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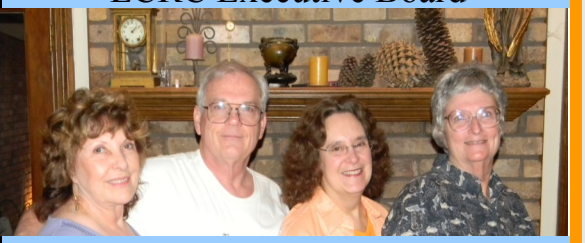

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SENTINEL Editors ~ Lynn and Terrell AronSpeer

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President's Message:

"Courage Is Contagious" Pass it on.

The Fuehrer Lies!

I stopped screaming at the TV long enough to sit down and try to put these thoughts together. I am so tired of listening to Obama and the Democrats putting all the blame for the "shutdown" on the Republicans that I feel rather nauseated. I never in my wildest dreams thought we would have a President of the United States who lies every time he opens his mouth. He claims that the Republicans wanted a government shutdown and that is why they did not pass a "workable budget". Huh.

I distinctly remember that the House of Representatives has not only offered a budget proposal every year, but they worked all weekend trying to find something the Senate would vote on to avoid a government shutdown. The Democrat-controlled Senate will not even talk to the House! That's right – Harry Reid has said he WILL NOT TALK to the House leaders to settle this mess. This would not even be necessary if the Senate would do their job and PASS A BUDGET!!!! The Budget Act describes a process by which the president proposes a budget in February; the Congress then adopts an annual budget resolution, and through their procedural processes, finally passes a budget that the president then either passes or vetoes. This works only if everyone, including the President and the Democrat-controlled Senate, does his job. In this case, it is the Senate that has fallen down on the job and has not passed a budget since Obama took office.

The very core of this entire fiasco is that there are elements in our government that do not honor the Constitution. The progressives seem to be missing the point, or possibly conservatives are doing a poor job of making the point clear! True Constitutional conservatives and the "Tea Party Republicans" are not advocating **anarchy**, but want a **limited** federal government as was intended by our founders. You see, Constitutional conservatives KNOW that the Constitution and the freedom and liberty the Constitution supports is the engine that drives this capitalist economy and has brought us the highest standard of living the world has ever seen. This includes the separation of powers outlined in our founding document. Why Obama and his lift-wing friends and Progressives cannot see this is beyond me. Our President has over-reached his authority so often that I cannot keep up. He seems to get away with making edicts that are treated as laws, and it scares the living daylights out of me, and it should you, too! For it is Obama's type of mindset that led Germany down the trail of destruction in the 1930's. The only solution that I can see is to pray for true conservative leaders such as Ted Cruz, Louie Gohmert, Mike Lee, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio and a host of others. Hopefully, we can get more conservatives to run and get them elected before we end up with a fuehrer instead of a president!

God Bless America!

Joanna Bowen

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
General Meeting Minutes
September 24th, 2013

The LCRC met at the Quitman Library, Goode Street, Quitman, TX. At 6:05 PM our president, Joanna Bowen, called the meeting to order.

Joyce Spencer led the prayer and Terrell AronSpeer led the pledges.

Joanna welcomed guests and thanked the following elected officials for attending: Constables Ed Shadbolt and Steve Bowser, and Precinct Chair for 4-4, Terrell AronSpeer.

Joanna announced the next meeting will be 10/22/13.

Minutes of the prior meeting were accepted as written in the ***Sentinel.***

Treasurer, Becky Vann, gave the balance.

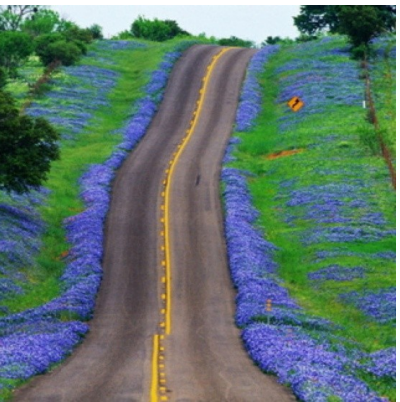
Janice Logan announced Jayne Byrd has broken her hip.

Joanna made the following announcements:
- An Emergency Preparedness event on 9/28/13 at the Mormon Church from 9:30-11:30;
-The club plans to announce 2014 club officers on 10/22 meeting and install on 11/26th meeting;
-She will be able to pick up all Constitutional essay entries this month.

A nominating committee to line up new LCRC officers for 2014 was formed consisting of Becky Vann, Chairman, Jim Doonan, Greg Bowen, Walter Barnes and Lynn AronSpeer.

Terrell AronSpeer reported on the Hospital Board meeting attended by many members; taxes are to remain the same as last year for 2014 and it was revealed that the meeting to attend would be the Budget Meeting to be held in August, 2014; the date will be posted in the hospital lobby.

Terrell introduced a film of Kris Anne Hall discussing The Bill of Rights. Only a portion could be shown due to time constraints.



The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Submitted by
Lynn AronSpeer
Secretary

Membership:

Lake Country Republicans,

No news this issue.

Norma Shoemaker
Membership chair

LCRC October 22nd Meeting

Program Notes: Kathy Adams, with the Texas Eagle Forum, on Islam

What else happened on this date in American History?

In 1835, Sam Houston was sworn in as the president of Texas after gaining Texas Independence (Coincidentally TNM, Texas Nationalist Movement, meets at 6PM the first Monday of each month at Ranchero Restaurant.

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

Hospitality:

I sent sympathy cards to Danny and Barbara Dorsey in the loss of his mother. I also sent one to Karla Wheeler in the death of her dad.

Thank you.
Janice Logan, Hospitality Chair

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Contact Janice Logan at 223 County Road 1961, Yantis, 75497, ~OR~
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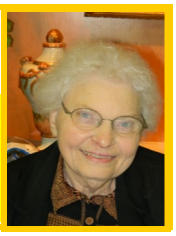

Treasurers Report:

Bank balance $2486.16

Submitted by: Becky Vann, Treasurer

What's Up:

Lake Country Republican Club (LCRC):

Club Meetings: **October 22, 6PM - Quitman Library**
Program: **Cathie Adams, Texas Eagle Forum, on Islam**

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

Republican Women of Wood County (RWWC):

Club Meetings: **October 21, 11:30 AM - Texas Tea Room**
Program: Delegates to TFRW convention report.

Holly Lake Ranch Hawkins Republican Club (HLRHRC):

Club Meeting: **November 11, 6:30 PM - Holly Hall**
Program: **TBD**

Texas Nationalist Movement (TNM)

Club Meeting: **November 4, 6 PM Ranchero Restaurant**

Wood County Republican Website www.republicanpartywoodcounty.com

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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

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13	*14* **HLHRC** Meeting 6:30 PM Holly Hall **Program: Bryan Hughes -** Amendments on Ballot	*15*	*16*	*17*	*18*	*19*
20 **Final** SENTINEL **Publication Date**	*21* **RWWC Club Meeting** 11:30 AM Texas Tea Room **Program:** TFRW Delegates Report.	*22* **LCRC Club Meeting** **Program: Cathie Adams "Islam"**	*23*	*24*	*25*	*26*
27	*28*	*29*	*30*	*31*		

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17	*18 11* **RWWC** ***Club Meeting*** *11:30 AM* Texas Tea Room **Program: TBD**	*19* **LCRC Club Meeting** Quitman Library 6 PM **Program**: Constitution Essay Winners	*20*	*21*	*22*	*23*
24	*25*	26	*27*	*28*	*29*	*30*
January 28, 2014 LCRC will have a program on the Fair Tax presented by Bob Voyt						

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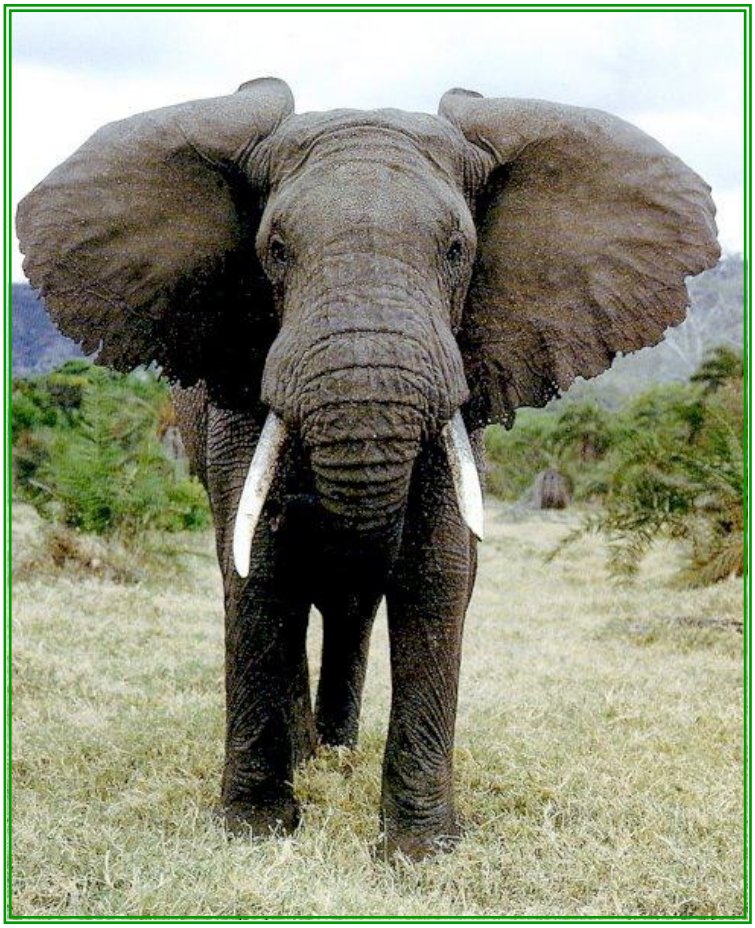

We *Are* the Elephant in the Room

Editorial Page:

Truth or Consequences

I know – most likely you are too young to know that the above title refers to an ancient television show where contestants would be put in embarrassing and impossible situations. One episode had contestants fill a bucket of water from a large pool and run with the water to an empty container which they were to fill by repeating the process. What the contestants did not know was that the buckets leaked like crazy making the task impossible. The tool was insufficient to the completion of the task. Basically, the show made fools of innocent and unsuspecting people.

Does this not sound like the perfect metaphor for the Obama Care sign-up. Some will be surprised to learn that Obama was told well in advance, that after several years of preparation, the system was nowhere near ready to accept applicants. SNL (the TV show, *Saturday Night Live*) equated it to 1-800-FLOWERS being caught off guard by Valentine's Day. Why then, after giving a delay to businesses, would the President insist on going forward with the individual sign-up requirement knowing it was sure to fail?

As the SENTINEL has been warning from the inception of Obama Care, the program was designed to fail – one giant governmental kabuki theater – a waste of all of our time and energy. The more colossal the failure, the better it will be for the President. How does any of this make sense? Pointing to the failure and how long and hard the effort has been, the case will be made that there is nothing left but a 'single payer' system. You will have been had. Your doctor will now be an employee of the government and health care nationwide will descend to a level below that of the current VA system. Remember, all this was to provide *health care insurance* for the roughly 12% of residents (many illegally here) who did not currently have insurance; they did, however, receive health care from our overly generous hospital emergency rooms.

This blatant manipulation, this waste of Americans' time, energy and financial resources has been a running theme in this administration. The latest example is the abuse we have suffered during this otherwise uneventful government shutdown. Unmanned sidewalks, forest paths and scenic lookouts have been closed at additional expense during the shutdown. Veterans have been denied access to monuments and surviving spouses have been denied death benefits for soldiers who will not return from battle. To put his thumb in the eye of the American public, Obama has allowed the National Mall to be open during this shutdown so that thousands of 'illegals' could protest. Dennis Michael Lynch, director and star of the documentary "*They Come to America*," recently featured at an LCRC club meeting, appeared on FNC to point out this affront to America.

Cattle going to slaughter go willingly if the entrance is curved so that the animal does not see what is around the corner. They are walked into a shallow pool; then they are gently lifted by a sling and taken quietly to slaughter. Even those Americans who are incapable of seeing around the curve must realize there is no ASPCA for people. Do not expect the same kindnesses extended to cattle. Danger! Curve ahead! ❖ **Reprinted courtesy of Tea Party 911**

Editorial Page:

Young Man

"*Young man, there's no need to feel down . . .*" So start the lyrics of the Village People's one hit wonder, "*YMCA*." Apparently, the Village People thought all young men should feel *fabulous*. But today it is difficult to not be depressed about America's young men, fabulous or not.

The assault on the American male has been relentless. No man in American advertising is portrayed as having the intellectual acumen of a shelled pea. Expression of men's affection for sport is no longer *allowed* to exceed that of the ladies (see Title IX and the law of unintended consequences.) The men's fashion industry is run by friends of Richard Simmons. Muscle cars are out; green and girly cars are in. Fictionalized heroes are 'humanized' by imbuing them with disgusting and undesirable flaws; heroes are no longer allowed to be heroic. There is little tolerance in the left's new America for men to be manly.

The new American male wears an ear ring and uses more hair care products than women did ten years ago. He occasionally carries a "man purse." It would be easy to dismiss this as a screed from an old man railing against change. But change can be adding a wing, or burning down the building. If *change* were always good, we would have no need for words like *improvement*, *upgrade* or *progress*. This assault on the American male is just one front of the war on the family - so it should concern us all.

The assault has been all out. Women were told that they "need a man like a fish needs a bicycle." Then men were told that women resented having a door opened for them as if the man were implying that the woman was not competent to open her own door. Many impressionable young men quit opening doors for women. They did not want to be *offensive*. Women noticed that men were becoming less attentive. A subtle, but effective wedge was driven between the sexes and the *gender war* was on. Men were told that women did not want to be complimented in the work place, and sued a select few who did not get the message. Men stopped complimenting women; women felt less appreciated. Some men feared being sued for what had at one time been considered acceptable social interaction. As more women felt neglected they sought comfort from women friends. The American male was becoming less attractive *and* less relevant. Wisdom gained from ages of experience was just abandoned. Some basic understanding of history is required here.

The Enlightenment, which ran from the Reformation, Francis Bacon and Thomas Hobbes to Adam Smith, Thomas Paine and the Industrial Revolution, asserted that there were certain immutable laws of nature, from nature's God, which were observable and that man could learn from these observations. Furthermore, when these natural laws were applied to man's daily life, life got better. It is hard to discount the progress made in the arts, politics and law, science, and the standard of living during this period. I bring this up to illustrate a point in nature which is observable and from which we can learn.

Kruger National Park in South Africa was being overrun with elephants. It was decided to thin the herd by relocating some of the elephants to Pilanesburg National Park. Elephants are large, heavy and difficult to move. The larger and heavier the elephant, the more difficult they become to move. So the decision to not move the larger bull elephants was logical. The females and adolescent male elephant would eventually provide Pilanesburg with its own elephant herd. However, the law of unintended consequences was about to make itself felt.

Shortly after the relocation, dead rhinos started showing up in Pilanesburg. Elephants, the world's largest land dwelling *herbivore*, are not known to kill other animals, so poachers were considered the most likely suspects. However the coveted horns were left on the carcass which was not the common practice of poachers either, so "critter cams" were set up around the park. Not only were the adolescent male elephants proven to be the killers of the rhinos, they were harassing all sorts of other animals as well. All of this behavior was new to those who study elephants. ▷

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The decision was made to go to the extra expense and trouble to bring some bull elephants from Kruger to see if they might "model" or enforce acceptable elephant behavior in Pilanesburg. The results were rapid and spectacular. Order was quickly restored to the elephant population and the other animals of Pilanesburg were once again as safe from elephant attack as they had been when there were no elephants in the park.

I know - elephants are not humans, but let's not be arrogant here. Elephants are known for their well developed memories and their ability to communicate over long distances with their low rumbles. They are highly social animals with a stable, maternal family structure. They practice common defense when threatened and are able to recognize the remains of long dead relatives and always stop to pay homage to them. They nurture and train their young. But apparently, young male elephants have a penchant for misbehavior. At some point, elephants developed wisdom in their relationship with other animals and passed that wisdom on to youthful and inexperienced members of their species. As men are ripped from the fabric of family, are we not experiencing a similarly tragic situation regarding our young males? They are either being incarcerated or feminized.

There are fewer and fewer American males who can fill the role of the bull elephant. Many of today's grandfathers come from what has come to be known as a 'dysfunctional family.' Therefore restoring the father to the family will not bring the instant results experienced in Pilanesburg where the dysfunction was a new phenomenon. Young men used to go into military service to become more masculine. However today's military is insisting that same sex marriages must be allowed on military facilities even in locations where it is still against the state law in which the military facility is found. Guns are no longer allowed on military bases; local police have to be brought in when there is a shooting as in the Ft. Hood case and the more recent Navy Yard incident. The military used to be capable of policing itself, but now hands the job over to 'experts.' Decisive, manly men are unlikely to come from such an environment.

For centuries man, like the elephant, has extrapolated life's lessons from observation of God's natural plan and gained wisdom from the experience of generations. However, in the modern age, the post enlightened age I would suggest, we are told to believe this can all be successfully ignored in pursuit of whatever loony idea pops up in some left leaning professor's head. Fortunately, for those who still possess the power of observation, there is ample recent history to contradict all of this foolishness.

To begin with, note that the more involved the government becomes in education, the less educated our population becomes. As evidence, consider how astounded Europeans were, when visiting America shortly after we gained our independence, at the level of education enjoyed by even the poorest of our citizens. We have all seen copies of high school entrance exams given at the turn of the twentieth century (1900). Honestly, I doubt I could pass such an exam and although I know some highly educated rocket scientists and doctors, I doubt anyone I know could pass such an exam.

The common view of the "modern" statist is to replace decisions made by concerned (interested) individuals, what to feed our families, how to light our homes, what employment to pursue, etc., with the decisions of disinterested "experts." Yet in places where these policies are put into practice, health care becomes less competent and less accessible, production and employment decline and entrepreneurship all but disappears. The "single payer" systems they advocate always result in poorer products, poorer services and, although seldom pointed out, a life which is trivial and unfulfilling. How is it possible for anyone to expect allowing these same people to completely restructure the family unit, the fundamental building block of civilization, to turn out well for us?

This restructure has been no better for women. Told they could "have it all," many women tried and failed. It sounds grand, but goes against all we have learned and observed. The Creator's universe is grand and varied. One of our first maturing insights is that we will have to choose what to pursue and what to let go. The universe is too big for one person to master in one lifetime. Life consists of living within our aspirational limits. Most women realize this at some point. The choice with the greatest risk is to take on the difficult task of bringing forth and raising the next generation. The *tangible* rewards of this activity are usually few. Most, therefore have chosen to follow a career path. ▷

Editorial Page continued:

The masculinization of the modern American female has come with increased substance abuse among women and increased criminality leading to increased incarceration rates for women. Some women have experienced success in corporate America, but as a society we are experiencing a declining population and a declining society. Many women have found themselves in the unfortunate position of both raising the family and providing for its material requirements – alone. The new feminized American male proved to be an unsuitable mate in the long run. The children came early in the marriage before the failure was apparent. Now, these children will be raised by disinterested strangers, many of whom will work for minimum wage and spend not one moment thinking about these children in their off duty hours. The young males will not have the benefit of the experienced bulls. They will be raised in a culture which no longer appreciates the talents they are ill equipped develop.

My advice to young men – stop being such a wuss. Women want to be appreciated, but not by someone they find to be unattractive. Clean yourself up; get and stay in shape. Develop and master useful talents which allow you to handle problems which occur in daily life. Can you change a tire and otherwise fix or credibly diagnose what is wrong with *her* car? Can you free-up a stuck drawer or stop a faucet from leaking. Develop a skill which allows you to provide an income which can support your family. Learn to recognize and be able to create a safe environment in which to raise a family. Develop a reputation for making and keeping well considered commitments. Stop looking for a soul-mate and concentrate on being one. Learn to be both strong and considerate. Learn what is truly important to you. There are many hills, very few are worth dying on. Notice how seldom getting everything your way actually produces a result with which you are happy. Take responsibility for your own happiness. Be both humble and competent. You alone are responsible for your success. Be unstoppable, but not ruthless. Be generous with your talents and show good judgment in their application. Do not be arrogant, but become a person you can admire while allowing that each of us is on our own path and arrive in our own time.

At the risk of upsetting the young men, women should learn to say "no." Shakira, (surely every young man knows who she is,) has a line in one of her songs, "*I'm starting to believe it should be illegal to deceive a woman's heart.*" Doesn't that describe perfectly the covenant of marriage, especially before the age of easy divorce? Women used to hold themselves in higher esteem, even though they held no corporate title or advanced degree. It worked better then and I think on balance both men and women were more satisfied with their life and their marriage in times past.

We cannot rebuild our nation until we rebuild its fundamental building block - the family. Work to strengthen your own family today. Repair what relationships you can. Engage in family activities. Interact with each of your children individually; each parent could plan a mini-vacation with each child several times during their childhood. We must realize that our government schools do not educate us. Until this can be fixed it will be up to us to educate ourselves. Home school if you can; if you cannot, be sure, before your child enters a public school, he or she can read anything put before them and apply basic mathematical principals to any set of whole numbers put before them. Have your child pay at the cashier's stand and count the change. Have your child read the menu and calculate the tip. It is likely they will not get this foundation in school. Help your child with their homework so that *you* know what is being taught to them. Instill in them an appreciation of our Founders and an understanding of the Enlightenment from which most of our founding principles come. Understand that these principles are found in the family Bible and that the Enlightenment was the product of the Reformation which was made possible by the introduction of the Gutenberg Bible to the common man. Find a spiritual foundation which will inform your family without seeking to own it. This task belongs to each of us individually – pray for guidance. ❖

Who Said This:

"No legacy is so rich as honesty."

Answer below the star on page 25

Quick Comments:

Democrat committee members, all but two, did not stay to hear the testimony of the family members of the victims of the Benghazi attack. This after making them wait for seven hours before giving their testimony.

The government shut-down is now several days old and the sun continues to rise in the east and set in the west. Who could have predicted that.

Dennis Prager described the President as "petulant and immature" because of his closing of the White House to tourists after the sequester. The White House has remained closed to tourists ever since even though private organizations have offered to fund the required security. Dennis is spot on.

Unmanned pathways through National Forests, have been blocked off with police tape to keep hikers from enjoying a stroll through the forest. The smart ones just limbo under; good for them!

"Don't look at that!" Orders federal park authorities to citizens wishing to get a look at Mt. Rushmore. Orange cones have been used to block off a highway turnout adjacent to the monument. "We'll poke your eyes out."

The President expresses his petty maliciousness by barricading the WWII memorial. Vets were turned away from the venue which is basically an open sidewalk. Sympathetic members of congress physically removed the barricades to allow access for the veterans, many of whom are wheel chair bound and understanding that this may be the last chance many will have to visit the memorial.

Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid both insist there is nothing more that can be cut from the federal budget; forget that over 90% of the federal employees furloughed in the current shutdown are considered "nonessential." The government should be doing nothing which is "nonessential." We should cut until the last shrimp on a federal treadmill has taken a cab home. They weren't going anywhere anyway.

Miriam Carey, the Connecticut woman who was killed by Capital Police as she rammed security barriers at the White House, we are told, was mentally ill, suffering from post-partum depression from the birth of her daughter over a year ago. She claimed President Obama had been talking to her through the radio. But it all makes sense; Obama talks to me through the TV and it is all I can do to not ram the White House barricades myself.

ACORN is back to work, signing up innocents. That's just nuts.

Anas al Libi, mastermind of the 1998 bombings of the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, has been arraigned in a NY federal court. All who think this is a good idea, raise your Bukhara.

Delta forces, with a 15 year old warrant, can snatch a wanted terrorist from the streets of Libya with no problems and no permission from Libyan officials. Why can we not snatch the terrorist from the Benghazi, Libya attack while he is giving an interview to CNN? Is not getting permission from CNN more difficult than not getting permission from Libya?

Jonah Goldberg, on FNC, insinuated that the Obama administration had farmed out the Obama Care web hosting to the Amish.

FNC's Brit Hume has been very critical of Ted Cruz and his efforts to drive a stake through the heart of ObamaCare. Yet few have stated the conservative position better than Hume in this clip. Given his level of understanding of this issue and of conservatives' position, it is hard to rationalize his opposition. Note the description from :40 sec. to 1:30, http://video.foxnews.com/v/2743912403001/what-is-the-tea-party-really-trying-to-get-out-of-slimdown/

Republican Cavemen decided rather than a shut-down they would just shut-up. Too early did they abandon the fight over Obama Care at a time when the rollout was an apparent and colossal failure. In the end, Republican leadership just caved as cave men always do, blaming Cruz for falling Republican poll numbers. Yet during this time, Cruz's poll numbers rose. How big a brain is required to figure this one out?

The Heritage Foundation, usually a reliable conservative bulkhead against the leftist tide, has come out against the repeal of the medical devices tax saying we must all suffer equally under Obama Care. I think Heritage is suffering a stroke.

Giddy Washington politicians should remember the "fix" is only temporary. We have only 100 days for Republican leadership to remove their heads from their posteriors and develop a united and winning strategy. Obama's leverage - immigration reform. Republican solution bottom - of page 14 of the August SENTINEL.

Letters to the Editor:

Regarding Truth or Consequences found on page 8 of this issue

From Karin:

Why is no one else talking about this issue?

Ann Writes:

Great article (as usual) , Terrell. Keep up the good work!

Also in the mail bag:

From Jeff & Ann

Just read your latest "Sentinel". Packed with punches and admonitions to ACT, not just talk about it. Thanks!

Betty comments:

Thanks for all both of you do with the Sentinel-----We are so fortunate to have you both and willing to share your expertise with us.

KK weighs in:

Terrell, Great Sentinel I love it when I get it read in the month that it is published.

Bill wrote twice:

Politicians should be required to wear suits like NASCAR drivers so that we can know who their corporate sponsors are.

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I'm OK with "under God" it's that "indivisible" part that I have a problem with.

Sheilah Pepper makes the following observation:

I've been reading on the internet that anyone who does manage to create an account on the Healthcare,gov website cannot delete the account once it is created - unlike, for example, a site such as Amazon.

I love an analogy currently up at the Power-line site. Remember the Eagles song Hotel California?

"You can check out any time you like, but you can never leave."

Some other lyrics in the song also apply: "We are all prisoners here of our own de-vice." and "They cannot kill the beast."

I've been listening to the song via You Tube. Such fun to return to a more carefree time ...

Letters to the Editor continued:

The following commentary was sent to me by Ruth, a reader who did not indicate if she had originated the content. The link which follows the article was sent in by Don, another reader. They fit together like puzzle pieces, but there is no puzzle here.

"Did anyone besides me wonder how they got all those signs printed and distributed far and wide, including to all the national parks and cemeteries overseas only eight to ten hours after the government shut down? Take a look at this from someone who wanted to remain anonymous.

I have worked in the government on and off for 40 years. During that time I became quite familiar with requisitions, bidding, awarding contracts etc. It is a time consuming process with bean-counters and pencil-necked bureaucrats every step of the way. The simplest request takes months not days or hours.

In less than 8 hours of the shutdown, miraculously, professionally printed 3X4 foot signs appeared all over the country in the tens of thousands saying-"this [park, facility, etc. with custom logos] closed due to government shutdown. There has not been a government shutdown in 17 years. These signs were designed, specifications were determined, signs were then requisitioned, bids were posted and vetted, government contracts were awarded. The materials were then ordered and the signs manufactured then distributed U.S. Mails or freight companies.

This shutdown was orchestrated and planned well in advance at least 6-8 months ago. Millions of tax dollars were appropriated and spent in this process. There is a paper trail a mile long leading directly to the White House.

http://www.teaparty.org/bombshell-white-house-planned-shutdown-29659/

CC makes the following observations:

We have been pretty diligent at watching the hearings on Obamacare....Today we have taken a break and worked outside all morning...Just came in and watched some more on the Senate. Senator Hatch was talking about the sign up process....have you all heard about it?
Why was I worried???? Any sane person will absolutely not sign up! Of course and thankfully Texas does not have any exchanges....but what Senator Hatch had to say was amazing!

You have to give ALL your personal data, fill out a long form, I have heard 16 pages, give them your tax returns and they have access to your bank account and your medical records. That is not all, they will be sharing this with multiple agencies! All with no oversight and with the huge bureaucracy built into the bill, there will be NO oversight.....

Just thought I would share that information with you all, maybe you all already knew those details, I did not.

Letters to the Editor continued:

In a clear case of the readership getting out in front of the editor, Kathleen writes us the following "Letter to the editor. I had included the quote she refers to in our last issue as a foreshadowing to the "*Book Review*" I was planning for this issue. It is difficult to keep up with readers of this caliber.

From your blog …
.. I return to quote Benjamin Franklin, " *We have been assured, sir, in the sacred writings, that 'except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel; we shall be divided by our little partial, local interests, our projects will be confounded and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a byword down to future ages. And, what is worse, mankind may hereafter, from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing government by human wisdom and leave it to chance, war, or conquest.*

I'm struck by Franklin's choice of Babel as a likeness of America without the Lord. John Price, lawyer and author whose books I discovered last month, believes America is the nation depicted in Biblical prophecy as Daughter of Babylon and Mystery Babylon. I'm not yet convinced but am considering it carefully; it's a possibility.

I've just finished reading the first 2 novels of Price's trilogy, *Second Term* and *Warning*. I've almost finished his nonfiction work, *End of America*, which he wrote prior to the trilogy. His fiction is like reading tomorrow's headlines, written mostly in random scenes with some recurring characters, using much dialogue, action, and in a couple of places a character's journal/blog and another's essay. It's easy to read, albeit disturbing. It gave me some much-needed insight into what this government is capable of doing and is quite willing to do. Both novels are thinly disguised depictions of you-know-who and what we may be in for if he continues in office. In his non-fiction work, he gives the details of a certain religion's (not mine) beliefs and intentions regarding end-times and world domination and probable nuclear capabilities and strategies, and he examines numerous prophetic Scriptures about a super city or nation to be destroyed dramatically in the near future with America in mind. Although not as concretely arresting as the *Harbinger*, Price's books have a message that seems to be worth considering. Price and Cahn come to the same conclusion that America is out of the picture by the time Messiah returns to destroy the nations' armies, having gathered on the plains of Meggido prior to marching on Jerusalem, where they are annihilated by Messiah in the Kidron Valley (the final war often falsely called Battle of Armageddon). Jonathan Cahn doesn't see America in prophecy and concludes it could be humbled and even severely crippled by then. Price sees its utter destruction foretold. Either way, not a positive outcome for an unrepentant nation. Cahn encourages readers to repent and be shining lights. Price encourages readers to flee the country because Scripture commands the inhabitants of Babylon to flee. But Scriptural use of a city metaphor means much more than a physical place; one first must escape the influences and evils of—and dependencies upon—a godless system, and then if Price is right (no pun intended), physical flight might be the answer if there are no other options remaining. It hasn't come to that. Cahn has the message for today. I'm not saying Price has the message for tomorrow, but I'm glad to have read his books and will keep his message in mind. I'll be on the lookout for the third book in his trilogy.

I'm burdened for the children … I don't want to sit on the bench and silently watch their minds being twisted and their hearts being corrupted. I want to hold a candle for them to see there is a way out of the darkness. I'm grateful that your talents and time are much used to point others in a direction that can lead to the way back from the brink.

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Letters to the Editor continued:

The following was forwarded with this introduction from Elaine, a frequent Sentinel contributor:

Unfortunately, we cannot clone Senators Lee or Cruz. But we can work with all of our hearts, to send them as many reinforcements as possible, in the upcoming mid-term elections.

America must have leaders who will stand on PRINCIPLE to survive. The go-along to get-along system has gotten us into the critical situation which we are today. Please share this encouraging letter with your contacts.

Dear Friends,
Here we are again.

Another unnecessary crisis. A proposal that maintains the status quo. Very little time to read and evaluate the bill. No time to explain it to our constituents.

This is Washington. It is exactly the kind of thing the American people are fed up with and exactly why several of my colleagues and I began the effort to defund and delay Obamacare back in July.

It appears that this particular fight will end much the same way Obamacare began: in a last-minute deal, negotiated in back rooms, then forced on Congress and the American people.

The Washington Establishment can't bring itself to believe that this is why Congress has a poor approval rating – because Washington doesn't listen to the American people. It ignores them. And when the American people can no longer be ignored, the administration shuts down national parks, blocks veterans from going to their own memorials, uses the IRS to target certain groups, and holds hostage critical funding for cancer research, low-income women and children, veterans' health benefits, border security, and our National Guard.

It is shameful how Washington treats the American people and the people are right to be upset about it.

The media keeps asking, was it worth it? My answer is that it is always worth it to do the right thing. Fighting against an abusive government in defense of protecting our individual rights and freedoms is always the right thing.

Some say we shouldn't have fought because we couldn't win. But this country wasn't built by fighting only when victory was certain. In fact, some of the most important victories in our history were the result of fighting battles against significant odds.

And even if victory seemed difficult or impossible, that wouldn't excuse me or anyone else from doing the right thing. Avoiding difficult battles is how we ended up in this mess – $17 trillion in debt, out-of-control spending, a broken entitlement system, a tax code no one understands – all because Washington is willing to act only when there is guaranteed political gain. ▷

Letters to the Editor continued:

When the avoidance of political risk becomes our dominant motivation, only the Washington establishment wins. And the American people lose.

Furthermore, in Washington, victories are rarely immediate and very few are permanent. Obamacare wasn't enacted overnight and it won't be repealed overnight. We must remind the American people of the harmful effects of this law at every opportunity if we are ever going to see it repealed.

The best case against Obamacare is proving to be Obamacare itself.

We have repeatedly warned that the American people will be shocked when they realize the way the president has misled them about Obamacare.

The embarrassing rollout of the exchanges doesn't even scratch the surface. Every day brings a new story of a family whose deductible has doubled, or a married couple that can't keep the plan they have, or a business that can no longer provide insurance, or workers who are seeing their hours cut or losing their jobs altogether.

The realization that the administration has either been dishonest or incompetent – or both – is just starting to dawn on the American people. Even the president's friends in the media are watching this slow rolling train wreck and are demanding the president do something to stop it.

The Chicago Tribune, the president's hometown newspaper, puts it this way:

"Last spring, President Barack Obama said 'there will still be, you know, glitches and bumps' in the rollout of the new system. But what we're seeing now is no glitch or bump. There is a growing mountain of evidence that Obamacare has fundamental problems in design and implementation."

The Tribune goes on to say: "We encouraged a one-year delay in the law. We recognize that's not going to happen. Obamacare is here. It's time, though, for the Obama administration to level with Americans about what's happening here. It's time to stop blaming Republicans and start talking about what needs to change."

Incidentally, a delay in the law for the duration of the CR is exactly what we called for back in July. And now it appears that the president's hometown newspaper agrees with us.

Almost everyone but the president seems to recognize that this law is going to be terrible for the American people. It's costing jobs. It's hurting families. It's making people's health care situation worse, and it won't solve the problems in our broken health care system.

And let me be clear: There will be very real consequences for people in both parties as a result of the implementation of this law.

Today, Washington has the upper hand, but the American people will always have the last word.

This is not over. We have an obligation to fight for the American people. And I do not intend to let the people down. ❖

SENTINEL Comment:

We love our Mike Lee's and Ted Cruz's, but we have sent good people to Washington before. After one term, bring them home. Elect them governor of your state, put them on the state supreme court. But get them out of Washington before they too are corrupted . The future of the republic depends on it.

Kevin Jackson (http://theblacksphere.net/) - Author of The **Big Black Lie** and producer of the **Black Sphere**, a blog site worth visiting. Mr. Jackson's mission statement is to "end identity politics." He says, "Our identity is American." Jackson intends to educate with satire and humor. Jackson is a radio host on Salem from Tampa and has appeared on Glen Beck and the Factor on FNC.

The New Era of Slavery in America

The Founding Fathers instituted checks and balances so the governed would never be slaves to the government. We must fight against all forms of slavery.

The Old Dead White Guys are making in comeback in a town near you!

No, it's not the name of a poorly-described boy-band. I'm talking about the Founding Fathers. And it looks like they may have known a thing or two about a thing or two after all.

Let's examine some headlines from (very) recent American History.

What do these headlines have in common?

1. Government Shutdown Closes Grand Canyon

2. WIC program to stop issuing benefits due to government shutdown

3. Schools Fear Shutdown's Threat to Lunch Programs

4. Food Stamps Go Blank: Glitch Shuts Down Debit Card System Nationwide

5. Miley Cyrus' back-up dancer left 'shaking and crying' after VMA performance

ANSWER: The subjects of each story is better served being taken care of personally, by the Church or by LOCAL Government. *Not* by the Federal Government! (*alright, Miley should be taken care of by her parents… I just threw that in for kicks*).

If your EBT card shuts down for a day and you're in danger of starvation… you might be a slave.

If you want to drive by and take a look at Mt. Rushmore, but there are barricades blocking your view… you might be a slave.

If your life is affected to the point you cannot function without the Federal Government… *you might be a slave*!

The current shutdown has shown the Federal Government functions poorly at best! When given absolute control it will absolutely screw up anything. An all-powerful government will hold that power over our heads like Larry Flynt clutching a Republican Senators' FBI file. ▷

One "old, dead white guy" put it this way:

> **"A government is like fire, a handy servant, but a dangerous master."**
>
> **~ George Washington**

And from all indications, *the roof is on fire.*

A superficial knowledge of History shows that unbridled Government is not only a *dangerous* master, but a *deadly* one. Something happens to men when given unchecked power over other men. It appeals to their base nature. It leads them to exercise control in a manner detrimental to the Governed.

Still another "old, dead white guy" said:

> **"I hope we once again have reminded people that man is not free unless government is limited. There's a clear cause and effect here that is as neat and predictable as a law of physics: As government expands, liberty contracts." ~ Ronald Reagan**

The increase of government and the reduction of liberty is what we are seeing in Government run schools and in Federal assistance programs. We've seen it in the dictatorial restrictions placed on our National Parks and Monuments.

Whatever you may think of the current battle over Obamacare and the budget; no matter how you feel about Democrats, Libertarians, Republicans or the Tea Party, it's abundantly clear that *the Federal Government when given the authority CAN and WILL abuse that authority to its own end.*

Slavery was defeated in America before. Why would we want to re-enter that dark period in our History?

We are at a pivotal point in America's history. We, the people will decide to live as freemen, or be subjugated by the type of Government from which those "old, dead white guys" worked tirelessly to protect us.

Bearing in mind the phrase, "We, the People" means precious little in light of tyranny's ever-increasing thirst for power.

Read more at http://theblacksphere.net/2013/10/new-era-of-slavery-in-america/#qVTId8bZTq0APpl5.99 ❖

Nine Proposed Amendments to the Texas Constitution—Election day is November 5

The following was clipped from, **The Texas Tribune**

When Texans cast ballots for the Nov. 5 election, they will consider nine proposed constitutional amendments. And after a lottery was conducted Monday, the order in which the amendments will appear on those ballots is now in place.

Secretary of State John Steen drew the order of the amendments, which would add to what is already one of the longest state constitutions in the nation. The Texas Legislature has proposed 656 amendments since 1876, and voters have approved 474 of the 653 submitted to them, according to the Legislative Reference Library.

Each of the amendments on the November ballot have been approved by two-thirds of the House and Senate and will require majority approval from voters to take effect.

First on the ballot will be HJR 62, by state Rep. Chris Turner, D-Grand Prairie, which would authorize the Legislature to provide a property tax exemption for the spouses of veterans. This amendment specifically authorizes a tax exemption for all or part of the market value of the residences of spouses of military members who are killed in action.

Second will be HJR 79, by state Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, which would eliminate a requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund. Neither is in operation, with the State Medical Education Board having been defunct for more than a quarter-century.

HJR 133, by state Rep. Linda Harper-Brown, R-Irving, will appear **third** on the ballot. The amendment would extend the tax exemption period on storing aircraft parts in the state and would provide more tax relief to aerospace manufacturers, which often hold such parts in inventory for an extended period of time.

HJR 24, by state Rep. Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, will follow **fourth** and authorize the Legislature to give a partial property tax exemption on charity-donated residences to disabled veterans or their surviving spouses. The amendment would strike the current requirement that qualifying residents be "100 percent" disabled.

SJR 18, by state Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, will appear **fifth** on the ballot and would allow homeowners age 62 or older to use reverse mortgages to purchase residences. The current law only expressly allows traditional mortgages, which lets such homeowners borrow against the equity of their homes. The amendment would allow the prospective borrower to use a Federal Housing Administration-insured home equity conversion mortgage to help buy a new home.

Next, **sixth**, will be SJR 1, also known as the Rainy Day Fund Amendment. The amendment would create two funds to help finance key projects in the state water plan by pulling about $2 billion from the Texas Economic Stabilization Fund. Authored by state Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, the amendment has been opposed by conservatives who have argued that pulling money from the Rainy Day Fund would endanger Texas' economic health.

HJR 87, by state Rep. Sergio Munoz, Jr., D-Palmview, will appear **seventh** on the ballot. It would authorize home-rule municipalities to choose how to fill city council vacancies if the positions have less than 12 months remaining in a three- or four-year term. The amendment would remove the requirement to hold a mandatory special election for those positions.

HJR 147, by state Rep. Bobby Guerra, D-Mission, will come next, **eighth**, on the ballot. It would repeal a constitutional provision authorizing the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.

Last, **ninth**, on the ballot will be SJR 42, by state Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston. It would authorize the State Commission on Judicial Conduct to use additional disciplinary actions — including public admonition, warning, reprimand, or required additional training or education — against judges or justices after a hearing. The current law allows the SCJC to issue a public censure or recommend a judge's removal or retirement. ❖

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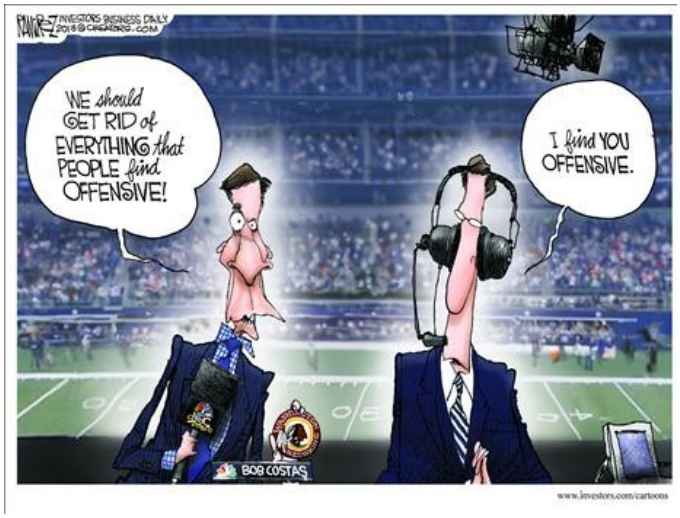
Shutdown Theatrics Exemplify Why We Need Less Government

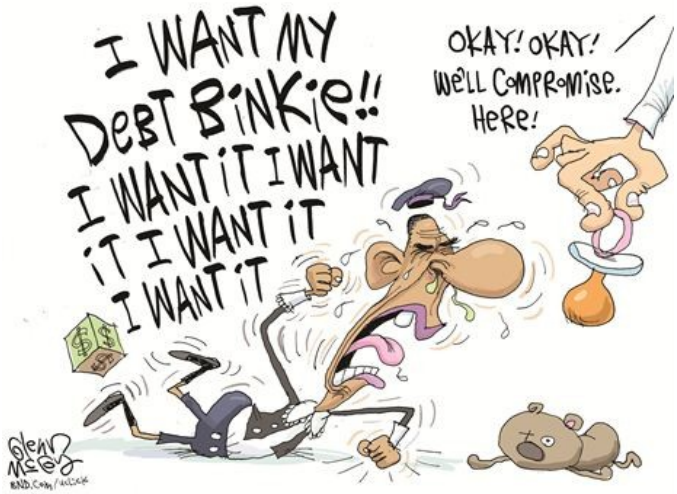
All the shutdown theatrics from the administration have been well-documented on this site. We've seen absurdities like World War II vets locked out of the memorial to the war they fought, private homeowners evicted because their houses sit on government land, tourists can't park in the federal parking lot near Mount Vernon, and numerous other examples of petty harassment intended to convince us that we not only need government -- we need *more* government.

Ironically, however, all the carrying on should only reinforce Americans' sense that perhaps the problem is *too much* intrusive government. For example, why does the government need to own the land on which the Lake Mead houses sit? If the government is going to act like an abusive landlord, why should it buy even more land (with money we don't have)?

During the shutdown, we have witness the bullying of American taxpayers (and business owners) by the National Park Service (reportedly under official orders). Before this, we have seen the IRS bully law-abiding citizens (reportedly NOT under official orders). Either way, it's unbecoming the government of a free people.

Most frightening of all, it raises serious questions about the government's ability honestly and fairly to administer our health care -- as it now increasingly undertakes to do. Will the same kinds of federal employees who have been in evidence forcing Americans out of their homes and away from their memorials -- or who have harassed law abiding taxpayers simply because they are conservative -- now be in charge of overseeing critical health care decisions? ❖





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5 Examples of How the Government Thinks it Owns Everything

The federal government has been no-holds-barred trying to make the shutdown as inconvenient as possible, even if it means closing what isn't theirs. Here are a few examples of the federal government's entitlement issues.

1. Mount Vernon *(attempted)*

The National Park Service blocked Mt. Vernon parking lots last week. The barricades were removed after the "misunderstanding" of ownership was cleared, according to Mt. Vernon Media Director Melissa Wood.

It appears the police also stepped in to wreak havoc:

The private park updated its website to assure prospective visitors they are open:

> "The Federal government may be shut down, but Washington's home remains open. Mount Vernon has remained a private non-profit for more than 150 years."

2. Arizona Parks *(closed)*

Park president Warren Meyer pleaded "Help!" Wednesday in a letter to his congressmen after parks in his privately operated company of over 100 U.S. Forest Service campgrounds in Arizona closed.

> "...we have been told by senior member of the US Forest Service and Department of Agriculture that people "above the department", which I presume means the White House, plan to order the Forest Service to needlessly and illegally close all private operations. I can only assume their intention is to artificially increase the cost of the shutdown as some sort of political ploy."

3. Pisgah Inn *(closed)*

Park rangers blocked all three entrances to a privately-owned Virginia inn on Friday. Blue Ridge Parkway, a 470-mile federal road, remains open to traffic but National Park Service facilities along the route are being closed, according to Fox News.

Each of Pisgah Inn's 51 rooms were booked at $125 a night for the entire month of October, said owner Bruce O'Connell. In addition to his lost revenue, 100 employees at the inn will be without a job. ▷

4. Nevada Private Homes *(evacuated)*

The National Park service ordered around 60 families at Lake Mead to vacate privately-owned homes within 24-hours Thursday. The houses sit on federal land. Bob Hitchcock, 71, told the Las Vegas Review-Journal the situation is more like a government meltdown than a shutdown:

> "I seriously, seriously threatened to stay and not leave," says Hitchcock, recalling that moment when a pair of park rangers delivered the bad news. "I mean, I thought, 'Are they really going to come down hard on somebody for trespassing inside his own home?"

5. Claude Moore Colonial Farm *(closed)*

A non-profit organization runs this National Park. The government has not contributed to it fiscally since 1980. The unnecessary shutdown cost the park thousands, said Anna Eberly, Managing Director:

> "We have had to cancel every event at the Farm this week so we have already lost more than $15,000 in operating income because October is the busiest month of the year for us. When the Federal government reopens, as it inevitably will, they will be funded by all of us. The Farm may never reopen again if we cannot open soon because we don't have any other source of revenue except that which we earn for ourselves. The staff has been here all week in spite of being threatened with arrest because we feel our cause is just and the Farm is worth protecting. And many of our volunteers are Federal employees that now have time on their hands. They could be here volunteering but are banned from the Farm. What an incredibly stupid waste of time and talent.

Private property rights are protected in the Fifth Amendment. Unfortunately, upholding the Constitution has never been a priority for President Obama. ❖

Testing for Dementia

Can't find the car Keys?
Left your thought in the other room?
Is the old grey matter losing some of its color?

Try reading the message on the right.
If you can read it, you're just fine.

If not , you may be a Democrat.
Don't forget to vote this December.

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The Sky is Falling!

And here, to the right, is what it looks like. The change in approval is on the right of the chart. What is missing is the change in disapproval. Sometimes it is just as instructive. Note the disapproval of Barack Obama is up 3 percentage points among Democrats. While Republican leaders in Congress lost 5 percentage points among 'independents,' Democrat leaders lost 3. The only positive number on the page is a slight uptick in Obama's approval among independents. The President was able to make some reasonable sounding speeches even if he found them laughable in private. Among their respective bases, Democrats lost more than Republicans.

The bottom line is that the numbers shifted slightly. The specifics of this sorted episode will be forgotten by the mid term elections and Republicans will have footage of Democrats saying things they will regret come election time. ❖

Little Change in Job Approval Ratings

	Sept 4-8		Oct 9-13		
	App-rove	**Dis-app**	**App-rove**	**Dis-app**	Change in app
Job approval	%	%	%	%	
Barack Obama	**44**	**49**	**43**	**51**	-1
Republican	14	80	6	89	-8
Democrat	79	14	79	17	0
Independent	36	55	38	55	+2
Rep leaders in Congress	**24**	**68**	**20**	**72**	-4
Republican	43	50	42	50	-1
Democrat	12	80	6	88	-6
Independent	22	70	17	75	-5
Dem leaders in Congress	**33**	**59**	**31**	**62**	-2
Republican	9	85	6	90	-3
Democrat	63	31	60	33	-3
Independent	27	65	24	68	-3

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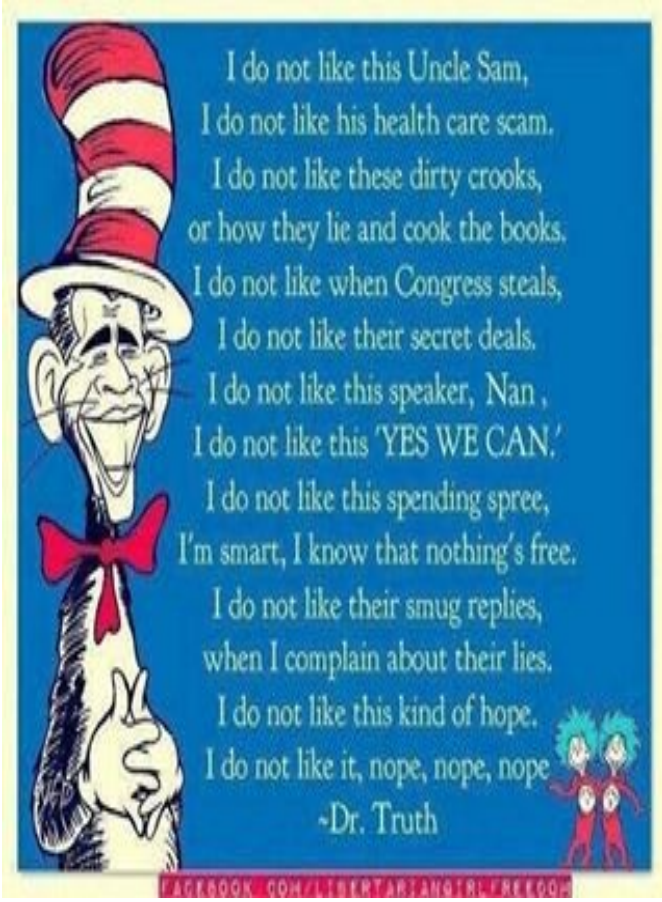

Victor Davis Hanson - Author of numerous books, **Carnage and Culture** being perhaps the most recognizable, military historian, columnist and commentator for the National Review. Hanson has made numerous appearances on TV and Radio.

Mr. Netanyahu and the End of Days

So far Iranian President Hassan Rouhani's peace ruse is still bearing some fruit. President Obama was eager to talk with him at the United Nations -- only to be reportedly rebuffed, until Obama managed to phone him for the first conversation between heads of state of the two countries since the Iranian storming of the U.S. embassy in 1979.

Rouhani has certainly wowed Western elites with his mellifluous voice, quiet demeanor and denials of wanting a bomb. The media, who ignore the circumstances of Rouhani's three-decade trajectory to power, gush that he is suddenly a "moderate" and "Western educated."

The implication is that Rouhani is not quite one of those hardline Shiite apocalyptic theocrats like Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who in the past ranted about the eventual end to the Zionist entity.

Americans are sick and tired of losing blood and treasure in the Middle East. We understandably are desperate for almost any sign of Iranian outreach. Our pundits assure us that either Iran does not need and thus want a bomb, or that Iran at least could be contained if it got one.

No such giddy reception was given to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. In comparison with Rouhani, he seemed grating to his U.N. audience in New York. A crabby Netanyahu is now seen as the party pooper who barks in his raspy voice that Rouhani is only buying time from the West until Iran can test a nuclear bomb -- that the Iranian leader is a duplicitous "wolf in sheep's clothing."

Why does the unpleasant Netanyahu sound to us so unyielding, so dismissive of Rouhani's efforts to dialogue, so ready to start an unnecessary war? How can the democracy that wants Iran not to have the bomb sound more trigger-happy than the theocracy intent on getting it?

In theory, it could be possible that Rouhani is a genuine pragmatist, eager to open up Iran's nuclear facilities for inspection to avoid a preemptory attack and continuing crippling sanctions.

But if the world's only superpower can afford to take that slim chance, Mr. Netanyahu really cannot. Nearly half the world's remaining Jews live in tiny Israel -- a fact emphasized by the Iranian theocrats, who have in the past purportedly characterized it as a "black stain" upon the world. ▷

After World War II, the survivors of the Holocaust envisioned Israel as the last-chance refuge for endangered Jews. Iranian extremists have turned that idea upside down, when, for example, former President Hashemi Rafsanjani purportedly quipped that "the use of even one nuclear bomb inside Israel will destroy everything."

Netanyahu accepts that history's lessons are not nice. The world, ancient and modern, is quite capable of snoozing as thousands perish, whether in Rwanda by edged weapons, Saddam Hussein's gassing of the Kurds, or, most recently, 100,000 in Syria.

Centuries before nuclear weapons, entire peoples have sometimes perished in war without much of a trace -- or much afterthought. After the Third Punic War, Carthage -- its physical space, people and language -- was obliterated by Rome. The vast Aztec Empire ceased to exist within two years of encountering Hernán Cortes. Byzantine, Vandal and Prussian are now mere adjectives; most have no idea that they refer to defeated peoples and states that vanished.

The pessimistic Netanyahu also remembers that there was mostly spineless outrage at Hitler's systematic harassment of Jews before the outbreak of World War II -- and impotence in the face of their extermination during the war. Within a decade of the end of the Holocaust, anti-Semitism and hatred of Israel throughout the Middle East had become almost a religion.

In the modern age of thermonuclear weapons, the idea of eliminating an entire people has never been more achievable. But collective morality does not often follow the fast track of technological change. Any modern claim of a superior global ethos, anchored in the United Nations, that might prevent such annihilation is no more valid now than it was in 1941. Again, ask the Tutsis of Rwanda.

The disastrous idea of a preemptory war to disarm Iran seems to us apocalyptic. But then, we are a nation of 313 million, not 8 million; the winner of World War II, not nearly wiped out by it; surrounded by two wide oceans, not 300 million hostile neighbors; and out of Iranian missile range, not well within it. Reverse those equations and Obama might sound as neurotic as Netanyahu would utopian.

We can be wrong about Hassan Rouhani without lethal consequences. Mr. Netanyahu reviews history and concludes that he has no such margin of error. That fact alone allows us to sound high-minded and idealistic -- and Israel suspicious and cranky. ❖

SENTINEL Comment:

The above guest article speaks specifically to a major point of the book ,**The End of America** which is reviewed on page 27 of this issue of the SENTINEL. I do not recommend that anyone take the work of any political thinker as the final word on any topic. I encourage the reader to consider all this information in context . The book and the above article provide context for each other, the whole being greater than the sum of the two parts.

Vets protest moved to the SPITE House where barry-cades (from the WWII Memorial) were dropped at Obama's front yard.

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BOOK REVIEW:

The End of America

By: John Price

Well that title is neither uplifting or hopeful. I like hopeful and generally I look for it in any book I recommend. But it gets worse. The subtitle is, "*The Role of Islam in the End Times and Biblical Warnings to Flee America.*" Flee America? Yes it says *flee*. It goes against my every instinct.

This is a difficult book to read and not just because of the off-putting title. Scripture is quoted throughout the book. A biblical scholar might be able to recognize and authenticate the quotes but I was constantly checking my Bible and sometimes a second Bible looking for another interpretation. Quotes are always given so, if one were to grant Mr. Price the benefit of the doubt, the constant back and forth could be avoided. But still it is hard to get past the message and quickly accept the premise.

Many have doubted the *end times* prophecies simply because they fail to mention America. Many others assume that the *end times* must be far into the distant future at a time when America is no more. But Price asserts, (one) that America *is* mentioned in the Bible and (two) that the *end times* are much closer than any of us would find to be comfortable. I know some people who look forward to the *end times*; they must have a Bible with a happier interpretation of the *end times* than mine.

The big hurdle for John Price is to convince the reader that America is mentioned in the Bible numerous times and by more than one Biblical prophet. He is surprisingly good at this. He builds the case like a skilled prosecutor, presenting the evidence and applying reason to it. There are areas where he provides evidence which is more speculative than evidentiary. However, unlike many who would try to pass this off as evidence, he admits the speculative nature of his argument and suggests it is the most reasonable conclusion about that which is, at this time, unknowable.

The End Of America, if it is correct in its assertions, would certainly qualify as a must read. This is an appeal to the individual reader. Each reader will have to make up his or her own mind. Your conclusion could easily be life changing.

As discouraging as the title may be, the book does have a hopeful side, but you will be closing in on the final chapters when you get there. The notion of 'fleeing' America always brings up the question, 'Where on earth would one go?' Price offers some thoughts on this which I will not spoil here. However in choosing a refuge, I like the criteria Mr. Price applies: a low to nonexistent Muslim population and a low to nonexistent abortion rate. Although Price points out that the high rate of abortion in America must displease the Creator as it had in the days of the Old Testament, this is not the trigger which brings about the *end times*. Although predictable, I will not spoil this for the reader either. You'll have to read the book.

The Harbinger was a warning. UNCOMMON SENSE was an instruction manual for daily living. The End Of America is a *dire* warning. If Price is correct, we have blown past our opportunities in The Harbinger and only those who heed the warning from The End Of America will be able to apply the principles found in UNCOMMON SENSE.

These are troubled times. As Americans, we have been fortunate to have unparalleled opportunities and relatively comfortable lives. However, we should not take these blessings for granted. We must be grateful and mindful that all things are temporary - yes, even ourselves. The End Of America is available on Amazon and in most bookstores. Get your copy before it is too late! ❖

The Final Chapter

Dear Sentinel Subscriber,

Over the years the SENTINEL has been honored to bring to you over a thousand pages of quality content. We covered the broad political and social issues of the day. We covered the news from local, national and international perspectives. We provided articles from big name political commentators and hopefully introduced you to writers you most likely never would have discovered had it not been for the SENTINEL. Like many things, the SENTINEL evolved as we developed our skills. We went from a highly regimented, hard borders format to a style more reminiscent of Look Magazine or the Saturday Evening Post of the fifties or sixties. At least that was our inspiration and our aspiration.

I hope everyone realized the SENTINEL was a collaboration. Lynn contributed a lot of content. She contributed conceptually to many of the original articles and struggled to police the final product for affronts to the English language. The SENTINEL was greatly improved for her attentions. I dug up some content from internet searches and generated even more. But the deepest well from which we drew was an active readership. We received more content than we could ever print, much of it high quality. The SENTINEL was a readers' publication. We thank you all.

We became more proficient at researching information. This is important because we received some amazing content which our readers would have been astounded to learn about, but which turned out to just not be true. Sometimes we received brilliant articles wrongly attributed. We worked diligently to deliver to you the most accurate information. We offered opinion pieces, some with which we disagreed, most often we shared our own opinions and welcomed your comments.

Reader participation is what gave us the greatest satisfaction. We were blessed with some truly insightful readers who were generous enough to share their thoughtful opinions. Occasionally we got it wrong. Going into the 2012 election I asked, "How stupid would we have to be?" I was not expecting a demonstration. We all remember the feeling on election eve - utter devastation and a concern for our country which is with us to this day.

This is the last SENTINEL you will receive. Reasons are included in our introductory letter for this edition. I have been asked to edit the "*Tea Party 911"* newsletter and I will make sure each of you receive a copy. If, after a few issues, you wish to unsubscribe you will find a button for that on the newsletter. But give us a few issues to get our legs under us. The look and feel will be different but we will strive to bring you quality content in each issue. Thanks again to our loyal readership especially to those who, when they did not agree with our conclusions, wrote us and trusted us to treat their 'op-ed' piece fairly. Thank you all and I hope you like the new "*Tea Party 911"* newsletter as much as you have the SENTINEL.

Affectionately,

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