

# The Patriots' Truth

## Flint Hills T.E.A. Party News

*For the time being we will NOT be holding the Saturday meetings. We may have Special Meetings when we have Special Guests which will be publically announced in the paper, email, word of mouth. Check for updates at [flinthillsteaparty.com](http://flinthillsteaparty.com) We are now posting news items, events and the newsletters both recent and archived issues at our newly updated website. Weekly meetings are held at McAlister's, 5:30/6-10pm, Wed. evenings. They are come and go, at your convenience. Bring your concerns for discussion. Your concerns are important – they are why we exist. In this publication what is in green is me (Sylda), other colors are just for getting attention. Changes in font are for letting you know it is a new subject or person speaking. Help me include YOU!! YOU are IMPORTANT! We must continue working, paying attention, informing & most of all PRAYING!! With the help of the LORD we will prevail!! The USA is too important to the world for us, yes us, you and me and all our friends and family to let it be destroyed – Take a deep breath, PRAY, Forge ahead, we will succeed!!! I truly believe GOD is with us. With GOD's help we won't fail. Be informed, work for the good of the USA. Stay in touch!!*

I just received this from a friend, from a reliable source. It is something the ignorant Democrats would do. I checked this man out on Google and he is there – stating he is being groomed by George Soros and calling him “The Next Obama”. They would rather GIVE our Country to the Muslims than have the Conservatives in power. Makes cold chills run up and down my back. With help like that the Muslims will control the world. I checked this out on Google and found even more info. The second article I found states this man is following close in Obama's footsteps. This baffles me a bit – if the Muslims are in charge, the Democrats will NOT BE IN CHARGE!! Don't the Democrats realize that?? Are they not able to see that far ahead? LET US PRAY!! WITH GOD ON OUR SIDE WE WILL WIN!

### **OUR NEXT MUSLIM PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (??)**

Etch this man's name in your mind. His name is Abdul El-Sayed. After years of being groomed by George Soros. He has been handpicked by the Left to be their next “champion” of Hope and Change. He is 32 years old, born in the USA, and an extremely well educated Muslim Doctor in Detroit Michigan. (education funded by Soros)

He is handsome, articulate, charismatic and smart 1.

He is sympathetic of the Muslim Brotherhood, and is running for Governor of Michigan, Which is Step 1 in his preparation to run for President of the United States

He has the potential to be Obama #2, but far more openly Muslim 2.

Abdulrahman Mohamed El-Sayed is an American physician, epidemiologist, public health advocate, and politician. He has announced his candidacy for Governor of Michigan, running as a Democrat.

Wikipedia:

Born: October 31, 1984 (age 32), Michigan Awards: Rhodes Scholarship 3; Paul and Daisy Soros; Fellowships for New; Americans

Education: University of Michigan, Ann; Arbor (BA); Oriel College, Oxford (MA, PhD); Columbia University (MD)

Political party: Democratic National Socialist Party (DNSP).

In 2020 he will be eligible to run for President! Democrats' mouths are watering in anticipation and raising money. Elizabeth "Pocahontas" Warren is already campaigning for him.

Another Trojan Horse?

## *ABDUL EL-SAYED?*

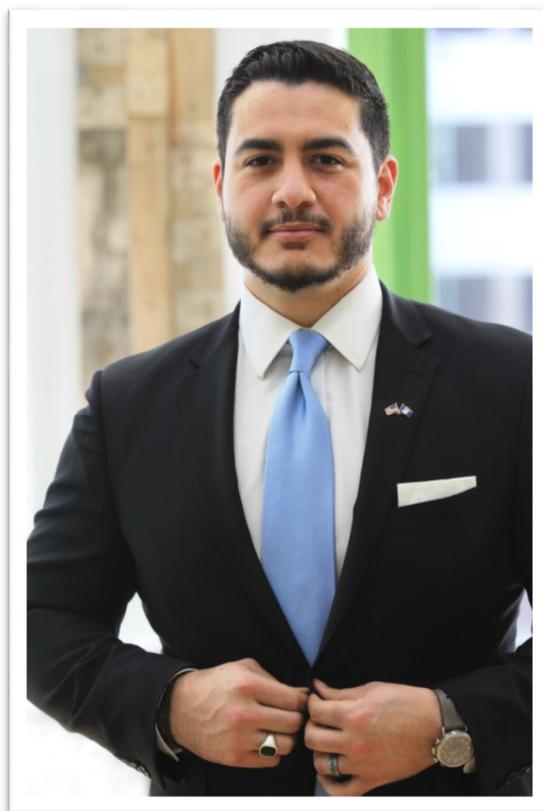
Al Jazeera, which is widely read by Michigan's large Muslim population, is doing its best to help George make him "YOUR" president in 2020!

Google: Abdul El-Sayed-Soros

Bet you never dreamed an unknown, like Obama, would end up as the President of the United States of America FOR 8 YEARS, did you?

1. *I would say he is a lot smarter than Dumbo a.k.a. Barry Insane Obama.*
2. *And far more dangerous.*
3. *The pervert Bill Clinton was one too.*

With financial support and personal grooming from traitor George Soros this man will step into the political field well trained to lie and deceive. We must be prepared and able to stop him. President Trump will be running again. If Trump is still as popular as he is now, I believe he will win, but we must be prepared to do battle!! This last election was a battle WE WON. We can WIN AGAIN!! BE PREPARED TO DO BATTLE!!



CONSERVATIVE TRIBUNE POLITICS JULY 7, 2017 AT 7:10AM BY V SAXENA

### **TUCKER TAKES OFF THE GLOVES AND SLAMS LUNATIC LIBERAL MAXINE WATERS**

Fox News host Tucker Carlson hammered California Rep. Maxine Waters for her **blatant hypocrisy** Wednesday, noting that despite her claims that she cares so deeply about poor minorities, she herself appears to prefer segregating herself away from them.

"The district Waters actually represents in Congress has the second highest percentage of African-American residents in the state of California," he said. "Now the neighborhood where Waters actually lives, is just 6 percent black, or as she might put it herself if she didn't live there, it's segregated, like 1950s-level segregated."

And **incredibly rich**.

(S)he lives in a 6,000-square foot, \$4.3 million mansion in one of the wealthiest neighborhoods in Los Angeles," Carlson noted. "Now how'd she afford a place like that? After having spent the last 40 years working in government? We'd hate to speculate."

That speculation aside, what's more concerning is the glaring dichotomy between her rhetoric and her actions.

During a speech Saturday at the Essence Festival in New Orleans, for instance, she threatened to "take his a\*\* apart" the next time Carson testifies before the House Financial Services Committee, according to **The Hill**.

She also claimed Carson "doesn't care about people in public housing,"

"(Carson) knows nothing about the mission of HUD," she said. "He doesn't care about people in public housing. He believes that if you are poor, it is your own fault."

Wrong. He simply believes — rightly so, I might add — that one's mindset plays an important role in whether one remains in poverty or rises up out of it.

"You take somebody that has the right mindset, you take everything from them and put them on the street and I guarantee in a little while they'll be right back up there," he noted during a radio interview two months ago. "And you take somebody with the wrong mindset, you can give them everything in the world, they'll work their way right back down to the bottom."

He would know. He **dug his way out of poverty** the hard way. And while he wants to assist the poor, he knows that helping them entails offering a hand up, not a handout.

Waters' strategy for helping differs like night and day. She prefers robbing the middle class of its wealth and funneling that money into the pockets of the poor; all while she sits peacefully in her cozy and shamefully segregated mansion.

What a hypocrite.

**Tucker is so very right – those receiving monetary help need more than money – they must have the desire to HELP THEMSELVES!! As long as the money keeps coming they see no reason to put forth any effort. “Welfare” needs to go back to what it was in the beginning. It was for a designated period of time – then it was no more. If the money is endless so will the need for it/unemployment be. Certainly, I do NOT have all of the answers to this but it is clear that Maxine Waters, living in her mansion, looking down on these people doesn’t either. IF she really cared about these people she would be sharing her wealth with them – but you won’t see that happening. Anyone have ideas?? Where is the old desire of taking care of ourselves??? GOD help us!**

## THE DAILY WIRE

## ACTION ALERTS

Fellow Conservative,

I'm more than a little frustrated right now. I can't stand it when people don't do their job.

You see, this is how it's supposed to work:

- 1 The American people vote for a president that they believe will act in the best interest of the country.
- 2 That president appoints capable, reputable nominees to serve as federal judges to interpret, preserve, and protect our nation's laws and Constitution.
- 3 The Senate reviews these candidates' qualifications and confirms or rejects them based on their competence and experience.

Steps one and two have been completed. But **the Senate is not doing its job.**

Right now there 120 vacancies in the federal courts that are waiting for judges to be installed. One hundred and twenty!

**The American people have done their job** -- Last year you voted Donald Trump into office to "make America great again."

**The Heritage Foundation has done our job** -- many of the current nominees are taken from the extensive list that Heritage provided after thorough vetting and research.

**Why isn't the Senate doing its job?**

You can help me demand this, directly. I've drafted an open letter to the U.S. Senate that I'm asking you to read and sign if you feel that they should stop sitting on their hands and start getting to work by confirming committed constitutionalists.

Every day that they don't, more and more rulings are passed by left-leaning judges that Obama appointed during his tenure that completely ignore the Constitution.

[Please read and sign the open letter to the Senate now >>](#)

It's time for us to tell our Senators -- in no uncertain terms -- to stop playing games and impeding justice... and start doing the job that they were elected to do.

I appreciate you adding your voice to mine and so many others' in this way.

Thank you,  
Ed Feulner  
President

**HERE IS THE LETTER THEY WANT YOU TO SIGN AND SEND:**

Dear Members of the Senate,

It is unacceptable to have 120 vacancies in our nation’s federal courts in a time of so much divisiveness and subjectivity in the interpretation of our nation’s laws.

**I’ve done my job** by electing a President who has vowed to uphold the Constitution.

**The Heritage Foundation has done its job** by recommending candidates with exemplary character, extensive experience to serve in the capacity of federal judge or justice.

**Now I demand that you do your job** and confirm committed constitutionalists to fill these vacancies. Every day that goes by without a committed constitutionalist serving in one of these positions is a disgrace and a mark on your record as Senators.

Your duty as a Senator is to serve your country and its citizens in the most efficient and timely manner possible — which is why **I demand that you expedite the confirmation processes that are required to install committed constitutionalists into these vacant positions.**

Sincerely,

Without a doubt all of Congress needs to be woke up and start doing their job. Not only in selecting judges, but to develop a Medical Insurance that will be fair & available to all USA citizens & work on making Congress & their livelihood equal to the mainstream American citizens.



As Mark Alexander [wrote](#) last August, "Our Armed Forces personnel are the best in the world, but their effectiveness is being undermined by wasteful and absurd political mandates." That's because, under Barack Obama, the key objective for his Pentagon was social experimentation, not national security. Alexander noted, "Obama has used our military as a social testing ground for his [homosexual agenda](#), most recently ordering '[gay pride celebrations](#),' opening the closets wide for [transsexuals](#), and naming a ship the [USS Harvey Milk](#) after a degenerate homosexual activist and pedophile." Just last week, the House [voted](#) to keep taxpayer funding for sex-reassignment surgery, so the trend hasn't ended with Obama's exit.

It's not just social issues, either; it's climate change. From Obama's "[Great Green Fleet](#)" that uses alternative fuel as part of his mandate on military emissions to the "[Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience](#)" directive issued in 2016, the previous administration was committed to fighting the phantom menace. The rationale was entirely political and had little to do with national security — albeit with such warnings as that 128 military bases were at risk of submersion due to rising ocean levels.

President Donald Trump has undone some of these policies, but not all or even most. While Defense Secretary James Mattis delayed the transgender enlistment policy for six months, it's almost inevitable that it will be put into place. The Pentagon is still operating under an alternative fuel mandate, and it's still tasked with combating climate change. After 16 years of continuous combat operations, military equipment is in dire need of upgrade and replacement. The Air Force is hundreds of pilots short. Other branches are struggling to keep personnel and equipment at the ready. But money and manpower is being diverted to secondary concerns.

As Alexander concluded last year, "The net effect of Obama's mandates and spending priorities is destroying our military's most valuable asset, the morale of our warriors." The effect can be deadly. It's up to Trump to correct course.

### [More Judicial Overreach Stymies Trump's Deregulation Agenda](#)

The DC Circuit Court of Appeals, in a 2-1 ruling, recently reversed the decision by EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt of a 90-day stay on implementing new methane emissions regulations created during the final year of Barack Obama's presidency. Pruitt argued that the stay was needed in order to thoroughly review the financial impact of the new regulations on the fossil fuel industry. Even the EPA estimated the compliance cost to be as high as \$530 million, which means it would most likely be far higher. Pruitt further argued that not enough time was given for the oil industry to weigh in before the regulation went into effect.

The court rejected Pruitt's argument, with the majority stating, "The administrative record thus makes clear that industry groups had ample opportunity to comment on all four issues on which EPA granted reconsideration, and indeed, that in several instances the agency incorporated those comments directly into the final rule."

But there's one big problem here that demonstrates yet another example of judicial overreach in the era of Donald Trump. This action taken by the court is extraordinary in that the court itself has recognized that its authority is limited to the reviewing of "final agency actions," which clearly EPA Director Pruitt's 90-day stay does not merit. In her dissenting opinion, Judge Janice Rogers blasted the majority opinion, stating, "In contrast to our precedent, the Court's opinion concludes a particular administration proceeding has innumerable final agency actions, including intermediate decisions. No authority supports this proposition."

Pruitt can appeal to the Supreme Court, but he won't get a ruling on it until next year, and in the meantime the Obama-era regulation will go into effect. This is yet another reason for Trump to get busy putting conservative judges on the bench. It's clear that the Left will continue to appeal to activist judges to block as much of Trump's agenda as possible.

*"The American Flag does not fly because the wind moves past it. The American Flag flies from the last breath of each military member who has died protecting it and you."*

24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days every year, there are members of the US Military on a patrol or in a fox hole in some hell hole somewhere on this planet or standing watch or post in some place, such as every embassy or consulate around the world, at the tomb of the unknowns, aboard submarines, aircraft carriers, missile silos, Drill Instructors, Recruiters, et al. We also owe a debt to our police, firefighters, EMT's, doctors and nurses as they too enable us to be able to stand and honor Old Glory.

*Did you ever notice that there **is no law prohibiting** a television news network that supports a political agenda, from lying to 15 million people.*

***BUT***

*There **is** a law prohibiting a person from lying to the police.*

***Why is that?***

*I don't know about you, but it kind of reminds me of NAZI GERMANY!!*

*Or Liberals/Democrats??!!*

Frankly, it is getting harder & harder to tell who in Congress is a Republican & who is a Democrat. Where the Health Care Bill is concerned it seems NO ONE can be trusted or actually where everything else is concerned – it is complete topsy-turvy!! Our Kansas Congress members are in complete disarray as is the rest of Congress. Since they don't seem to be able to make any sensible suggestions why don't WE (Kansas & American citizens) give them some suggestions. Kansas has a working plan – let citizens approach Insurance Companies & work out a plan individually. If & when that becomes country-wide, the insurance Companies would have to lower the cost of their plans to be competitive & secure the business of the citizens. If you're on Government assistance – maybe you should get a JOB – Gee, what a novel idea. Government assistance SHOULD be limited – not forever.

Of course, there are elderly/disabled people who truly NEED assistance, but there are many able bodied citizens who should be working & paying for their own coverage. If they can't "find" a job on their own, perhaps they need to not be so picky. I'm tired of seeing "beggars" on the street corners not looking all that bad asking for handouts. I'm tired of people being supported by the Government on an indefinite, open-ended basis. Why aren't these people being hired SOMEWHERE?

Or are they even applying? Do they need better clothes? If that is the problem I'll bet that could be solved. Do they need an alarm clock to get them up to be at work on time. That could be solved. Do they need transportation? That could be solved. Is their health a problem? – let a Dr. check that out. What other excuse will they think up?? We need to start addressing these problems & solving them. Many of the Government expenses COULD be solved if they were really worked on.

Maybe we should start "at home" as they say, and when we have local/state problems solved move up. Stop electing those who believe the "Government" at all levels can pay for everything!! WAKE UP!! When everyone is on Government assistance WHERE is the money going to come from?? Everyone needs to be taught to take care of themselves - CUT GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE - MAKE PEOPLE SELF SUPPORTING and INDEPENDENT. Let them clean the roadways/streets, just to be productive.

I know I'm wasting my breath - just give it some thought. Look to the past as to what our Country used to be - we have had better times & need to return to at least some of the ways it was. Such as: Military security, individual independence, citizens supporting themselves. GOD helps those who help themselves. PRAY!!! GOD be with you. If GOD is with us we can NOT fail!!! Work for success!!

***"THE WORLD IS FIGHTING ISLAMIC TERRORISM, STARVATION, AND DISEASE, BUT DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR MEN TO PEE IN THE LADIES' ROOM. INSANITY!!***  
***BY JAMES WOODS***

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### ***RANCHERS HEALING AFTER KANSAS' LARGEST WILDFIRE***

The pastures are eerily silent.

Normally, there would be dozens of bawling new calves with their mamas grazing the rolling Clark County landscape.

But on this July morning, Mark Gardiner gets out of his pickup and walks across a long mound of sand - one of two mass graves in this pasture where 78 Angus cows and 32 calves are buried.

"I can still see them laying out there," said Mark's brother, Greg, of the bloated carcasses, which swelled up like popcorn. "They were literally cooked."

It's just one of the scars still evident here - four months after the state's largest wildfire scorched more than 500,000 acres along the southern Kansas border to the bare, sandy earth. Skeletons of trees stand where a leafy windbreak should be. Burnt fencelines still dangle from barbed wire like Christmas ornaments. Homes still need rebuilt.

The financial burden is deep. The Gardiner family lost 262 miles of fence themselves, which costs around \$10,000 a mile. About 600 head of cattle perished across the 42,000 acres of pastures that burned, worth several million.

Many were pregnant. None were insured.

Mark and his wife, Eva, also lost their home.

Yet, from the ashes, there is rebirth.

Mark drove to a rise on a pasture on the old Dunn Ranch, a rolling landscape of green growth sprinkled with wildflowers stretches as far as the eye can see. Not far away, the Cimarron River is flowing, thanks to the nearly 15 inches of rain that has fallen since March. A few cattle dot the acreage where fences have been fixed. Greg said more livestock will be put to pasture in the next few weeks.

This is their heritage, their livelihood. Greg and Mark, along with their brother, Garth, have grown Gardiner Angus Ranch into a 48,000-acre operation that includes top genetics and three production sales a year.

With the resiliency of their ancestors, and like all the ranches affected by March's Starbuck fire, the Gardiners are moving forward.

"I haven't heard of anyone getting out," said Mark, adding, "It's a million-dollar experience you wouldn't do again for a nickel."

The Gardiners have weathered through a few storms in their 130 years in Clark County.

Henry Clay Gardiner and his family traveled by covered wagon to the newly organized town of Ashland in 1885, making a home in a dugout on their 160-acre homestead. But by 1894, the family lost their original homestead. During the Great Depression, Henry's son, Ralph, again lost a few thousands acres. The family couldn't make a payment on the land after their wheat crop was hailed out just prior to foreclosure.

The family fought through every challenge, said Mark, including a blizzard that spanned from 1992 to 1993, leaving 61 inches and killing 68 of their calves and a couple of cows.

"From Halloween to March, we were covered in snow," he said.

But nothing compares to March 6, 2017.

The story was written as soon as it happened, said Greg. As he tells it, loose power lines from a winter ice storm were blowing in the strong winds and sparked during a day when the humidity wasn't much more than 5 percent.

Once the fire ignited, "it couldn't be turned back," Greg said. "You got these firemen - when it started 70 miles away in

Oklahoma, they were already defeated.”

It had spread quickly into Kansas. By 3:15 p.m. that day, the wildfire hit the Gardiner Ranch.

For 30 minutes, Greg wondered if he lost his brother and his wife, who were trying to save horses and their dogs at their ranch house.

Somehow, said Mark, he managed to get out of the house with some family photos, his twin sons’ college diplomas and a box of love letters he and his wife wrote while they were dating. He opened the door of his truck to follow the gravel roadway out because the sky was pitch black from the smoke.

One person died in Kansas - a truck driver. Another six died in Oklahoma and Texas.

“That was one of the miracles, that there was no more loss of life,” their brother, Garth, said. “What saved people up here were the wheat pastures. “Down in McLean (Texas) where the young kids died, they didn’t have wheat pastures, and they couldn’t get away from it.”

Kindness of strangers

In Clark County, the carnage was cattle. Reports estimate 5,000 to 9,000 head died. Many ranchers, including the Gardiners, shot dozens of livestock for several days after the fire because they were too burned to survive.

A few cattle already out on the Dunn pasture still have raw, red burns on their bodies. Compared to the others they had to put down, these cows could eat and drink and walk and see, said Mark. He didn’t want to shoot them.

The cattle are healing fine.

“They made it through this - they have the right to live,” Mark said. “I have a special bond with them. They deserve an extra chance.”

The Gardiners have worked to replace cattle, thanks to the support of the local Stockgrowers State Bank. They located a herd in Nebraska to transfer 600 to 700 embryos.

They bought some cattle from a customer who had previously asked the family for help selling them.

“This is all attributed to the banking community,” said Mark of the dedicated support ranches are receiving to stay in business. “We can do this. We have more cattle today than we had before the fire.”

The Gardiners also credit folks from across America. As their story spread, truckloads of hay and fencing supplies began arriving. Letters with checks began pouring in, said Garth.

“I got a check from an immigrant whose family migrated here during the textile wars of the 1920s,” said Garth. “He is from Lithuania. His check came from the Army National Guard of Lithuania for \$25.”

Another correspondence was from a Boston man who didn’t have a computer at his home to type a letter, so he walked a mile in the cold to the library.

“To reach out to someone you don’t know, to me, that just put a lump in my throat,” Garth said.

Mark said he’s had similar experiences from complete strangers.

“Who are they - they sent us a \$1,000?” He asked his wife, Eva, as they were writing thank you notes.

“I thought you knew them,” she replied.

Volunteers showed up on their spring breaks to tear out fencing. People are still coming in to help tear out fence.

“People came from everywhere,” said Garth. “There was a family from Iowa who just showed up, didn’t know anyone here, a lady and her daughters who had gloves and wire pliers and said ‘what can we do to help.’ Just those stories - everyone has stories like that.”

Mark said everyone is thankful for the help that came from across America. It’s also humbling. The family has given supplies during disasters, including the 2016 Anderson Creek wildfire that burned nearly 400,000 acres across Barber County.

This experience has made him realize he wants to step up to the plate even more.

“We can do better,” he said. “I personally am working to do that - when the next tragedy happens to be there one way or another.”

It’s tough for farmers and ranchers to take handouts, said Mark. At first, he said, he gave his typical cowboy answer that everything was fine.

“We all say it, we are better givers than receivers,” said Mark. “But we have had to receive. It’s really not something agriculture people are comfortable with. But we had to humble ourselves and say yes, we do need help. And the Lord sent a lot of help.”

More help is needed --

The Ashland Community Foundation is collecting funds, as is the Kansas Livestock Foundation. Meanwhile, Howard Buffett has pledged to match up to \$1 million in funds raised through a campaign by Drover’s Journal. At present, the fund is at \$700,000.

“None of us out here are turning it down,” said Greg.

Mark said the Ashland foundation has raised a tremendous amount of cash so far, with 121 ranchers applying for assistance, including their ranch.

Many ranchers had bank notes on the cattle lost, said Garth. The only way to pay those notes off is to sell those cattle.

“And they don’t have the cattle to sell,” said Garth.

Ranchers are also still working on replacing 4,000 miles of fence, worth \$40 million, said Kendal Kay, Ashland’s mayor and the local banker.

His bank has been supportive, lowering interest rates and establishing a wildfire line of credit.

“That’s just what community banks do, work with their customers,” said Kay. “We’ve been here for a long time, since 1885. This isn’t the first challenge the bank has overcome in that time period, but it might be the biggest.”

It’s still going to be tough, he said. Ranchers don’t have the cash flow, especially with the loss of their commodity - baby calves that could have been sold this fall.

“It’s going to be thin,” he said. “That doesn’t mean we can’t work through it.

“People are working and working pretty hard,” he said. “A lot has happened in four months time. That is just rural America. You roll up your sleeves and get after it.”

You can’t fix in a few months what took generations to build, said Greg.

There is still so much to do, he said from the sale arena at their ranch.

“We need to be weaning calves,” he said. “In 40 days, we are going to be calving again. We need to have these cows distributed into calving pastures.”

There is so much fencing to replace to be able to adequately get cattle on pasture. They’ve rebuilt roughly 60 miles of fence - about five miles a week. They still have 200 miles to go.

While the land has greened, weeds, including ragweed, have encroached where the bluestem, buffalo grass and blue grama, said Greg. Yet, it is keeping the soil from blowing.

“If it hadn’t rained, the sand would be like snowdrifts,” Greg said. “It allowed the grass to come back. And it allows the hills to recover.”

While the land is healing, the Gardiners are recovering, too.

Mark said he and Eva are thinking about making plans for a new house. For now, they live above their marketing center in an apartment. The home hasn’t been a top priority, compared to their cattle, their fences and their customers.

“We’ll be OK,” Mark said. **“I’ve told lots of people if you can’t see God in all this, you can’t see.”**

**I tried to put pictures in, but the article would NOT allow that. I can’t imagine how horrible this must have been for all these people. Thank GOD more lives were not lost. May GOD be with them!! If you have an opportunity to help them – or you could make an opportunity – PLEASE do so.**

## **SCHOOLS DEFEND MASSIVE INCOME TAX HIKE** Dave Trabert 7-12-17 [Education Spending](#)

As Kansans collect smaller paychecks this month because of the [massive income tax hike](#) passed by the Legislature, school districts’ lobbying arm is defending it as an ‘investment.’ The Kansas Association of School Boards [recently said](#) the tax increase “...has been defended by many as necessary to stabilize the budget and comply with a Supreme Court decision on school funding.” Yes, some people defend the largest tax increase in Kansas history as such even though neither circumstance necessitated a tax increase. KASB then trots out its standard logical fallacy in support of higher taxes and more money for school districts, saying it is clear “...that improving state educational attainment requires higher levels of funding.” That’s about as true as the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan once observing very tongue-in-cheek that northern states tend to have better outcomes, so proximity to the Canadian border must have something to do with it.

KASB uses similarly flawed logic in their defense of a huge tax increase. ‘People with higher education attainment earn more (true), and since (they falsely claim) that higher levels of adults having college degrees requires higher funding of K-12 schools, so that giant tax increase is really promoting stronger economic results.’ They point to what they believe is a “strong correlation” between states spending more on K-12 and adults in those states having higher educational attainment but a bivariate analysis (two variables), doesn’t allow for meaningful conclusions. Dr. Benjamin Scafidi, Director of the Education Economics Center at Kennesaw State University, says, “... they do not control for the many other factors that impact student achievement. Social scientists do not put much stock into bivariate relationships like the KASB [example] below.” [Dr. Scafidi’s remarks were specifically directed at a KASB report that also only looked at changes in spending and achievement.](#)

KPI scholar David Dorsey most [recently addressed the disconnect between spending more and achieving more](#) with this chart comparing changes in both over the last sixteen years. Spending increased at almost twice the rate of inflation but outcomes remain relatively flat.

[This statistical analysis](#) of state spending and student achievement also found no causal relationship. The R-

squared value of 0.09 is considered ‘weak’ correlation and the R-squared value drops to 0.04 when adjusted for cost of living. Of course, correlation and causation are two entirely different subjects despite what the school lobbyists would like you to infer.

The largest tax hike in Kansas will produce stronger economic results for the adults in the education system but just hiking taxes won’t change student outcomes or produce economic gains for citizens. **Where are the teachers that want to TEACH?? The ones that won’t stop until the students are of the prize winning group?? All this stupidity has changed the thought of everyone – money is NOT what makes students smart!! Desire on the students part and more DESIRE on the Teachers part has the makings of success!!! Colleges, teach the teachers to teach!!**

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## **NFL protesting the flag - POWERFUL!!**

**I don’t think this could have been said any better and it definitely is about time someone said it. Hopefully, this will go out over EVERY computer in the U.S. and maybe, just maybe, these sports people will get the message of just how ridiculous they are to disrespect our flag, and how little what they do in sports compare to what our great military has done for this country...**

Ret. Marine Col. Jeffery Powers wrote to the NFL commissioners the following:

Commissioners, I’ve been a season pass holder at Yankee Stadium, Yale Bowl and the Giants Stadium.

I missed the ’90-’91 season because I was with a battalion of Marines in Desert Storm. 14 of my wonderful Marines returned home with the American Flag draped across their lifeless bodies. My last conversation with one of them, Sgt. Garrett Mongrella, was about how our Giants were going to the Super Bowl. He never got to see it.

Many friends, Marines, and Special Forces Soldiers who worked with or for me through the years returned home with the American Flag draped over their coffins.

Now I watch multi-millionaire athletes who never did anything in their lives but play a game, disrespect what brave Americans fought and died for. They are essentially spitting in the faces and on the graves of real men, men who have actually done something for this country beside playing with a ball and believing they’re something special! They’re not! My Marines and Soldiers were!

You are complicit in this! You’ll fine players for large and small infractions but you lack the moral courage and respect for our nation and the fallen to put an immediate stop to this. Yes, I know, it’s their 1st Amendment right to behave in such a despicable manner.

What would happen if they came out and disrespected you or the refs publicly?

I observed a player getting a personal foul for tweeking in the end zone after scoring. I guess that’s much worse than disrespecting the flag and our National Anthem. Hmmmmm, isn’t it his 1st Amendment right to express himself like an idiot in the end zone?

Why is taunting not allowed yet taunting America is OK? You fine players for wearing 9-11 commemorative shoes yet you allow scum on the sidelines to sit, kneel or pump their pathetic fist in the air. They are so deprived with their multi-million dollar contracts for playing a freaking game!

You condone it all by your refusal to act. You’re just as bad and disgusting as they are. I hope Americans boycott any sponsor who supports that rabble you call the NFL. I hope they turn off the TV when any team that allowed this disrespect to occur, without consequence, on the sidelines. I applaud those who have not.

Legends and heroes do NOT wear shoulder pads. They wear body armor and carry rifles.

They make minimum wage and spend months and years away from their families. They don’t do it for an hour on Sunday. They do it 24/7 often with lead, not footballs, coming in their direction. They watch their brothers carted off in pieces not on a gurney to get their knee iced. They don’t even have ice! Many don’t have legs or arms.

Some wear blue and risk their lives daily on the streets of America. They wear fire helmets and go upstairs into the fire rather than down to safety. On 9-11, hundreds vanished. They are the heroes.

I hope that your high paid protesting pretty boys and you look in that mirror when you

shave tomorrow and see what you really are, legends in your own minds. You need to hit the road and take those worms with you!

Time to change the channel.

Powers originally sent his letter to former Florida congressman Allen West. West then posted the letter to his news website.

As of last week, at least 18 NFL players had protested the anthem by either kneeling during the anthem or raising their fists, according to USA Today Sports.

If you agree with what he said please pass this on. In my book, not only the players should be fined, but so should their coaches/team owners/NFL officials, anyone official in the situation. It would stop them in their tracks when their pocketbook is hurt. That is all they care about, not our Country/Flag.

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*A U.S. Marine enters the Catholic Church confessional booth in Hendersonville, NC ·*

*He says, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned·*

*Last night, I beat the ever living crap out of a flag burning, cop hating, anti-Trump protester·"*

*The priest says, "My son, I am here to forgive your sins,*

*Not to discuss your community service·*

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On Jeopardy awhile back, the final question was "How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the unknowns?" All three contestants missed it!

This is really an awesome sight to watch if you've never had the chance. Fascinating. Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why? 21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.
2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why? 21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1.
3. Why are his gloves wet? His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.
4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and, if not, why not? He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.
5. How often are the guards changed? Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

What are the physical traits of the guard limited to? For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30. They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin. The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come **to a halt**. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror. The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe Lewis (the boxer), Medal of Honor winner Audie L. Murphy, the most decorated soldier for WWII and of Hollywood fame. Every guard spends five hours a day

getting his uniforms ready for guard duty. ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, "No way, Sir!" Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was NOT just an assignment. It was the highest HONOR that can be afforded to a service person. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930. **GOD BLESS AND KEEP THEM NOW AND ALWAYS!!**

*I'd be very proud if this info reached MANY. We can be very proud of our men & women in our Armed Forces. ALL Americans should be aware of this service, guarding the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, & what it requires of each guard that performs this duty. Those who belittle our President & Government need to STOP their ridiculous behavior & think about those protecting us, THEM & exactly what they do to insure our freedoms & safety. Those anti-Americans are destroying the USA and everything it stands for. HOW STUPID CAN YOU BE? They are cutting their own throats!!*

I like the way this is phrased because it recognizes that the political class are "bought and paid for". I believe that the basic premise is correct: If you listen to Trump, he is hitting many of the hot buttons of the electorate. You need to listen & NOT be distracted by his showmanship & sometimes obnoxious behavior.

I like the list of 13 things that I, as a senior American citizen, want.

Trump is at least talking about issues that most Americans are concerned about. My mantra about Trump is this: Truthfully, We are usually in agreement with most of what he says but wish someone else was saying it. We are offended by his brash manner. We are getting older and our tickers aren't what they used to be, but what matters is that he covers most of the 13 things we as seniors want – at least I do for sure.

1. Hillary: held accountable for her previous wrongs!! ALL OF THEM!! Punishment for each one!!
2. Put "GOD" back in America!!! In our public schools!!!! In all Government and Schools!!
3. Borders: Closed or tightly guarded! Filter out the Terrorists!!! Return undocumented persons!!
4. Congress: On the same retirement and healthcare plans as everybody else. Too many of them go to have a forever income, not to help better our USA. How do we get Congress to vote for the good of the COUNTRY not the good of Congress members???
5. Congress: OBEY ITS OWN LAWS NOW!!!
6. Language: English ONLY!!
7. Culture: Constitution, the Bill of Rights and Christian foundation!!
8. Drug Free: Mandatory Drug Screening before and during Welfare!!
9. Freebies: NONE to Non-Citizens! Drug testing for all government handouts to citizens.
10. Budget: Balance the damn thing!
11. Foreign Countries: Stop giving them OUR money! Charge them for OUR help! We need it here.
12. Fix the TAX CODE.

And last but not least.

13. "RESPECT OUR MILITARY AND OUR FLAG!!"

***WE THE PEOPLE ARE COMING!!!***

Only some people will send this on. It should be 100%! Send it to your Senators & Representatives!!!

Friends/Relatives/classmates/anyone you have an address for. What will YOU do??

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*Society has gotten to the point where everybody has a right,  
but nobody has a responsibility.*

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