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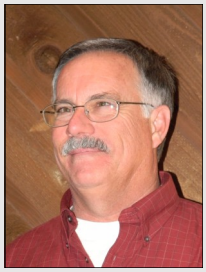
President's Message:

"Courage Is Contagious" Pass it on.



Thanksgiving in the Gulag

It's October, but I am already thinking about Thanksgiving. This year, I pray that I will be thankful for a new President and a new direction for our troubled country. But what if I am wrong? What would Thanksgiving be like under Obama's second term?

Usually we are thankful to be alive and living in this exceptional country. There is nothing exceptional about living in a socialist country. In Obama's second term, I guess we could just be glad to be alive. I imagine Frenchmen get through their day this way even though they seldom seem thankful. But our Founders did not create this country to build another tyranny. New immigrants and their families did not leave the tyranny of Poland, Cuba, Viet Nam etc. to come to Obama's brand of tyranny. What will they be thankful for?

Usually we are thankful for our family. But that of course was before a family was defined as two or more of anything. In Obama's second term, two human males and a duck will be as valid a family as any other. Say good-by to Mothers' day, Fathers' day, the father/daughter dance etc.; these would be way too insensitive in Obama's second term. Usually we thank God for the opportunity to worship Him as we think appropriate. But that was before He was ripped from our schools, our courthouse and even simple sporting events. Now religions have to sue to be allowed to practice their tenets in good faith. Because of Obama's policies, Americans are being deprived of religious charity. Usually we are thankful to be able to provide for our families through our own efforts. But now, due to Obama's policies of burdensome taxation and regulation, over 11% of Americans have no gainful employment. Many have given up ever finding a job again. Many others have taken part time jobs and jobs which fail to utilize their talents. Over 16% of Americans now rely on food stamps assuming that the farmer has enough incentive to keep working. It will get worse. This is neither the America we grew up in, nor the one we wanted for our children. This is not our America; this is Obama's.

Americans, whether rich or poor, are usually thankful for a meal of turkey and all the trimmings. In Obama's second term we may have to be thankful for a box of hamburger helper; only the most fortunate will have hamburger to add to it. Scarcity always follows socialism. And even if we no longer have a Second Amendment, I would take a minute to be thankful that at least I still have my Second Amendment equipment, because there's no way I'm giving that up; not in Obama's second term or anybody else's first. Say what you will, a Thanksgiving under an Obama second term is a pretty bleak prospect.

As an alternative, we could work hard and elect a Republican President and a lot of Republican legislators to help him get things right again. They need to be super conservatives who would help keep the new President on track. So let's talk to friends, work at headquarters and get on the phone. It is not too late; in the final days they need help more than ever. Those that can might break out the old check book. Michelle Bachmann and Allen West could use all this help. A solid victory will give us all something to be thankful for and it is so much sweeter when we do something ourselves to make it happen. It sure beats celebrating Thanksgiving in Obama's gulag. ❖

God Bless America.

Greg Bowen,
LCRC President.

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

Lake Country Republican Minutes
by Lynn AronSpeer

September 25th, 2012

The LCRC met at the Quitman Library, Goode Street, Quitman, TX. At 6:13 PM our president, Greg Bowen, called the meeting to order.

Joyce Spencer led the prayer and Greg Bowen led the pledges.

Elected officials present were County Chair Janie Walenta, Constables Ed Shadbolt and Steve Bowser, and Precinct Chair Terrell AronSpeer.

Minutes were approved as written and appearing in *The Sentinel*. Treasurer Gene Shoemaker was not in attendance but no checks have been written for some months.

Program: October's Program was given by Michael Kinzie, originator of Tea Party 911 blog site and specialist in website optimization, who gave the club a significant number of ways to assist in working the upcoming presidential election.

1) Romney's campaign is set up to pay the travel expenses of persons willing to travel to swing states and canvass door to door.

2) Posting articles for the *Sentinel* on Facebook and utilizing Twitter.

3) Blogging and commenting on internet items and "liking" articles on Facebook like Terrell's article which appeared on Red State.

4) Registering voters.

5) Helping "True the Vote" which is dedicated to election integrity. *Very Important!*

6) Poll watching, particularly in urban areas as this will be the most fraudulent election in history.

According to Michael, "Operation Swing State" helped Walker and Cruz with phone banking.

Much of the above information appears on Michael's Tea Party 911 website.

Rick Shoemaker will help any member of LCRC with mastering social media to help the election.

Janie Walenta announced Headquarters is now open form 10 AM – 3 PM, M-F; signs are available.

Greg presided over the formation of the Nomination Committee for new officers and they are: Vicki Threlkeld, Pat Lafferty, Greg Bowen, Joe Blair and Lynn AronSpeer.

Terrell, reporting for the Publicity & Communications Committee, encouraged members to look up the Democrat Floor Fight in the *Sentinel* and check out the entire *Sentinel's* links.

Next LCRC meeting will be October 23rd, 2012 and the program is yet to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Submitted by Lynn AronSpeer, Secretary.

Membership:

Lake Country Republicans,

During September's lightly attended meeting I was asked for a membership roster. I apologize for not having these available earlier – I thought I had printed some, but apparently that was last year! Anyway, I will have some available at October's meeting so that you will have addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of our members.

October marks the month that we offer a real bargain on new memberships! Anyone who joins our group between now and the end of the year is also paid up for 2013. What a deal for only $10! If you know of anyone who wishes to take advantage of this opportunity, bring them to the October meeting with you!

Joanna Bowen
Membership chair

LCRC October 23rd Meeting

Program Notes: Video "*End of the Road*" "How Money Became Worthless."

LCRC meets on the 23rd this month. What else happened on this date in American History: In 1954, on this date, we ended our occupation of West Germany. **It was the wurst.**

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

What's Up:

Lake Country Republican Club (LCRC):

Club Meetings: **October 23, 6PM - Quitman Library**
Program: "Video End of the Road"
SENTINEL **Submission Deadlines: Tenth of Publication Month**
SENTINEL **Publication Date: Fifteenth of Publication Month**

Republican Women of Wood County (RWWC):

Club Meetings: **November 19, 11:30 AM - Texas Tea Room**
Program: TBD

Holly Lake Ranch Hawkins Republican Club (HLRHRC):

Club Meeting: **November 12, 6:30 PM - Holly Hall**
Program: TBD

Wood County Republican Website www.republicanpartywoodcounty.com

Treasurers Report:

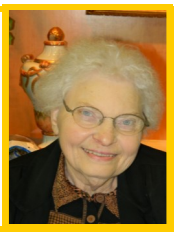
Bank balance $2179.16

Submitted by: Gene Shoemaker, Treasurer

Hospitality: Our hearts go out to Becky Vann who lost Bob, her husband of 35 years. Both were new members this year. Also I sent a get well card to Willie Kay.

Thank you.
Janice Logan, Hospitality Chair

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



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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 club's 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

Legislative Report:

Submitted (and edited) by Janie Walenta, RWWC Legislative Chair

Appeals court upholds penalties for secret meetings
By Susan Carroll Houston Chronicle: September 25, 2012

In a victory for open government, a federal court on Tuesday ruled against a lawsuit filed by

Texas municipal officials who have been fighting for six years to escape criminal penalties for holding public meetings behind closed doors.

A three-judge panel with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that criminal penalties in the state's open meetings law do not violate the First Amendment rights of politicians, dismissing the argument made on behalf of 15 local government leaders from Sugar Land to Wichita Falls.

The Texas Open Meetings Act requires that most government meetings be open to the public, with a few notable exceptions - including the state Legislature, governors and other executive-level policymakers. A violation is a misdemeanor punishable by up to $500 and up to six months in jail.

The panel on Tuesday unanimously affirmed a district court decision that called some of the elected officials' arguments "nonsensical," finding the law's criminal penalties do not curtail free speech, and instead are designed to compel its disclosure.

"This ruling is a victory for every citizen and every taxpayer who wants accountability and transparency from their government," said James Ho, one of the attorneys who argued before the panel.

High court next stop?

Attorneys for the local government officials vowed another appeal, saying "we think we have a better-than-average chance" of getting the entire, 17-member Fifth Circuit court to review the case.

If necessary, they plan to take the case to the nation's top court, said William McKamie, one of the attorneys who represent the plaintiffs on appeal.

"Our initial reaction is that the U.S. Supreme Court would be interested in some of this as well," McKamie said. "The First Amendment rights of these local government officials in Texas are certainly worth protecting."

Attorneys for city officials argued the law discourages political speech and is unconstitutionally vague and overly broad.

The panel found that the city officials only offered one example of why they would have to discuss public business privately: When the city of Hurst was considering the prohibition of a then-legal substance and did not want to disclose where it was being sold. The attorneys for the city officials argued that having that discussion privately would not lead to corruption, so it should be considered outside of the law's sweep.

But the panel wrote that "notion fails, because it ignores (the law's) other goals apart from reducing corruption."

"Having that discussion privately would decrease government transparency, and the state has determined that the benefits of making these discussions public outweigh any harm done by the disclosure of information," the judges wrote.

Attorneys for the government and several media organizations argued that the law was narrowly tailored and only applies to a quorum of a governmental body discussing public business. ▷

Years of wrangling

"We would hope the plaintiffs will give up this battle that has cost taxpayers unnecessarily for more than five years," said Keith Elkins executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, which advocates for government transparency. "But if they choose to continue pursuing it, we feel confident they will continue to lose at other levels."

The decision Tuesday follows years of legal wrangling…

Lawsuits against Obama are taxpayer bargain

By Attorney General Greg Abbott The Dallas Morning News; September 25, 2012

Do you think Texas is spending too much suing President Barack Obama?

Think again. It comes as no surprise that big-government advocates criticize the two dozen lawsuits Texas has filed against the Obama administration during the past four years. Some people actually prefer bigger and more government as a solution to everyday problems. Our lawsuits threaten that model by enforcing the Constitution to limit a federal government that is expanding too far and reaching too deep into our lives—and our pockets.

The only surprise is the line of attack chosen by the critics. They claim that our lawsuits—challenging Obamacare, fighting illegal overreaching by the EPA and defending laws passed by the state of Texas—have cost $2.5 million and are a waste of taxpayer money.

The critics sidestep the obvious: As attorney general, it is my duty to represent the state in court whenever its laws or sovereignty are challenged. My office is fulfilling that duty in all of these legal actions.

But, more to the point, legal action by my office has benefited the bottom line for Texas taxpayers. Consider just two of the actions we've filed against the Obama administration. Part of the lawsuit filed by Texas against Obamacare challenged Congress' authority to force Texas to spend even more money on government-run healthcare. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed that Congress violated the Constitution and ruled that Texas doesn't have to spend the money required by Obamacare. According to state health officials, the savings to taxpayers from that one ruling alone could amount to over $10 Billion during the next decade…

These savings are on top of our ongoing efforts to help Texas taxpayers. During the same four-year period, our office has recovered an additional $750 million through our other legal actions and collected more than $12 billion in child support.

Critics may agree or disagree with our legal actions, but they can't say they haven't been a bargain for taxpayers. Saving billions of dollars and hundreds of jobs is exactly the kind on return of investment taxpayers deserve. It is far better than the $5 trillion that has been heaped on the federal debt by Washington during the past four years.

More important, when Texas challenges the federal government, it's about more that money. It's about principles—fundamental principles enshrined in the Constitution and recently reaffirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court when it said:

"The National government possesses only limited powers; the states and the people retain the remainder."

"The independent power of the states serves as a check on the power of the federal government."

Defending the constitutional principles that have made the United States truly exceptional: That's priceless. ❖

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*
7	*8* **HLHRC** Meeting 7PM Holly Hall **Program:** JoAnn Fleming w/Grass Roots America	*9*	*10* SENTINEL **Submission Deadline**	*11*	*12*	*13*
14	*15* **RWWC** Meets Texas Tea Room 11:30 AM **Program: Mike Lee comparing the platforms**	*16*	*17* SENTINEL **Publication Date**	*18*	*19*	*20*
21	*22* Early Voting begins	23 **LCRC Club Meeting** Quitman Library 6 PM Program: Video "End of the Road"	*24* Early voting is from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday at the Courthouse	*25*	*26*	*27* Early voting is from 10 AM to 3 PM Saturday
28 No early voting on Sunday	*29* Early Voting continues	*30*	*31*			

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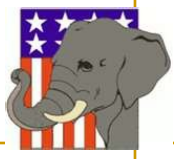
				1 Early Voting continues	*2* Early Voting last day. 	*3*
4	*5*	6 Voting day for all Republicans 7AM—7PM	*7* Democrats vote this day, Republicans relax	*8*	*9*	*10* SENTINEL **Submission Deadline**
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We *Are* the Elephant in the Room

Editorial Page:

Arab Spring?

The Arab Spring was sold to us as a season. Like the season of new birth and renewal. In truth it is more like the mechanical device which when wound too tight can have catastrophic consequences. This is not the stopped clock. This clock is always in motion and seems never to be right. Islam is the cultural antithesis of the United States. Where we revere liberty and individual responsibility, they will have none of it. In the Islamic world everyone is his brothers keeper, but never his own. The predictable resulting poverty, misery and human cruelty speaks for itself. Tragically, and typically, the left refuses to hear.

Denial flows through the heart of America. There are multitudes who can conjure up an opinion in the complete absence of information. Even those who frequent the main stream media have insulated themselves from information. It works like this; a story comes in which is contrary to the left wing news media's world view. Rather than upset and confuse their viewership, the editor will just *spike* the story. Sometimes a video makes its way onto the screen or a comment comes in from a *must-cover* event which is inconvenient in much the same way as the spiked story in the earlier example. Not to worry; they will put a commentator on the tail end of the clip to form the thought so difficult for the intellectually challenged modern consumer of broadcast news. The left does this day in and day out.

The Obama administration spent two weeks, aided by the story-spiking media, covering up the true story of what happened to our Ambassador in Libya. When the volume of facts overwhelmed the fairytale the administration was pushing, the administration pivoted without pausing for apology or explanation, saying, "of course these are the facts; that is obvious." Then they proceeded to cover-up their complicity in the affair. They present lie upon lie and are able to get away with it because of the complicity of an adoring press whose OCD does not allow them to question the virtues of a black man in the White House. The intellectual dishonesty of the press coupled with a self imposed moratorium on awareness of the public sets the stage for an American political disaster in 2012.

It is up to us to get the word out to our uninformed friends and family members. We should stick to the basics of what we do know. That is sufficiently damning to make a strong case. The pictures we have all seen of Ambassador Stevens being dragged through the streets may not be what we have been led to believe. These may be pictures of an attempted rescue of the Ambassador. From the pictures we cannot tell.

What we do know is that the Administration lied to the American people about the provocation for the attack. Within 24 hours the Administration had confirmed this was a terrorist attack, a term the President refuses to use. Yet for over a week the administration tried to convince us the attack was the result of a spontaneous demonstration. We know that the Administration spent $70,000 US tax dollars on a *disinformation* apology ad which it ran in several Middle Eastern countries trying to shore up the administrations original lie. Now the administration is trying to cover-up its complicity in the tragic events. Numerous assaults had already occurred at the Benghazi station. The Ambassador was sent to this dangerous diplomatic station on 9-11 with insufficient security. We also know that several requests for additional security were denied. We know that during the time the situation was unfolding, the President, on the campaign trail, could not find time to address the situation. We had Al Qaeda flags flying over our diplomatic posts and it took three days for the Anointed One to request that Egypt's President Morsi increase security. Confronted with these facts, how can an Obama supporter continue to support him? Tell your friends. ❖

How to lose a country

Losing a country would be easy enough if you wanted to do it. You could just vote it away, always picking the worst candidates and the most injurious initiatives. But who would want to do that?

The fundamental question is, how do a people, who do not want to lose their country, lose it anyway? You would think this would take effort, but actually it does not. If you are going to lose a country you really do not want to lose, effort would only slow the process. A lot of effort might actually save it. All that is really required is for good men to do nothing. Feel free to quote me on this.

Freedom may be the natural state of man, but it is not the natural state of government. Government is the bad seed of civilization - a necessary evil. Its purpose is to force people who do not want to accept civilization, to accept it anyway. Those of us who appreciate civilization do not need to have it forced upon us. But none of us wish to be on the receiving end of the government's authority.

But even when the government is pursuing more agreeable activities, such as building infrastructure, it has a dark heart. Those entrusted with governmental authority will use it to grant favors to friends and to punish enemies. Erroneously, we believe that since we were handed, by brilliant men of good character, the most nearly perfect form of earthly government yet devised, that it is good. But there is ample evidence that it is not.

Perhaps this is why good people do not like to get involved with governance. It is like that stain on the rug. It is easier to cover it up than it is to clean it up and the expense of replacing the rug is well beyond consideration. So we do nothing. Perhaps it will go away. Maybe no one will notice. But it grows bigger. We strain to look away. We grow old ignoring the rug. We have less energy and fewer resources. Then one day we ask ourselves, "Do I want to die on *that* rug?" We think we may have waited too long, and one day this will be true. But ask yourself, "Is this that day?"

How many of us have: written a check to a candidate? Manned a phone bank? Worked (actually worked) at a headquarters? Sat at a table or gone door to door passing out literature promoting a worthwhile initiative or candidate? How long has it been? How many of us have in the comfort of our own homes taken the time to write an article, an op-ed piece or a strongly worded letter to a representative, local or national, who has forgotten why we gave him his office? Are we too old, too tired? Are we done yet? Are we willing to be known as the generation who gave up on America? How many of us are willing to sit down with our grandchildren and tell them of the great country we grew up in; a country they will never know. Our fate, the fate of our country, the fate of our children and of their children will be decided in a few short weeks. Who among us will be able to say, "I did all I could." or better yet, "I helped to save the last, best hope for mankind." It is too late only if *you* think it is. ❖

Who said this:

"Bean-counting government bureaucrats are free to take race, ethnicity, and gender into account when doling out public funds to non-white-male contractors. But God help law enforcement officers, air marshals and border agents who try to use those same factors to combat terrorism and protect American lives."

Answer below the margin on P. 28

The Emperor Has No Clothes

The October 3, 2012 Presidential Debate

President Barak Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney faced-off in the first of three Presidential debates of the 2012 election season. Fans of the President were disappointed and even shocked that their candidate, who presumably spends his days steeped in the issues of state, arrived unprepared. If one did not know better, one would have thought that the President has spent his entire first term on the golf course, on the campaign trail, and on vacation. But the press assures us that the President is always working, always on the job. Yet encyclopedias could be filled with all the things of which the President is completely oblivious. On the issues, Obama had apparently drilled no deeper than his campaign's own brain-dead talking points. How is it that a sitting American President can be so unaware of the issues facing our country?

In contrast, it would appear that the "out-of-touch" Mitt Romney obsesses about these things. All his points were made respectfully, but made well. The media had promised a barrage of well rehearsed Mitt Romney delivered zingers. I admit, I like these zingers and have been known to craft a few of my own. But Mitt delivered only one zinger and he did it so skillfully that I have yet to hear anyone refer to it as a zinger. To begin with, he delivered the line with a genuine smile and shared it with the President as if it was so good he truly thought the President would enjoy it too. Secondly, he took no personal credit for the line, but instead credited it to a friend. What Romney said to Obama, who was also smiling at the time because of the skillful set-up, was, "According to my friend, you don't pick winners and losers, you just pick losers."

As the debate opened, the moderator, Jim Lehrer, told us, "The audience is split evenly among, (you should be able to anticipate this) Democrats, Republicans and *university students*." It was as if he had never considered the last was just a subset of the first. The left just cannot help saying things like this. If leftist ideas were not so lethal, this would be entertaining. Jim Lehrer was a contrast set-piece intended to make the President look smart by comparison. Good thing too because Romney would have been no help in this. Lehrer tried his best, stepping in too often to help the President make a point. But the effort was futile and Jim was just not up to the task. At one point, when the President was clearly against the ropes, he asked Lehrer if they could just change the subject. Lehrer, of course, obliged. But for the most part the debate was out of Lehrer's control. He could not control the clock or even get to all the points on the agenda. Only Obama's abysmal performance saved Lehrer from being the focus of derision.

The President talked of all the things he wanted to do in his second term to improve the economy and get the country going again. No one asked the obvious question, "Why in four years he had not yet done this?" I, for one, question the President's sincerity. He did mention a desire to develop wind and solar energy. I think he has already tried this. The results should embarrass him. The President dominated the clock talking four minutes longer than Romney (Lehrer's fault), but he would have been better served by an attack of laryngitis. The more he spoke, the worse things got for him. He spoke of his grandmother who worked herself up to Vice -President of a bank and how she depended on Social Security in her retirement. It brought a tear to my eye thinking how lucky I was not to have had any money in that bank. ▷

Mitt started out slowly, which concerned me. I sat watching and jotting down responses I wished I had heard. Even when speaking directly to the President, he used the third person. I thought he was being overly respectful. But sometimes what you get is better than what you wanted. This approach put the President to sleep early in the debate. Romney skillfully ramped up his performance throughout the debate so that the President never quite caught up. The President was the frog boiled slowly. By the time the pot started to boil it was too late for this frog. When the President insisted, for the umpteenth time, that Romney's plan would have to increase taxes because the President could conceive of no other way to balance the budget, Romney spelled out the three approaches to balancing the budget:

1) **Increase taxes.**
2) **Decrease spending.**
3) **Grow the economy.**

Romney then explained why the last approach was the best aided by the second and why the first was the worst. Obama had no effective response.

It has been said by both sides, "Romney won on substance and style," implying that the President won the rest. But I cannot for the life of me think of what "the rest" might be. Obama's crew was slow to come out and comment after the debate. Their message was so out of balance they just couldn't get the spin cycle going. Obama is spending today out on the stump delivering the lines he thinks he should have delivered last night, but they are little improvement over last night's performance. It is hard to make up for a failed message.

Listening to pundits after the debate was instructive. Some were saying, "You have to give the night to Romney." *I* think you would have to give him both rooks and the queen too. And we know who the bishops are standing with. The Obama cheese stands alone. One commentator mentioned, "the President spent the whole debate looking down, like a terrorist reading a map." Now that's a zinger. A much heard quote was, "Romney was much better than his campaign and the President was much worse." Even Bill Maher (I can't believe I am quoting this guy) said, "Apparently Obama DOES need a teleprompter." Maher is so quick. Dana Perino said, "At some point you have to implement Little League rules and call the game when someone gets too far ahead."

For many, this was their first time to see Romney. How could anyone fail to notice the contrast? Many tuned in to see their guy, Obama, reveal Romney for the out-of-touch, uncaring, right wing radical, Obama and the media have been presenting daily. We can hope it was enlightening for them to see an out-of-touch, stammering, shallow-thinker standing there in an Obama suit. Clint Eastwood's empty chair turned in a better performance.

Mitt Romney upped his game; now, Mr. President, up yours. ❖

Presidential Debate October3 2012 full video

A friend just started his own business in Afghanistan. He's making land mines that look like prayer mats.

It's doing well.

He says prophets are going through the roof.

Biden His Time – Is Up

The October 11, 2012 Vice-Presidential Debate

Two very different Vice-Presidential candidates showed up to debate the issues in the 2012 election. One was mature, knowledgeable and substantive. One was immature, uninformed, off his game and apparently off his meds.

Joe Biden's debate performance has been characterized, even by a friendly press, as "over the top." If by that they meant "high as a kite," I would agree. His over-animated gesturing and inappropriate laughing at abortion, poverty and nuclear Armageddon, was more characteristic of a meth addict on PCP than of a sitting US Vice-President. Obama apologists from the media excuse this by saying that Biden was trying to make-up for a "lack-luster" performance on the part of the President. Lackluster? In the earlier Presidential debate the President came across like a drunk on heroin. Apparently the press suggests voters are supposed to conclude that if we chain the drunk guy to the meth addict they would probably do a real good job of running the country. The better bet might be to give the job to the somewhat nerdy policy wonks who seem to genuinely care about the direction of the country. Given the choice, I think the electorate is going with the later approach.

The press is quick to point out that Vice-Presidential debates really do not matter much. They say "Joe gave as good as he got" and that "he held his own." If it were not for clichés, I wonder if these alleged journalists would be capable of composing a grocery list. My favorite however was that "Joe was authentic," as if authenticity alone is a virtue. Charles Manson was authentic. You saw a raving lunatic and you got a raving lunatic. Joseph Stalin was authentic. You saw a murderous dictator and you got a murderous dictator. Media called the debate a draw. Polls ranged from a four point to a twenty point advantage for Ryan. This is a *draw* we can live with.

Early in the debate Biden stated, "We were not told about the requests for additional security for the consulate in Benghazi." When a President or a Vice-President says "We" they are usually referring to the administration. In this case, we are told, Biden was just referring to the President and himself. Apparently this administration is so bad that even the President is distancing himself from it. Biden insisted we have nothing to fear about Iran becoming nuclear because they do not have a weapon into which to put the fissile material. Biden doesn't *know* the Iranians have a weapon therefore they cannot have one. This thinking makes everything Biden doesn't know a danger. This information comes from the same people he insists got Benghazi wrong.

The inappropriate laughing and wild gestures were not just Joe being Joe. These were carefully crafted to tell the viewing audience how to view the responses of Paul Ryan. Biden's facial expressions and wild gyrations were exaggerated as if he were Buster Keaton and the text of the conversation would be shown on cue cards with a piano playing in the background. The administration's fear was if Biden did not in some flamboyant way signal the viewing audience that Ryan's answers and points were "just crazy," they might be taken seriously.

Ryan could have put in a better performance if Biden had. Biden's constant hectoring and interruptions (82 in all) cheated the viewing public of a truly informative evening. Paul Ryan at 34 was the serious adult on the stage. Biden at 70 behaved like an 8 year old ADD patient deprived of Ritalin. Republicans say they are happy with Ryan's substantive and Presidential performance. Democrats say they are happy with Biden's snarky and factually bankrupt performance. It tells us all we need to know about the candidates and their supporters.

This debates biggest loser - moderator Martha Raddatz who could not control Biden's PTS Political Tourette Syndrome. ❖

[October 11 2012 Vice Presidential Debate]

Happy to be Wrong

The October 16, 2012 Presidential Debate

The President and his Republican challenger, Mitt Romney, met at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. on the evening of October 16, 2012 for the second of three Presidential election debates. The debate was not on foreign policy as originally planned and as I had mistakenly reported in an email, but that is not what I am happy to be wrong about.

Like most other conservative pundits interviewed shortly after the debate, I scored the debate as being close, but gave a slight edge to the President based mostly on his personal improvement over his abysmal first debate performance. Although I agreed with virtually none of his positions or any of the lies he enjoys telling, the delivery of his lies and his confidence in your ability to believe them was notably improved. My giving the debate to the President was mostly based on Romney's failure to capitalize on opportunities. But here is what I am happy to be wrong about: CBS (not the most conservative media outlet) released a snap poll taken immediately after the debate and found that viewers preferred Romney 2 to 1. The numbers released were 65% for Romney and 34% for Obama. How did I miss *that* debate? Shortly thereafter, a Fox News poll with a more conservative audience gave the debate to Romney by 4 points. This underscores my contention that the more conservative the audience, the greater the expectation Romney would perform well; therefore the lower his score.

The really good news here is that Romney connected with independents, undecideds and wavering Obama supporters. Going back and reviewing the debate (full video linked below) Romney seemed to have delivered responses which were a hybrid of wonky and folksy. It really connected when he said, "If the President's policies were working, why is gas more than twice what it was when the President took office?" Obama's explanation that gas prices were high because the economy is doing so much better fell predictably flat. Really? That's the reason? To underscore the notion that Romney connected with independents, undecideds and wavering Obama supporters, consider the 'dial group' of undecided voters Frank Luntz interviewed in Nevada after the debate. There were about 35 in the room; most had voted for Obama in 2008. After the debate, only three intended to vote for Obama, all on the basis of "women's issues." But two thirds of the room stated their intention to vote for Romney. This is consistent with the CBS snap poll.

Once again, the award for "*Worst Performance on a Debate Stage*" goes to the moderator, Candy Crowley, named for her favorite food group. Really - I think she had been a pole dancer but was forced into early retirement when she bent the pole. The award is given to Candy because of a single incident; up till then she managed to step over the limbo-like high bar set by the prior two moderators. The incident started when the President stated with factually unwarranted conviction that in the Rose Garden, the day after the Benghazi attack, he (the President) called the incident a "terrorist attack." It was a stunning lie and Romney was stunned by it. He was rendered utterly speechless. Mitt only asked that it be put into the record. The President *told* Candy to get the transcript. Had he given it to her in advance knowing that the question would come up? At this point Crowley interjected herself on behalf of the President stating that she, "had the transcript of the event and the President was factually correct." Later, when the crowds were gone and the camera crews were packing up I am told she said, "Oops, my bad," or something to that effect. Understand that Crowley, as moderator, got to pick from among the many questions offered by the audience, the ones she would ask. In other words, she (Crowley) could spike whatever questions she did not want to see the light of day; no ▷

questions on Obama Care, no questions on Solyndra and crony capitalism under this administration, no questions on "Fast and Furious." And she just happened to have jotted down her grocery list on the back of a transcript of the Presidents "Rose Garden speech" made the day after the Benghazi attack. Coincidence? I don't think so. The entire Libyan thread begins at 66:50 in the link below and lasts almost ten minutes. It is worth your time.

In the exchange about the Benghazi incident, the President finally insisted that the buck stopped with him, but then of course he blames "the intelligence community." Hillary said the buck stops with her, but then blamed security specialists. Personally I think this buck is a roaring, snorting menace which will not stop until the White House salad chef takes *his* share of the blame.

If a moderator is to interject herself into the debates as a *fact checker*, she had better have her facts straight. Lacking that, she must make her apology to the same audience in the same venue in a timely manner. In other words, she should apologize while the participants are still on stage and the audience still in their seats. Lacking that, she should go on a week-long apology tour. The perfume on this skunk is that the issue will be debated all week long and Mitt will be able to address it in the next debate. If however the story gets out in the right way this week, he may not need to address it at all.

The big opportunity Romney missed when Obama made this unsupportable claim was to attack him on the cover-up. If the President knew this was a terrorist attack and so stated in the Rose Garden the day after, why did he send out his UN Ambassador five days later to all the talk shows to say it was a spontaneous demonstration? Why did the President, on talk shows one and two weeks after the event, say we did not know yet if terrorist were involved? Why did he send out his Secretary of State to tell the same lie as the UN Ambassador? Why did the President spend $70,000 tax payer dollars on a disinformation ad to play in the Middle East spreading the same lie?

Another major mistake Romney made in this debate was asking the President questions. This allowed the President to just tell another lie and all on Romney's time. Obama did this on drilling permits and a number of other issues. Asking the President questions was a tactical error. Ernest fact checkers will spend this next week drilling down into the log jam of prevarications the President left on the debate stage. Romney can no longer be stunned when the President lies—he must call him on it. In a debate, this is Romney's job.

Other things Romney could have benefited from would be a recurring theme. For example, each time the President said what he wanted to do in the next four years or re-promised a broken promise from the last election, Romney could have countered with, "If you could have done that, wouldn't you have done it by now?" When the President would intentionally misrepresent Romney's plans, which he never tires of doing, Romney could say, "Why don't you see if you can just articulate your own plan because you never seem to get mine right." When the President says, as he loves to do, "bin Laden is dead and GM is alive." Romney could counter with, "bin Laden is dead but al Qaeda is alive and well and operating in Libya, Sudan, Egypt . . . and flying their flags over our embassies."

Romney did give the best response of the evening. It was a thorough indictment of the Obama administration. This thread starts at 52:40 in the link below and lasts almost 4 minutes.

I was encouraged by the post debate scores. It may be that all Mitt Romney needs to do is just convince voters he is not the baby-eating Wiccan the President and the Democrats make him out to be. Even that might be an improvement. ❖

October 16 2012 Presidential debate

Political Wrap-Up:

The next debate will be aired on Monday, October 22 at 8PM CST and should be on most major commercial channels, cable news channels and cspan. Missing from all the recent debates is Tea Party influence. No invocation, no pledge, no "*God Bless America*." We would not want to embarrass the President. Some will tell you the Tea Party has no interest in social issues but I question their powers of observation. The difference is obvious. CBS's Bob Schieffer will moderate. Can you believe we got through the entire debate season with no conservative moderators? How do you explain that?

The "ground game" is paramount in these last weeks. Get involved, Support the campaign. Do what you can to support congressional seats in trouble. We have a lot of work to do.

In a few short weeks we will decide if we are going to restore this county to its Constitutional foundations or just throw in the towel and become one more unexceptional socialist nation. Your vote and the vote of millions of conservatives across the nation will be required to ensure the right outcome. The campaign appears to be on the right track and we pray for a victory. VOTE - Tuesday, November 6, 2012 - you decide. ❖

Quick Comments:

Obama's supporters complain that his foreign policy is being looked at under a microscope. His policies are so far from anything American that the proper tool would be a telescope.

Rioting, we are told is the new "under control."

Susan Rice, the US ambassador to the UN, insists that attacks on our embassies world wide are neither anti US policy, nor anti American; the exclusive cause is a trailer for an unreleased video which most of the rioters have not seen and many did not hear about until joining the riots. Once again it is not Obama's fault. Someone else did it. Obama's not responsible. Isn't it time we had a President who was responsible?

Yemen authorities report that the murderous attacks on our consulate there were planned in advance, not spontaneous as the Obama administration insists. Coordinated attacks came from two sides implying a command and control structure; but I guess that Yemen is so advanced that these things happen spontaneously there.

Lee Iacocca says that Obaama is "trying to steer our ship of state right over a cliff." Say what you will, that takes talent.

Republicans discouraged by the polls have sent a message to the Obama—loving media, 'Great job, keep it up.' Polls this far out are even less reliable than the poor excuse for polls taken on the day of the election. These low poll numbers are designed not only to discourage you from voting, but also to discourage you from talking about our candidate with any enthusiasm. We must not fall into this trap.

Romney has had a bad week we are told. His clumsy and inaccurate comment about the 47% made over four months ago has consumed the national press. But we hear little about the President's bad week. The Middle East is in full melt down mode because of Obama's four year apology tour for anything American. His entire administration went all in and was caught in the lie that his policies were to blame. Where is Obama's bad week?

Quazi Mohammad Rezwanul Shan Nafis has been arrested for plotting to blow-up the Federal Reserve. Another representative from the "religion of peace" or a crazed Ron Paul supporter? Only time and a through investigation will tell. ▷

Quick Comments continued:

Obama's supporters complain that his foreign policy is being looked at under a microscope. So that's where he keeps it!

Our troops in Afghanistan have experienced 51 incidents this year of Afghan soldiers and police turning on them. The response of this President is not to allow US soldiers to work with Afghans. But the only mission left for them is to train Afghan soldiers and police. This President's policy of setting a pull out date well in advance of any victory has ensured that there will be no victory. Additionally, by leaving no American presence in Iraq, Obama has turned the victory in Iraq into a loss as Iraq is now falling under the sphere of Iranian influence.

President Obama says he ". . . needs four more years to work on the economy." So, apparently things could be even worse.

Pro-American demonstrations break out in Yemen. Two are reported dead. Do you feel like celebrating? How is this supposed to work for us?

Haley Barbour on ABC's *This Week*, referring to the President's tendency to prevaricate, said, "If this election isn't about truth, the President has a big advantage."

The FBI can't get into Benghazi on a tour bus.

Early voting has already started is some states in advance of the debates. We wouldn't want the voters to be too informed would we?

The left says that Romney's plan will raise the debt and add to the middle class tax burden. It is inconceivable to them that it is possible to cut spending.

President Obama, skirting around Congress once again, is encouraging defense contractors who will be adversely affected by "sequestration" to ignore the law requiring businesses to notify employees 60 days ahead of massive layoffs. He has even promised to pay, with tax payer money, the legal bill of such firms. Romney needs to add this to the list of corruption, lies and prevarications I hope he mentions on October 3 at the first Presidential debate.

Obama called Mitt Romney a liar for his economic plan. The President says his Princeton Economics professor says the math just does not work. The Princeton professor says he told the President no such thing. Who was it that was lying again?

Rush Limbaugh made a point on last Friday's show which should be helpful to persons having a hard time making up their mind who to vote for in the 2012 Presidential race. Conservatives, from Reagan to Limbaugh, are never quoted by Castro, Chavez or Putin, but they never seem to tire of quoting Obama.

Joe Biden, You're no Lloyd Benson.

UN Ambassador Susan Rice made the rounds of all the Sunday talk shows a couple of weeks ago insisting that the Benghazi attacks were spontaneous and not Al Qaeda related. Panel members on FNC's *Fox News Sunday* were speculating as to why she would have been spreading such obvious falsehoods. Brit Hume settled the matter by asking Chris Wallace who he called to book administration officials onto his show. Chris Wallace responded, "The White House."

Obama's campaign is drenched in foreign money. You can't buy a hat or a mug on Obama's site without a security code but any identity thief from any country can donate, no questions asked. For details see the guest article on page 21 of this edition. ❖

Letters to the Editor:

Ann comments on our article, "*Mr. Romney - Get Busy Sir*" which was picked up on REDSTATE.

"Your article was straight into the target. Dead on. Proud of you for speaking out so well for all of us."

Ellen had this to say about our article, "Emperor Obama Has No Clothes" pre-released on Tea Party 911 and included in this Sentinel on page 12.

Excellent! I enjoyed your blog very much.

Bill sent us this unsolicited but very pithy comment. Another cliché debunked.

The old adage "there's two sides to every story" implies that there are only two, one right and one wrong. The fact is there may be any number of wrong sides to any issue; for example, the question of the cause(s) of the increasing violence against American installations, diplomatic and military, in the Arab world.

The Democrat position is that the attacks are the result of a U-tube video that is derogatory toward Mohammed and have nothing to do with American foreign policy. Hundreds of thousands of Muslims with computers and internet access saw the video, were offended, individually fetched their RPGs out of the closet, went to the nearest US embassy, and were surprised to find hundreds of thousands of their fellows had the same reaction (coincidentally on 9/11). (Refer to Secretary of State Clinton for more details.)

The Republican position is that we have begun to disengage from the region and that this sign of weakness has emboldened them to attack us. The answer, of course, is to increase our military presence and intervention in their affairs to the point that they will be afraid to challenge us. (Refer to Senator John McCain for more details.)

The Libertarian position is that our military presence and intervention in their affairs is the cause of their resentment and the solution is to pull out our troops and quit meddling in their affairs. (Refer to Congressman Ron Paul for more details.)

The elephant in the room that no one wants to talk about is that there are Islamic Imams all over the world preaching that Western culture is of Satan and that Muslims are commanded by Allah to destroy the infidels. The nearest embassy or military installation is the easiest target and 9/11 and a U-tube video are convenient triggers.

Ellen comments on the Vice-Presidential debate:

The Vice President seems to think that the very serious issues facing the American people today are a laughing matter.

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Letters to the Editor continued:

Michael has this to say about the second Presidential debate.

Obama was like the school yard bully finally getting his butt kicked and running crying to the teacher to save him.

Glen offers his opinion of the second Presidential debate.

Forced myself to watch most of it. I didn't come away feeling like it was a foreign policy debate. I did however come away with the knowing none of the people got their questions answered. Political double talk.....and the President was very rude in his aggressive style. Quite the bully, and how does a moderator trump a President? Impossible.

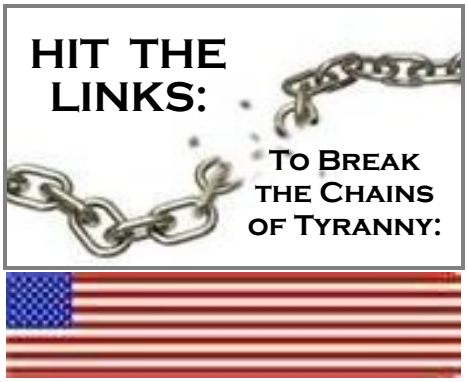
Bill makes an observation and poses a question.

Employees can organize and go on strike (stop working) to force the employer to negotiate terms of employment more favorable to the employees. Why can't taxpayers organize and go on strike (stop paying taxes) to force the government to negotiate better terms of taxation? Because taxpayers are not employees of the government, they are slaves of the government and when slaves go on strike the slave-masters beat them with sticks and whips and send them back to work with higher production quotas.
Who is Lee Greenwood and what has he been smoking?

Betty comments:

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US WITH ALL YOUR GOOD EXPERTISE.

Too kind and very humbling.



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Wynton Hall - http://www.wyntonhall.com/ is a Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. Only 31, Hall is a bestselling author and has been labeled a "rising star" in the field of presidential communication. If you visit his website you will find he is a celebrity ghost writer. The following article comes from: http://www.breitbart.com/

Bombshell: Obama.com Owned by Bundler in Shanghai with Business Ties to Chinese Government

In an explosive report set to send shockwaves through official Washington, the Government Accountability Institute (GAI) released a 108-page GAI investigation into the threat of foreign and fraudulent Internet campaign donations in U.S. federal elections *(visit campaignfundingrisks.com TO DOWNLOAD THE FULL REPORT)*.

Breitbart News obtained an advance copy of the bombshell report which reveals that the Obama.com website is not owned by the president's campaign but rather by Obama bundler Robert Roche, a U.S. citizen living in Shanghai, China. Roche is the chairman of a Chinese infomercial company, Acorn International, with ties to state-controlled banks that allow it to "gain revenue through credit card transactions with Chinese banks."

There's more.

The unusual Obama.com website redirects traffic directly to a donation page on the Obama campaign's official website, my.barackobama.com, which does not require donors to enter their credit card security code (known as the CVV code), thereby increasing the likelihood of foreign or fraudulent donations. The website is managed by a small web development firm, Wicked Global, in Maine. One of Wicked Global's employees, Greg Dorr, lists on his LinkedIn page his additional employment with Peace Action Maine and Maine Voices for Palestinian Rights. According to the GAI report, 68 percent of all Internet traffic to Obama.com comes from foreign visitors.

And still more.

In 2011, Mr. Roche obtained one of the most sought-after pieces of real estate in Washington, DC: a seat at the head table for President Obama's State Dinner for Chinese President Hu Jintao. How Roche—a man whose infomercial company hawks fitness equipment, cell phones, and breast enhancement products—landed a seat alongside Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former President Bill Clinton, Sen. John Kerry, former President Jimmy Carter, and Chinese President Hu Jintao remains unclear.

Since 2009, White House Visitor Logs list the name Robert Roche at least 19 times, despite the fact Mr. Roche's primary residence is in China.

Mr. Roche, who is originally from Chicago, is a co-chair of the Technology Initiative for the Obama campaign.

According to Acorn International's prospectus, the success of Mr. Roche's company hinges on maintaining access to state-run media and "preferential tax treatments and subsidies" doled out by the People's Republic of China (PRC):

> Our business depends on our access to TV media time to market our products and services in China….PRC law is vague and is subject to discretionary interpretation and enforcement by PRC authorities…Loss of these preferential tax treatments and subsidies could have material and adverse effects on our results of operations and financial conditions.

In addition to the Obama.com redirect revelation, the Government Accountability Institute report—America the Vulnerable: Are Foreign And Fraudulent Online Contributions Influencing U.S. Elections?—exposes myriad gaping online security holes that stand to threaten the integrity of House, Senate, and presidential elections. ❖

RECENT VIRGINIA CHURCH SERVICE STIMULUS SERMON

I would love to give the Pastor of this predominantly black church in Virginia three cheers. This guy is obviously a leader. Perhaps we should each decide who our real leader is... It is amazing to see that very little has changed in 4,000 years.

Good morning, brothers and sisters; it's always a delight to see the pews crowded on Sunday morning, and so eager to get into God's Word. Turn with me in your Bibles, if you will, to the 47th chapter of Genesis. We'll begin our reading at verse 13, and go through verse 27.

Brother Ray, would you stand and read that great passage for us? ... (reading) ... Thank you for that fine reading, Brother Ray. So we see that economic hard times fell upon Egypt, and the people turned to the government of Pharaoh to deal with this for them. And Pharaoh nationalized the grain harvest, and placed the grain in great storehouses that he had built. So the people brought their money to Pharaoh, like a great tax increase, and gave it all to him willingly in return for grain. And this went on until their money ran out, and they were hungry again.

So when they went to Pharaoh after that, they brought their livestock - their cattle, their horses, their sheep, and their donkey - to barter for grain, and verse 17 says that only took them through the end of that year. But the famine wasn't over, was it? So the next year, the people came before Pharaoh and admitted they had nothing left, except their land and their own lives. "There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our land. Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we with our land will be servants to Pharaoh." So they surrendered their homes, their land, and their real estate to Pharaoh's government, and then sold themselves into slavery to him, in return for grain.

What can we learn from this, brothers and sisters?

That turning to the government instead of to God to be our provider in hard times only leads to slavery? Yes... That the only reason government wants to be our provider is to also become our master?

Yes. But look how that passage ends, brothers and sisters! Thus Israel settled in the land of Egypt , in the land of Goshen . And they gained possessions in it, and were fruitful and multiplied greatly." God provided for His people, just as He always has! They didn't end up giving all their possessions to government, no, it says they gained possessions! But I also tell you a great truth today, and an ominous one.

We see the same thing happening today - the government today wants to "share the wealth" once again, to take it from us and redistribute it back to us. It wants to take control of healthcare, just as it has taken control of education, and ration it back to us, and when government rations it, then government decides who gets it, and how much, and what kind. And if we go along with it, and do it willingly, then we will wind up no differently than the people of Egypt did four thousand years ago - as slaves to the government, and as slaves to our leaders.

What Mr. Obama's government is doing now is no different from what Pharaoh's government did then, and it will end the same. And a lot of people like to call Mr. Obama a "Messiah," don't they? Is he a Messiah? A savior? Didn't the Egyptians say, after Pharaoh made them his slaves, "You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh"? Well, I tell you this - I know the Messiah; the Messiah is a friend of mine; and Mr. OBAMA IS NO MESSIAH! No, brothers and sisters, if Mr. Obama is a character from the Bible, then he is Pharaoh. Bow with me in prayer, if you will...

Lord, You alone are worthy to be served, and we rely on You, and You alone. We confess that the government is not our deliverer, and never rightly will be. We read in the eighth chapter of 1 Samuel, when Samuel warned the people of what a ruler would do, where it says "And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day..."

And Lord, we acknowledge that day has come. We cry out to you because of the ruler that we have chosen for ourselves as a nation. Lord, we pray for this nation. We pray for revival, and we pray for deliverance from those who would be our masters. Give us hearts to seek You and hands to serve You, and protect Your people from the atrocities of Pharaoh's government. In God We Trust… ❖

CHARLOTTE , North Carolina (9/11/12)

When the DNC came to Charlotte, area churches, 100 of them, offered hospitality, not knowing how much the Dems hate God and would actually boo God at the convention. They had no idea how that hatred would be directed at them and their churches.

The Sunday before the DNC, over 9000 people had come together to pray for the convention. Then, wanting to extend hospitality to the visitors to their city, 56 of the churches set out to
"Adopt-a-Delegation."

They put together gift baskets featuring Carolina Pralines and a letter welcoming them to the city and offering assistance in transportation, childcare or spiritual matters. According to writer, Todd Starnes, The DNC banned the churches from distributing the gift baskets to delegates because, DNC said, the congregations hold values that are contrary to the party platform.

Read that carefully.

David Benham, one of the organizers of the outreach said, "We were just trying to display Southern hospitality." DNC officials, however, conveyed to city leaders that the Christians would not be allowed to present their gift baskets.

Even the Charlotte Mayor's office jumped in to tell the churches not to participate, saying that their views on women's rights are contrary to the platform. That's right….the same platform that booed God later. Benham then asked if they could send welcome letters to the delegates.
Again, the DNC refused, because, they said, "The churches hold pro-life values."

The baskets did not contain a single political or pro-life message. They just wanted to give them regional candles and a welcome letter. The DNC refused to return numerous phone calls seeking comment.

But it gets worse. When a gathering of 200 Muslims showed up to pray for the convention, the Dems welcomed them with open arms and the liberal media gave extensive national coverage.

It is ironic that this day, in the shadow of that Islamic prayer event, we commemorate the greatest tragedy in American History, when Muslims attacked America on September 11, 2001, brutally killing thousands of innocent people. Muslims who publicly state their hatred of our country with fierce determination to kill us all and put America under Sharia Law, are welcomed by the Democratic Party while Christians are pushed out of sight like criminals because they respect life and hold family values.

These are the same democrats who want you to vote them into office to direct the United States of America and every life from beginning to end. It is obvious that we must not let this happen.
Our thanks to Rev. Ed Berkey (retired) who alerted us to this story.

Austin Miles ❖

Obama's America*

When my family and I started our company [Hobby Lobby] 40 years ago, we were working out of a garage on a $600 bank loan, assembling miniature picture frames. Our first retail store wasn't much bigger than most people's living rooms, but we had faith that we would succeed if we lived and worked according to God's Word.

From there, Hobby Lobby has become one of the nation's largest arts and crafts retailers, with more than 500 locations in 41 states. Our children grew up into fine business leaders, and today we run Hobby Lobby together, as a family.

We're Christians, and we run our business on Christian principles.

I've always said that the first two goals of our business are 1) to run our business in harmony with God's laws, and 2) to focus on people more than money. And that's what we've tried to do.

We close early so our employees can see their families at night. We keep our stores closed on Sundays, one of the week's biggest shopping days, so that our workers and their families can enjoy a day of rest.

We believe that it is by God's grace that Hobby Lobby has endured, and he has blessed us and our employees. We've not only added jobs in a weak economy, we've also raised wages for the past four years in a row. Our full-time employees start at 80% above minimum wage.

But now, our government [Obama and his administration] threatens to change all of that.

A new government health care mandate says that our family business must provide what I believe are abortion-causing drugs as part of our health insurance.

Being Christians, we don't pay for drugs that might cause abortions. Thich means that we don't cover emergency contraception, the morning-after pill or the week-after pill. We believe doing so might end a life after the moment of conception, something that is contrary to our most important beliefs. It goes against the biblical principles on which we have run this company since day one.

If we refuse to comply, we could face $1.3 million *per day* in government fines.

Our government [Obama and his administration] threatens to fine job creators in a bad economy.

Our government [Obama and his administration] threatens to fine a company that's raised wages four years running.

Our government [Obama and his administration] threatens to fine a family for running its business according to its beliefs. It's not right.

I know people will say we ought to follow the rules, that it's the same for everybody. But that's not true. The government [Obama and his administration] has exempted thousands of companies from this mandate, for reasons of convenience or cost. But it won't exempt them for reasons of religious belief.

So, Hobby Lobby — and my family — are forced to make a choice.

With great reluctance, we filed a lawsuit today, represented by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, asking a federal court to stop this mandate before it hurts our business.

We don't like to go running into court, but we no longer have a choice. We believe people are more important than the bottom line and that honoring God is more important than turning a profit.

My family has lived the American dream. We want to continue growing our company and providing great jobs for thousands of employees, but the government [Obama and his administration] is going to make that much more difficult.

The government [Obama and his administration] is forcing us to choose between following our faith and following the law. I say that's a choice no American — and no American business — should have to make.

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http://www.christianpost.com/news/hobby-lobby-stands-ground-against-group-asking-to-drop-hhs-lawsuit-82347/ ❖

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Hugh Hewitt is a conservative talk-show host and author. His most recent book is The Brief Against Obama. My personal favorite is his book on stealing elections If Its Not Close They Can't Cheat, " Crushing the Democrats in Every Election and Why Your Life Depends on it." Follow high on twitter.

Explaining Romney's Surge

"Tonight the part of Wile E. Coyote will be played by Vice President Joe Biden."

Thursday night's debate between Biden and Congressman Paul Ryan went according to the super-secret plan of Karl Rove to not only defeat but deeply embarrass the Democratic Party.

Rove had previously arranged for President Obama to take two Ambien before the first debate.

Not even a maniacal, all-powerful Rove could be blamed for the Democrats decision to attempt to cover-up the details of the terrible tragedy in Benghazi or the serial malfeasances before or after the attack of 9/11 that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans --Glen Doherty, Sean Smith and Tyrone Woods. The collapse of the president in the first debate and the implosion of the vice president in the second were mere political misfortunes, but the murders in Benghazi were horrible personal tragedies and a national nightmare.

That Obama spokesperson Stephanie Cutter then politicized the deaths by blaming the attention paid to them on politics rather than on the trauma of a shocked nation left her radioactive and forever branded as the operative willing to say anything.

These are the events that changed a nation's mood and the election that is to be held after the shift.

Many will always argue that Mitt Romney would have surged into the lead in any event given the underlying economic havoc the president has wrecked upon the country, and indeed that is the fundamental premise of the University of Colorado model that has correctly predicted the result in presidential elections back to 1980.

It is the state of the state-by-state economies that drive their votes according to this model, and this model, updated and released this week, shows Mitt Romney accumulating 330 electoral college votes and romping to a victory.

Whatever the reason --terrible debate performances, a searing national tragedy brought about by terrorists and its cover-up, or economic misery on a state-by-state basis, Mitt Romney is winning, and the country will be ready to celebrate when he does. A fresh start is needed.

Most economists still don't see another recession looming, but the number who do is rising rapidly and Europe is sinking deeper into a recession that could pull us along with it.

The price of gas has topped $5 a gallon in many places in California, and the consequences of the president's feckless energy policy are everywhere coming into clear view and brining with them agony for the middle class.

Devastating cuts to the military's personnel and equipment are poised to occur under the "sequestration" and the president is cheering them on. ▷

And of course the fiscal cliff looms and we are headed towards it in Thelma and Louise style, with the president hitting the gas and demanding the "Bush era tax cuts" fade and the country fly off the side of the canyon into who knows what.

Did I mention Obamacare unfolds in all of its maniacal bureaucratic density in the next year?

All of these factors have driven the surge towards Romney, and poll after poll shows that the country is shaking off the torpor induced by the endlessly talking, talking, talking president and the endlessly gesturing, gesturing, gesturing vice president.

Democrats are hoping that the president can work some of his old magic on Tuesday night, in effect requesting an entire nation to step up on to the stage and be hypnotized --again.

Who is going to volunteer to sleep walk through another four years?

There is a fine new satire out by Jamie Weinstein and Will Rahn of the Daily Caller. It is The **Lizard King: The Shocking Inside Account of Obama's True Intergalactic Ambitions by an Anonymous White House Staffer**, and it is wildly funny as only good and timely satire can be.

What it mocks are (1) conspiracy theorists who spin bizarre tales about the president, and (2) most especially the president and his inner circle, the Chicago Gang.

Knocking the nutters about is pretty easy stuff though funny, but the art is in laying open the many, many conceits of Team Obama, especially those of its world-weary senior advisors and their deep seated belief that they know what they are doing at all times.

In fact they are and have been from day one a group of bumbling, stumbling amateurs, bereft of real experience in anything outside of the ward politics of Chicago, and propped up as best as was possible by a permanent governing class and especially by an incredibly effective military, and covered for by a Manhattan-Beltway media elite that fell in love with the president's story (especially those parts that closely resemble their own.)

Having blown through all the intelligence and all the world position willed them by President Bush --Mark Steyn is especially good at recognizing how this cupboard has been stripped bare-- Team Obama is now witnessing the rolling collapse of the president's ego-driven plans that is materializing at breakneck speed, and the consequences are terrible for the country and the West it leads (or used to lead.)

"But wait," they cry, "unemployment is down to 7.8%!"

Put aside your suspicion and believe the number.

That's it? That's the re-election campaign? Unemployment down to 7.8%?

Yes, it is. That and the promise of four more years of Joe Biden's unintentional comic relief.

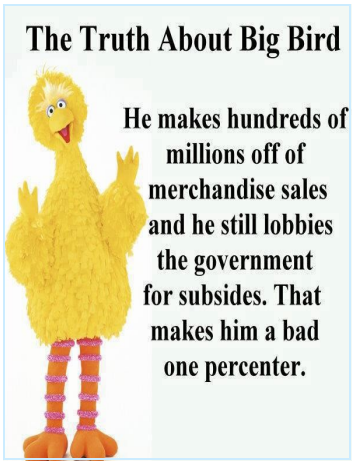
There are many reason behind the rise of Mitt Romney to the top of the polls, and for his continuing momentum. Chief among them is the country's desperate hunger for competence and for integrity, for candor as to the problems and transparency in the explanation of the choices ahead.

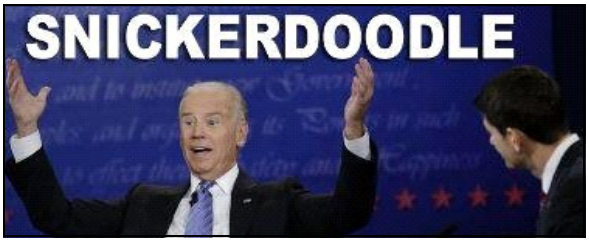
A turnaround is possible and we are lucky to have a turnaround specialist at hand.

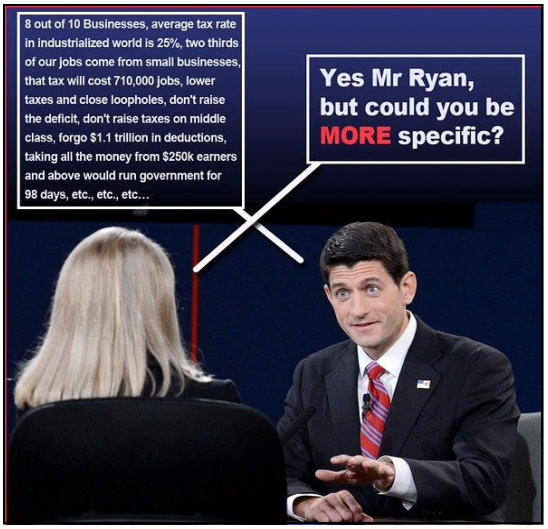
Whatever the next two debates bring us, whatever Rove has cooked up, the essential dynamic of Election 2012 was, is and will remain the need to make a U-Turn.

We went down a wrong road in 2008, for a lot of very good and understandable reasons. But it was a huge mistake, a mistake we can begin to correct in four weeks. ❖

From Smoking Joe to "What ya smoking Joe?







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It's Not Just the Economy, Stupid!

Given the awful state of the American economy, featuring a four-year high unemployment rate and an increasingly crushing national debt ...

Given that America is at least as hated in the Muslim world as it was when George W. Bush was president -- despite the Obama policy of obsequious rhetoric directed toward that world ...

Given the virtually unprecedented tension between the United States and Israel, its closest ally in the Middle East ...

Given the complete failure of sanctions to stop Iran from its pursuit of an atom bomb ...

Given the spectacle of European financial collapse -- and very possibly the end of the Euro -- owing to the inevitable failure of the very type of welfare state that the president and the Democratic Party advocate ...

Given the lack of any of the promised progress in unifying America politically and racially (if anything, the country is more divided than ever) ...

Given the huge growth in the number of Americans receiving payments from the government, and the growth in the amount of those payments ...

a Republican candidate should not merely win in the November elections, he should win in a landslide.

Yet, polls show the candidates more or less tied nationally and President Obama winning in most "battleground" states.

Assuming the polls are valid, how is one to explain this?

There are two interrelated explanations.

1. The campaign has focused almost exclusively on the unemployment rate, on "jobs" and "job creation."

2. Many Republicans and many conservatives -- including, too often, Mitt Romney -- do not know how to make the case for conservative values.

Yes, Americans want a president who can fix the economy. But even more so they want a president who has a vision for the country.

Unfortunately, with the exception of Ronald Reagan, no Republican presidential candidate in our lifetime has articulated the distinctive American values system, or what we call conservatism.

Indeed, the senior George Bush actually disparaged such talk as "the vision thing." He consequently became one of only two presidents since Herbert Hoover to be denied a second term. Along with raising taxes after promising not to, his lack of a vision for the country was a major reason.

If the 2012 election is truly the most important in our lifetime, if not in modern American history, isn't running for president on the issue of job creation alone insufficient?

If most Americans believe that the country is headed in the wrong direction, doesn't it behoove the Republican challenger for the presidency to explain why that is so in as broad and compelling a way as possible?

That Mitt Romney doesn't offer precise plans as to how he will fix the economy and create millions of jobs is understandable. When George W. Bush explained how he would fix social security, the Democrats demagogued his plans and handed him -- and the country -- a defeat. ▷

But precisely because he doesn't offer details about his plans, Mitt Romney must run on the big issue of the direction of the country.

And the number one issue must be the size of the state. America was founded on the belief that the citizen must be free as possible and that such freedom is possible only if the government is as small as possible.

The bigger the state, the smaller the citizen.

Every Republican candidate should be repeating that truth in every speech.

Why? Because the American experiment is on trial this November:

--Are we to remain the heirs of the American Revolution or become heirs to the French Revolution?

Do we want to take care of ourselves, our families, and our communities -- or do we want, as in Europe, the government to do so?

--Is it moral or compassionate to saddle our children and grandchildren with a crippling national debt?

--Is it moral or compassionate to keep printing dollars, which both devalues the savings of all Americans and imposes a tax on all Americans, especially on the poorest?

These are the questions Romney must pose every day and in many of his ads. Only when Americans have to answer these questions will a sufficient number of them vote Republican this November. ❖

The Washington Post :

The Arctic ocean is warming up, icebergs are growing scarcer and in some places the seals are finding the water too hot, according to a report to the Commerce Department yesterday from Consulafft, at Bergen, Norway. Reports from fishermen, seal hunters, and explorers all point to a radical change in climate conditions and hitherto unheard-of temperatures in the Arctic zone. Exploration expeditions report that scarcely any ice has been met as far north as 81 degrees 29 minutes. Soundings to a depth of 3,100 meters showed the gulf stream still very warm. Great masses of ice have been replaced by moraines of earth and stones, the report continued, while at many points well known glaciers have entirely disappeared.

Very few seals and no white fish are found in the eastern Arctic, while vast shoals of herring and smelts which have never before ventured so far north, are being encountered in the old seal fishing grounds. Within a few years it is predicted that due to the ice melt the sea will rise and make most coastal cities uninhabitable.

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I apologize, I neglected to mention that this report was from November 2, **1922, as reported by the AP and published in** *The Washington Post* **- 88 years ago!** ❖

BOOK REVIEW:

by: *Jane Byrd*

Who's Counting?

by John Fund & Hans von Spakovsky

John Fund wrote **Stealing Elections** in 2004, with an updated version for 2008. Now, for 2012, his book about stealing election is **Who's Counting?,** with now an able co-author, Hans von Spakovsky.

Right up front, they say we have "a haphazard, fraud-prone election system more befitting an emerging Third World country than the world's leading democracy."

And, as if we need reminding, they say, "Every close race now carries with it the prospect of demands for recounts, lawsuits, and seating challenges in Congress."

(NOTE: Mike Lee, RWWC's speaker in October, once lost a close race *in a re-count*, after initially winning it by 26 votes. Maybe he'll tell us the story.)

Who's Counting? warns that "Democrats plan to have more than ten thousand lawyers on the ground in every state in November 2012, ready for action if the election is close and they see a way to contest it."

Remember those early Electoral College maps on TV that showed Texas only "leaning" Republican? While the Texas Legislature has tried to do the right thing – credit where it's due – the feds blocked our Voter ID, and the law attempting to purge deadwood from voter lists has run into a lawsuit. (Hearing on that scheduled Oct. 4.) So could Nov. 6 see a close election here in Texas?

Speaking of the Electoral College, **Who's Counting?** deals with the many "ill-informed" calls for abolishing it. See p. 167 ff. And beware the NPV, the National Popular Vote plan.

Hans von Spakovsky has worked in the US Justice Department, so the chapter on Eric Holder's DOJ is lengthy, detailed and appalling. Make your blood boil. But in the end, **Who's Counting?** offers no fewer than ten suggestions for how to ensure the integrity of elections. The final chapter begins with the story of Catherine Englebrecht and the King Street Patriots in Houston, Texas. Find them online. Just Google "True the Vote," and if you can't volunteer, you can donate.

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