a consequence of Republican devotion to this principle, Republicans have always been on the right side of racial issues.

History bears this out. Slaves were owned exclusively by Democrats. Those Whigs who owned slaves in 1855 immediately became Democrats when the newly formed Republican Party displaced the Whig Party in 1856. From the Voting Rights act to the integration of the schools, it was Democratic leadership which acted to suppress the equal rights of the minority community. Republicans voted consistently to preserve, and where necessary, to assert individual liberty. The black community benefited from the application of this principle.

Once the Democrats could no longer suppress black votes, they sought to purchase them through social policy essentially taking the money of the Republican tax payer to buy for the Democratic Party, the “black vote.” The destruction in the black community by these various social programs is all too apparent. We must understand this dynamic and be capable of explaining it if our philosophy is to prevail. I cannot tell you how often many in Republican leadership positions have discouraged me from taking this conversation to the black community. Regrettably, I have always accepted this advice. This conversation is long overdue.

The policy of this administration to overlook any affront of the “New Black Panther Party,” a racist, Marxist group, is an extension of the permissive attitudes which are born of Democratic paternal attitudes toward all persons of color. It is a social subsidy and an apartheid policy which applies separate standards of socially acceptable behavior based upon the skin pigmentation of the participants. This is the politics of division and the politics of race.

The New Black Panther Party has gotten its way with the arrest this week of George Zimmerman. This may be the right thing to do. I have not seen all the evidence and it is apparent that the leftist news media will present only a highly politicized, agenda driven, highly edited version of events. The *second degree* murder charge (an unpremeditated crime of passion) contradicts all the rhetoric of New Black Panthers but it will be reported as, and have the appearance of, a victory for them. This will only serve to encourage their thuggish behavior and serve to compromise the integrity of the justice system. We cannot tolerate a justice system which allows anyone to be “voted off the island.”

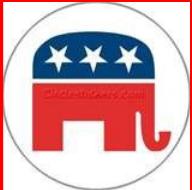
The guilt or innocence of George Zimmerman will be determined by a jury which I pray can be free of political pressure and agenda driven media. We should all pray for these unfortunate twelve citizens. The arrest of George Zimmerman does not negate the point of the SENTINEL editorial printed on page four of this edition. If anything it underscores it. But there is a larger lesson here. This election will be as much a referendum on who we are as Americans as it will be about Obama’s Presidency. This is not a new argument. It was fought over at the first Constitutional Convention, it was fought over on the battlefields of Gettysburg and it is currently being fought over in this election. Freedom is not ours to hold, it is ours to defend. It is more than a right; it is an obligation. ♦



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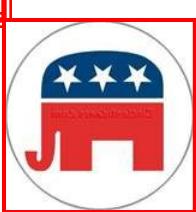
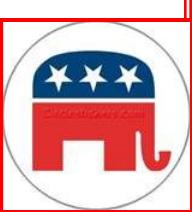
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