

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills Party News

We will be postponing our monthly meeting on the 2nd Saturday of the month for the winter!! Weekly meetings will be held at McAlister's, 5:30-10pm, 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, other colors are just for getting attention. Changes in font are for letting readers know it is a change of subject or person speaking. I would like to include your opinion/concerns. We must continue working, paying attention, & 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, 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.

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"He [the president] shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint ... Judges of the supreme Court." —Article II, Section 2, Clause 2 of the Constitution

TOP RIGHT HOOKS

Man Who Tramples Constitution Now Pleads Its Case

By playing political games with the pick for the next Supreme Court justice to replace the late [Antonin Scalia](#), Democrat leaders are demonstrating their blatant hypocrisy. In response to the advice from Republican senators to let the next president make the pick, Barack Obama insisted he would still nominate a candidate. He's merely trolling with fake concern over the Constitution. "There's no unwritten law that says it can only be done on off years," Obama said Tuesday. "That's not in the constitutional text. I'm amused when I hear people who claim to be strict interpreters of the Constitution suddenly reading into it a whole series of provisions that are not there." The Constitution is also pretty clear about the president's enumerated powers in other areas too, and that hasn't stopped Obama from trampling it. Yes, Obama has an enumerated power to nominate Supreme Court judges, and Republican senators aren't saying he doesn't — they're saying he should wait. But Obama is setting up a straw-man argument. He's misrepresenting the senators, saying they are forbidding him from even nominating a candidate.

In order to embarrass Republican lawmakers further, Obama hinted that he would pick a ["moderate" judge](#) that Republican senators might reconsider approving — one who will be impartial, and look to precedent yet employ their "own ethics and moral bearings" in decisions. If that isn't a dog-whistle for legislating from the bench, we don't know what is.

Talking about misrepresenting comments, Sen. Chuck Schumer is backpedaling on comments made in 2007 during the approval process for justices nominated by President George W. Bush. Now that the tables have turned, the Democrat is saying his comments are being mischaracterized. But they're pretty clear:

"The Supreme Court is dangerously out of balance," Schumer [said at the time](#). "We cannot afford to see Justice Stevens replaced by another Roberts; or Justice Ginsburg by another Alito. Given the track record of this President and the experience of obfuscation at the hearings, with respect to the Supreme Court, at least: I will recommend to my colleagues that we should not confirm a Supreme Court nominee EXCEPT in extraordinary circumstances."

Senators all took oaths [to support and defend](#) the Constitution. This is why they need to reject the nominee from a president whose executive actions and favored laws have again and again been unconstitutional. Obama cannot judge when someone holds constitutional values when he himself can't judge his own actions.

Oh, You Mean That Article II?

One of Justice Antonin Scalia's final rulings from the bench was to [block implementation](#) of the EPA's Clean Power Plan pending the outcome of a lawsuit filed by more than two dozen states. That irony notwithstanding, the Obama administration is pledging to trudge forward with the Paris climate *treaty* (more on that below) with or without the power plant emissions overhaul. Todd Stern, U.S. Special Envoy for Climate Change, said yesterday, "It is entirely premature, really premature to assume the Clean Power Plan will be struck down but, even if it were, come what may, we are sticking to our plan to sign, to join [the UN accord]. We're going to go ahead and sign the agreement this year."

Stern's remarks are all the more intriguing given the timing of the rhetorical fight over Scalia's successor. Barack

Obama is [barking](#) at Republicans for daring to block any Supreme Court nominee, which is not only their right but their prerogative. Meanwhile, in a new op-ed, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid warned, "We are entering uncharted waters in the history of the U.S. system of checks and balances, with potentially momentous consequences."

Article II, Section 2, Clause 2 of the Constitution says that the president "shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur." Wait — isn't the Paris agreement a treaty? Well, yes. So why isn't the Senate voting on it? Because Obama, just like Reid did as majority leader, changed the rules. Knowing the agreement would never pass a Republican-majority Senate, the administration scripted the agreement as not legally binding to avoid a congressional smackdown. Obama and Reid have a lot of chutzpah accusing Republicans of contorting the Constitution when circumventing its checks and balances is all they do.

President Clinton Did NOT Rid USA of #1 Enemy

During Saturday's [GOP debate](#), Marco Rubio made the point that "Bill Clinton didn't kill Osama bin Laden when he had the chance to kill him."

Naturally, Hillary Clinton took issue with that factual assertion. "Yes, there was an effort to kill him," she conceded. "Based on the intelligence that was available, missiles struck what was thought to be a training camp. So it wasn't like there wasn't an effort." Then she added, "I see somebody like Senator Rubio just twisting himself into pretzels, trying to appeal to the base of his party — to try to say things that have no common sense or merit to them."

She is, of course, dead wrong. As Mark Alexander [wrote in 2006](#), **"The fact is, during his eight years in office, Clinton had numerous opportunities to capture or kill Osama, but refused. Air Force Lt. Col. Robert Patterson, who carried the 'nuclear football' codes for the Clinton administration, notes, '[W]e could have prevented the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole, we could have prevented 9/11 and we could have prevented the bombings of the embassies in Africa if President Clinton had taken one of these opportunities. ... We had eight chances at least to either nab bin Laden or to kill him.'** Michael Scheuer, former CIA chief of the team responsible for hunting bin Laden, confirmed that prior to 9/11 SpecOps had two opportunities when Osama was literally in their sights, but **Clinton pulled the plug on both operations.**

"Additionally, after 9/11, Clinton admitted he turned down an opportunity to take custody of bin Laden: 'He was expelled from Saudi Arabia in 1991, then he went to Sudan, and we'd been hearing that the Sudanese wanted America to start dealing with them again. They released him. At the time, 1996, he had committed no crime against America, so I did not bring him here because we had no basis on which to hold him, though we knew he wanted to commit crimes against America.'

"Perhaps Mr. Clinton forgot that bin Laden had in 1995 been named a conspirator in the first WTC attack. Later, in his testimony before the 9/11 Commission, Clinton dismissed his own statement as 'inappropriate' — which is to say, 'truthful.'"

Hillary can yammer all she wants about pretzels and lobbing a few cruise missiles, but, if anything, Rubio *didn't go far enough* in detailing Clinton's failure.

These are the ways the Democrat Party/Obama Administration does things. Why Congress has allowed it to continue since the last election is beyond me. Why they, Congress, has NOT just cleaned house & gotten rid of these people who do NOT follow the Constitution is beyond MY understanding. If you agree with me you need to contact each and every one of the Congressional persons that represent you in Congress. Let them know how you feel and what you want them to do.

Minihuni

You may have to hold your nose as you vote, but vote you must!

Conservative Daily February 29 at 12:31pm · A lot of people have brought up the fact that they won't vote for Trump if he's the eventual nominee. I just want to put something in perspective.

Justice Scalia's seat is vacant. Ginsberg is 82 years old, Kennedy is 79, Breyer is 77, and Thomas is 67. Nowadays, the data shows that the average age of a Supreme Court retirement or death occurs after 75.

These are 5 vacancies that will likely come up over the next 4-8 years. The next President will have the power to potentially create a 7-2 Supreme Court skewed in their ideology.

Think about that... 7-2. If the next President appoints 5 young justices, it will guarantee control of

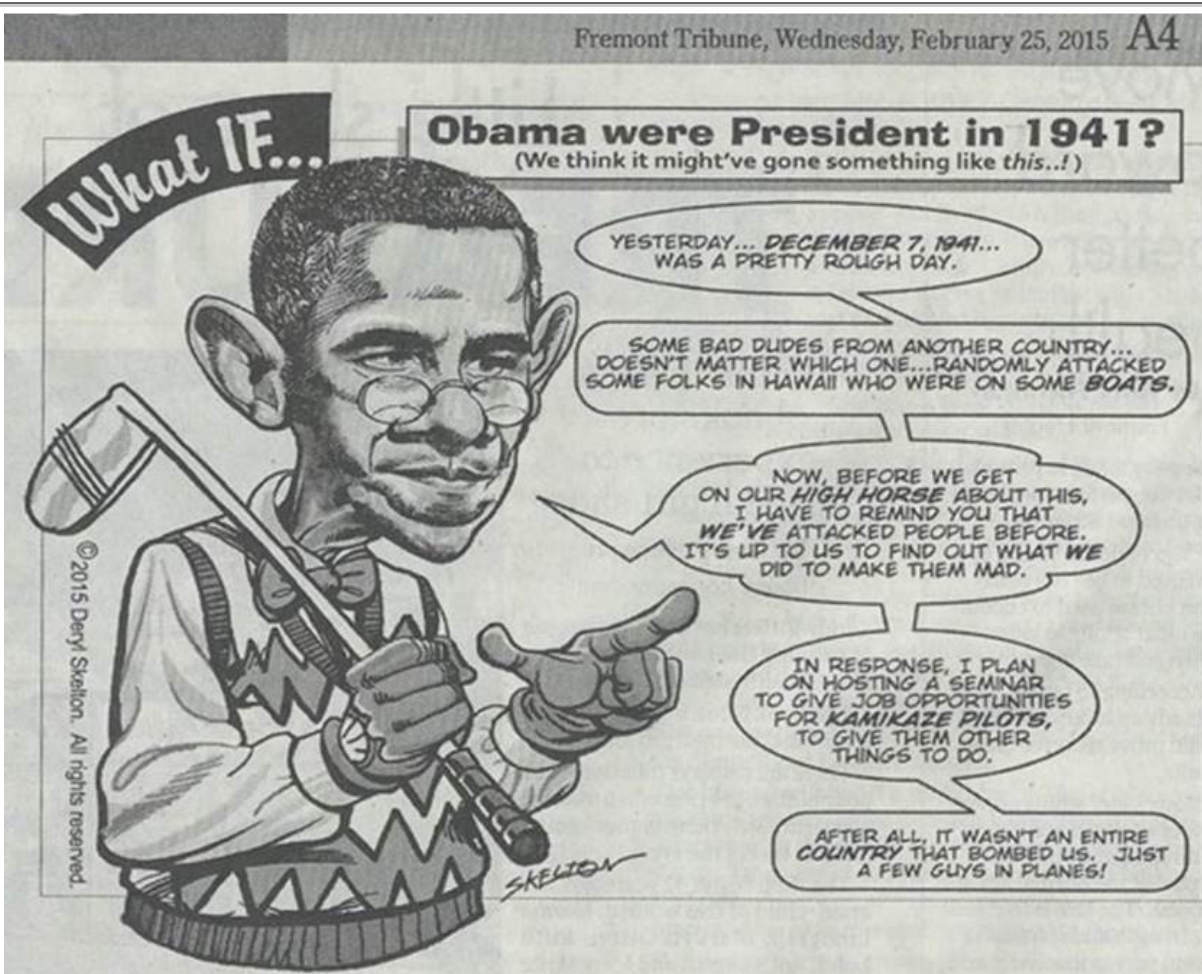
the Supreme Court for an entire generation. And 7-2 decisions will hold up much more over time than 5-4 decisions which are seemed to be lacking in mandate.

Hillary has made it clear she will use the Supreme Court to go after the 2nd Amendment. She has literally said that the Supreme Court was wrong in its Heller decision stating that the Court should overturn and remove the individual right to keep and bear arms. Period.

Everyone saying that they won't vote for one candidate or the other if they are the GOP nominee, please realize this. If Hillary Clinton wins and gets to make these appointments, you likely will never see another Conservative victory at the Supreme Court level for the rest of your life.

Ever.

If you are a Conservative, a vote for anyone but the GOP nominee, whomever that will be, is a vote for Hillary Clinton. I'm not thrilled with our Conservative options, but they would be better than Hillary Clinton as our President. If you choose NOT to vote YOU ARE VOTING FOR HILLARY!!! PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT STAY HOME – THAT IS THE SAME AS VOTING FOR HILLARY!!! OUR COUNTRY IS DOOMED IF HILLARY IS ELECTED – LOOK AT WHAT SHE DID AS SECRETARY OF STATE.



It seems this has been going on forever. To be honest, I, we, Tom and I, were not involved in politics until a year or so before the beginning of the McCain/Obama campaign. We were **NOT opposed** to a “black” President; we were opposed to a man who had no experience, was raised in a foreign country (regardless of where he was born), no positive political experience, and an “I can do no wrong” attitude, and a wife who thought she was smarter than anyone on any subject. We began learning so much so fast. Now here we are 7 years later -- --. Seven years of seeing our Wonderful hard earned, hard fought for Country slipping away. Slipping away because of a President that wants to destroy the freedom, correctness, Religion of the Country GOD has Blessed for 200+ years. Obama has

been trampling the Bill of Rights, Constitution, and Faith in GOD that Americans have fought for, achieved, maintained for ever so long. Besides passing laws allowing Muslims to do as they please, destroying the work ethics, destroying the attitude of "all men are created equal" and creating the attitude that Muslims and Blacks are superior and the rest of us should support them. MORE people are on financial assistance from the USA Government, MORE people are NOT WORKING, MORE people are committing crimes. Where are the Democrats going to get their money to support those receiving assistance to finance all these "programs" when there is no longer anyone left to work???

AGENDA 21!!! HELLO!!
If you don't know what AGENDA 21 is --- look it up, brace yourself, read it!!! You won't like it!!

A short poem you won't forget

Do you recall the President referring to the Benghazi incident as "a bump in the road?"

Today, I heard an ex-Navy Seal being interviewed on Fox News regarding a book he has written about how to handle crisis situations in our lives. At the end of the interview he asked if he could make a comment on Benghazi, and of course the anchor said "yes." He then thanked Fox News for keeping the Benghazi story in the news, since other news organizations are not. He said the Seals who died deserve the public knowing the truth about the whole affair.

The poem was written by an anonymous Marine Corps officer:

"THE BATTLING BOYS OF BENGHAZI"

*We're the battling boys of Benghazi,
No fame, no glory, no paparazzi.*

*Just a fiery death in a blazing hell,
Defending our country we loved so well.*

*It wasn't our job, but we answered the call,
Fought to the Consulate and scaled the wall.*

*We pulled twenty countrymen from the jaws of fate.
Led them to safety and stood at the gate.*

*Just the two of us and foes by the score,
But we stood fast to bar the door.*

*Three calls for reinforcement, but all were denied,
So we fought and we fought and we fought 'til we died.*

*We gave our all for our Uncle Sam,
But Barack and Hillary didn't give a damn.*

*Just two dead Seals who carried the load
No thanks to us...we were just -- "Bumps In The Road".*

GOD Bless their souls and be with their families!!!

So, will this reach every American with a computer? Or do we act like the press and give a pass to the people who literally sat there in the White House and watched the Seals' execution on live streaming video and did absolutely nothing?

The Obama Administration obviously won't be held accountable because they apparently accept Hilary Clinton's assessment, **"What difference does it make?"**

And she wants to be the next President.

I have NO problem having a woman President, but this woman has no feelings for others. She ignored the pleas for help and knew these men would die without her help. **Their deaths did NOT effect her AT ALL!!** She just flat did NOT care. When their bodies were brought home to their families she lied to them and offered NO condolences. Why would anyone want her for a President???

I know it is hard to believe, but she would be even worse than her husband was and he was bad enough. Why would we want such an unfeeling person leading

our nation? Our Present President doesn't really want the USA destroyed – he just wants the Muslims in control. Please, GOD, be with us and help us elect the person who is best to bring our USA back to belief in taking care of yourself and family, helping others, Christianity, glory, honor, individual security, honesty.

A resident of Washington D.C. wrote: “When I heard that France had bombed a key ISIS strong hold, I looked out the window to see if the White House was still there.”

March 8, 2016

Dear Friend,

Imagine if politicians in Washington actually did what they said they would do.

After five years serving you in Congress, I can tell you that the Washington Establishment hates proven conservatives like me who insist on doing what we said we would do. They are much happier with politicians who campaign like conservatives at home, but get to Washington and fall in line with the status quo.

It is also why the Washington Establishment does not like Ted Cruz.

Ted Cruz has proven time and again that he will stand up for our conservative principles and against the Washington Establishment. After watching Ted Cruz in private and public, I know he is a principled conservative who means what he says, and says what he means. Cruz will do exactly what he promises to do - and begin dismantling the radical Obama agenda on day one in the Oval Office.

On Saturday, a record number of Kansans voted in the Republican Presidential Caucuses, and 48% agreed with me and voted for Ted Cruz.

The results showed more than just an overwhelming win for Ted Cruz. Nearly 72% of the votes went to the two outsiders still in the race. Kansans made one thing resoundingly clear, they do not want business as usual in Washington any more.

I could not agree more!

For five years I have fought the Obama agenda and the protectors of the status quo -- the deep-pocketed Special Interests. I can tell you that now more than ever we need more proven conservatives in Washington if we are going to repeal ObamaCare, balance the budget, roll back Obama's illegal Executive Orders, and restore our Constitutional rights. What we don't need are any more slick talking politicians who campaign like conservatives and govern like liberals!

I want to keep up this critical fight for our future, hopefully with a proven conservative in the White House. (We all know that the eight years of Obama will only get worse if we add four years of Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders.)

But the status quo, politics-as-usual crowd has targeted me and other principled conservatives for defeat. They are giving hundreds of thousands of dollars and endorsements to my opponent because they prefer to work with someone who is more "flexible," and frankly moderate in his positions. My opponent has responded to these Special Interest campaign contributions by touting his relationships with higher taxing, pro-amnesty and pro-abortion organizations.

If you prefer principled conservative leaders who are not afraid to stand up to their own party over "flexible" politicians who say anything to get elected, would you stand with me right now by making a contribution of \$250, \$100, \$50 or even \$25 to my campaign?

Your support is critical to keep this seat in proven conservative hands!

Yours in Liberty,

Tim Huelskamp

P.S. Regardless of who you support for President, if you agree with me that we need someone who is not in the pocket of Washington insiders, please stand with me by sending your contribution of \$25 or more right now.

We must remember that this election is one of the most important election our Country has/will ever experienced. **Everyone MUST vote.** If we want to dissolve into Agenda 21 then vote for Hillary; if you want the Constitution followed a bit closer vote for the Republican. That is on the Presidential level – when it come to Congressional – we must keep Tim Huelskamp in office. Those running against him are NOT really Republicans – they are against the Constitution, they are out to destroy the USA with their methods of governing. **The author of this article may be “Unknown”, however, the truth of this is something all Americans should give a lot of consideration to. Sometimes we, as true Americans, must do things we don't want to.**

Please, don't vote for Hillary, and DO NOT stay home and not vote at all – staying home and not voting at all IS A VOTE FOR HILLARY CLINTON or any other Democrat – a vote for Hillary is a vote for the ending of the once great USA. Regardless of what you think of the Republican Candidates, they are a vote AGAINST Hillary and we need as many of those as possible. Pray for a Republican to win – Pray for the USA to become even better and greater than ever. GOD was with us a long time, then we began to fail HIM; we must do our part and pay attention to both our Country and GOD. If WE pay attention and make the effort to do our part so we earn GOD's help, He will be there for us!! Pray, vote, Pray GOD is with us!! Work for our Country and for GOD!! There are a lot of Republicans that are no good, but most of them are better than Hillary or any other Democrat they will put up. Remember how Ted Cruz stood up in the Senate? He can't be ALL BAD!! Most any Republican would be better than Hillary – Remember that – VOTE, VOTE!!!!

1. Can't quote unemployment because those reporting it use all kinds of weird figures that actually has very little to do with how many are actually receiving a paycheck and how many are on various subsidies.
2. Half of the population is subsidized - yet they think they are victims.
3. They think they are victims - yet their representatives run the government.
4. Their representatives run the government - yet the poor keep getting poorer.
5. The poor keep getting poorer - yet they have things that people in other countries only dream about.
6. They have things that people in other countries only dream about - yet they want America to be more like those other countries.

Think about it! And that, my friends, pretty much sums up the USA in the 21st Century. Makes you wonder who is doing the math.

These three, short (and oft repeated) sentences tell you a lot about the direction of our current government and cultural environment:

1. We are advised to NOT judge ALL Muslims by the actions of a few lunatics, but we are encouraged to judge ALL gun owners by the actions of a FEW lunatics.

Funny how that works. And here's another one worth considering...

2. Seems we constantly hear about how Social Security is going to run out of money. **But we never hear about welfare or food stamps running out of money! What's interesting is the first group "worked for" their money, but the second didn't/doesn't.**

This has long interested me – maybe we would all be better off to be on welfare instead of SS. Would our income be more on welfare? Something to consider!! Pay attention Retirees!!!

Think about it.....and now Last but not least:

3. Why are we cutting benefits for our veterans, no pay raises for our military and cutting our army to a level lower than before WWII, **but we are not stopping the payments or benefits to illegal aliens.** (or Foreign Countries)

How are we paying ILLEGAL CITIZENS MORE than our retired Military? How have we gotten so many things so messed up? It really started coming to a head when a muslim was elected President. Then he was elected a second time, **BECAUSE SO MANY HAD GIVEN UP AND DIDN'T BOTHER TO VOTE AT ALL. WHAT KIND OF AMERICANS ARE YOU TO JUST NOT VOTE WHEN YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU SO BAD?** Did Americans give up when the British over taxed them? Did Americans give up when facing all the problems of settling/developing our Country? Have Americans gone soft, lazy, stupid? Am I the only one missing something? Are we really Americans? Or do we just call ourselves Americans? Are we too lazy to be REAL Americans? Is it too much trouble to “fight” for

our Country as our fore Fathers did?

"If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools." – Plato Amen and Amen!!!

CONSTRUCTION DISPUTES DELAY FORT RILEY HOSPITAL OPENING

By ROXANA HEGEMAN

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WICHITA, Kan. — The U.S. Army took possession in July of a new hospital at Fort Riley, a project put on the fast track after its 2009 groundbreaking to replace Irwin Army Community Hospital, the oldest Army hospital in the nation.

But the planned completion in 2012 came and went, and now a ribbon-cutting ceremony set for mid-January 2016 has been scrapped. There's no date set for the opening. No one is saying exactly why.

Disagreements between the construction contractor and the government over final inspections sparked the latest delay, said David Kolarik, spokesman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Kansas City District, which oversees the project.

The project has been plagued by numerous lawsuits alleging a mismanaged project, but the Corps says the lawsuits aren't the cause of the most recent delay.

Political pressure is building to finish the work — even if that means issuing new construction contracts.

The Manhattan Mercury first reported in October the delay of the opening and the lawsuits over construction disputes. U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran said that newspaper's story was the first indication he had of problems — even though he had toured the construction in March and was assured he could expect its opening soon.

"I don't have a lot of ability to resolve the battles between the subcontractors and the contractor, but I want to see a decision made that says, 'That litigation is ongoing but that is not going to delay any longer the opening of the hospital,'" Moran said.

"The litigation sounds convoluted — lots of parties, charges and counter charges — and soldiers and their families ought not to be held up as a result of what seemingly is endless litigation," Moran said.

Balfour Beatty Construction, a partner in the joint venture that built it, said Friday in an emailed statement it is not sure why the new hospital opening has been delayed.

"Fort Riley took possession of the new facility for its intended use in July and we are currently working with them to complete punch list items that have no bearing on the opening of the hospital," the company said. "It's a beautiful, high-quality facility that will serve the Fort Riley community well into the future."

Moran said he has contacted the Corps. He expects a meeting later this month to determine what it will take to get the hospital up and running. He also sent a letter on Thursday to Assistant Secretary of the Army Katherine Hammack seeking answers to a series of questions and exploring the possibility of new contracts to finish construction.

A Dallas-based joint venture team of Balfour Beatty Construction and Walton Construction won the contract in 2009 to build a \$334 million facility. By the time the framing of the hospital was completed in 2011, the cost had grown to \$404 million. Fort Riley, home to the 1st Infantry Division, is 130 miles west of Kansas City, Missouri.

At least four subcontractors have sued in federal court, and the Balfour-Walton joint venture has filed its own claim against the Corps. The case is under review by the federal government's Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, an agency which rules on disputes between contractors and the military.

The subcontractors, contractor and the government have agreed to mediation.

Court documents in the various lawsuits outline numerous delays and disruptions caused by changes in work orders and lack of coordination. In one case, for example, drywall was installed while part of the building was still exposed to weather. That led to water damage that required some of the drywall to be replaced and some to be torn down for mold inspection.

<http://www.stripes.com/news/us/construction-disputes-delay-fort-riley-hospital-opening-1.382449>

The problems seem to be getting attention – It was in the paper this week that the hospital will open in July, 2016. In the meantime the old hospital is standing empty and unused – Why not turn it into a Veterans Hospital? Solving the problem of area Veterans needing to make trips to Topeka to be uncared for. Area Veterans are NOT receiving adequate care at the Veterans Hospital in Topeka.

I received this from a friend. I don't know who wrote it, but it is great. **Read and Think!!!**

From an old Coach.

DON'T WIDEN THE PLATE

In Nashville, Tennessee, during the first week of January, 1996, more than 4,000 baseball coaches descended upon the Opryland Hotel for the 52nd annual ABCA convention.

While I waited in line to register with the hotel staff, I heard other more veteran coaches rumbling about the lineup of speakers scheduled to present during the weekend. One name, in particular, kept resurfacing, always with the same sentiment — "John Scolinos is here? Oh man, worth every penny of my airfare." ⁽¹⁾

Who the hell is John Scolinos, I wondered. No matter, I was just happy to be there.

In 1996, Coach Scolinos was 78 years old and five years retired from a college coaching career that began in 1948. He shuffled to the stage to an impressive standing ovation, wearing dark polyester pants, a light blue shirt, and a string around his neck from which home plate hung — a full-sized, stark-white home plate.

Seriously, I wondered, who in the hell is this guy?

After speaking for twenty-five minutes, not once mentioning the prop hanging around his neck, Coach Scolinos appeared to notice the snickering among some of the coaches. Even those who knew Coach Scolinos had to wonder exactly where he was going with this, or if he had simply forgotten about home plate, since he'd gotten on stage.

Then, finally ... "You're probably all wondering why I'm wearing home plate around my neck. Or maybe you think I escaped from Camarillo State Hospital," he said, his voice growing irascible. I laughed along with the others, acknowledging the possibility. "No," he continued, "I may be old, but I'm not crazy. The reason I stand before you today is to share with you baseball people what I've learned in my life, what I've learned about home plate in my 78 years."

Several hands went up when Scolinos asked how many Little League coaches were in the room. "Do you know how wide home plate is in Little League?"

After a pause, someone offered, "Seventeen inches," more question than answer.

"That's right," he said. "How about in Babe Ruth? Any Babe Ruth coaches in the house?"

Another long pause.

"Seventeen inches?" came a guess from another reluctant coach.

"That's right," said Scolinos. "Now, how many high school coaches do we have in the room?" Hundreds of hands shot up, as the pattern began to appear.

"How wide is home plate in high school baseball?"

"Seventeen inches," they said, sounding more confident.

"You're right!" Scolinos barked. "And you college coaches, how wide is home plate in college?"

"Seventeen inches!" we said, in unison.

"Any Minor League coaches here? How wide is home plate in pro ball?"

"Seventeen inches!"

"RIGHT! And in the Major Leagues, how wide home plate is in the Major Leagues?"

Seventeen inches!"

"**SEV-EN-TEEN INCHES!**" he confirmed, his voice bellowing off the walls. "And what do they do with a Big League pitcher who can't throw the ball over seventeen inches?" Pause. "They send him to Pocatello!" he hollered, drawing raucous laughter.

"What they don't do is this: they don't say, 'Ah, that's okay, Jimmy. You can't hit a seventeen-inch target? We'll make it eighteen inches, or nineteen inches.

We'll make it twenty inches so you have a better chance of hitting it. If you can't hit that, let us know so we can make it wider still, say twenty-five inches.'"

Pause.

"Coaches ..."

Pause.

What do we do when our best player shows up late to practice? When our team rules forbid facial hair and a guy shows up unshaven? What if he gets caught drinking? Do we hold him accountable? Or do we change the rules to fit him, do we widen home plate?

The chuckles gradually faded as four thousand coaches grew quiet, the fog lifting as the old coach's message began to unfold. He turned the plate toward himself and, using a Sharpie, began to draw something. When he turned it toward the crowd, point up, a house was revealed, complete with a freshly drawn door and two windows. "This is the problem in our homes today. With our marriages, with the way we parent our kids. With our discipline. We don't teach accountability to our kids, and there is no consequence for failing to meet standards. We widen the plate!"

Pause. Then, to the point at the top of the house he added a small American flag.

"This is the problem in our schools today. The quality of our education is going downhill fast and teachers have been stripped of the tools they need to be successful, and to educate and discipline our young people. We are

allowing others to widen home plate! Where is that getting us?”

Silence. He replaced the flag with a Cross.

“And this is the problem in the Church, where powerful people in positions of authority have taken advantage of young children, only to have such an atrocity swept under the rug for years. Our church leaders are widening home plate!”

I was amazed. At a baseball convention where I expected to learn something about curveballs and bunting and how to run better practices, I had learned something far more valuable. From an old man with home plate strung around his neck, I had learned something about life, about myself, about my own weaknesses and about my responsibilities as a leader. I had to hold myself and others accountable to that which I knew to be right, lest our families, our faith, and our society continue down an undesirable path.

“If I am lucky,” Coach Scolinos concluded, “you will remember one thing from this old coach today. It is this: if we fail to hold ourselves to a higher standard, a standard of what we know to be right; if we fail to hold our spouses and our children to the same standards, if we are unwilling or unable to provide a consequence when they do not meet the standard; and if our schools and churches and our government fail to hold themselves accountable to those they serve, there is but one thing to look forward to ...”

With that, he held home plate in front of his chest, turned it around, and revealed its dark black backside.

“Dark days ahead.”

Coach Scolinos died in 2009 at the age of 91, but not before touching the lives of hundreds of players and coaches, including mine. Meeting him at my first ABCA convention kept me returning year after year, looking for similar wisdom and inspiration from other coaches. He is the best clinic speaker the ABCA has ever known because he was so much more than a baseball coach.

His message was clear: “Coaches, keep your players—no matter how good they are—your own children, and most of all, keep yourself at seventeen inches.

(1) **John Scolinos** (born March 28, 1918, in Los Angeles, California) was a Hall of Fame College Baseball Head coach who coached at Pepperdine University from 1948 to 1960 and Cal Poly Pomona University from 1962 to 1991. He died at age 91 in 2009.

Which of the following names are you familiar with?

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| 1. <i>Monica Lewinski</i> | 5. <i>Jorge Bergoglio</i> | 8. <i>Linda Lovelace</i> |
| 2. <i>Bill Clinton</i> | 6. <i>Winnie Mandela</i> | 9. <i>Saddam Hussein</i> |
| 3. <i>Hilary Clinton</i> | 7. <i>Vladimir Putin</i> | 10. <i>Tiger Woods</i> |
| 4. <i>Adolph Hitler</i> | | |

You know all the criminals, murderers, thieves, sluts and cheaters, but you don't know the Pope? Lovely, just lovely!

The POPE is just the POPE. I had no idea what his given name is. GOD Bless the POPE!!

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Why Privacy Is Important, And Having “Nothing To Say” Is Irrelevant

The governments of [Australia](#), [Germany](#), the [UK](#) and the [US](#) are destroying your privacy. Some people don't see the problem.

“I have nothing to hide, so why should I care?”

It doesn't matter if *you* have “*nothing to hide*”. Privacy is a right granted to individuals that underpins the freedoms of expression, association and assembly; all of which are essential for a free, democratic society.

The statement from **some politicians** that “if you have nothing to hide then you have nothing to fear” **purposefully misframes** the whole debate.

This affects all of us. We must care.

“Arguing that you don’t care about the right to privacy because you have nothing to hide is no different than saying you don’t care about free speech because you have nothing to say.” – Edward Snowden

This has been the problem of Americans for many, many years. If and when we see something that isn’t TOO bad we say, “Oh it’ll be OK.” Then pretend it is “OK”. Well, then another step is taken to take our freedom, then another, and another. Next thing you know there is NOTHING the Government isn’t taking from us or seeing/reading/hearing and our FREEDOMS are all gone. This is what has been and is happening in the “Good old USA”. It is way past time for us to be paying attention and start doing something to get our freedoms that the Federal Government and now Obama and his administration have been stripping from us for the last 50 years.



March 25, 2016

Dear Friend,

In just six days, I have to complete my final fundraising report with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) before my campaign kicks into high gear.

As you know it takes hundreds of thousands of dollars to run TV and radio ads, to send campaign mailings, and to hire key staff on a congressional campaign. If I am able to raise \$13,400 online over the next six days before our FEC report, I will be able to give the green light to my campaign team to go full steam ahead with our campaign plan.

Friends, I can tell you this. The money I will need to win this campaign is not going to come from the special interests or GOP party bosses in Washington. **They know my vote is not for sale.**

I can also tell you, that unlike my wealthy hospital COE opponent, I cannot write a personal six figure check to my campaign. My opponent has pocketed millions from a broken health care system and already put nearly \$200,000 of it into his campaign to buy a congressional seat.

Instead, I am relying on you and thousands of other grassroots conservatives like you to stand behind me again in this critical election.

We know the future for our children is at stake. We do not want to leave them \$20 trillion in debt by big spenders in Congress. We do not want to see their Constitutional right eroded by a liberal Supreme Court. We do not want Washington to destroy the economy they will inherit with massive regulations that defy common sense.

My priorities in the face of these challenges remains steadfast – stand up for the Constitution, my constituents and our shared conservative values.

For five years I have fought against Obama and his lawless administration. And when necessary, I stood up to leaders in my own party. And you have stood with me. Will you help me green light our most aggressive campaign plan by making your most generous contribution today?

Washington may not like it, but I plan to keep fighting for you.

Yours in Liberty,
Tim Huelskamp

P.S. Please make your most generous contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100, or even \$250 right now to help me keep fighting for you in Washington.

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Sylvia Thompson column

March 27, 2016

America Is Not An Outpost For Foreign Countries

Discussions are brewing, and appropriately so, regarding whom we should allow into our country. For any with reasonable intelligence, the answer is a no-brainer. We should allow only those people most suited to fit into a westernized, Christian-oriented, English-speaking nation. Such people would be least likely to cause disruption, chaos, and grief to native born citizens. Any nation that does not have the wherewithal to grasp this fundamental truth should probably not be a nation.

Nobody from any culture that is diametrically opposed to America's western, Judeo-Christian foundations should be, or should ever have been, allowed to immigrate to America.

For several centuries, those in positions to make immigration decisions were patriots whose intentions toward the nation were wholesome. Those founding leaders set into law precedent for denying entry to any "class" of people that could potentially pose a threat to this country. And if anybody dares to argue that Muslims are not a class that could pose a threat to this nation that person either harbors devious intentions toward us or is an uninformed dupe.

Leftists' and GOP establishment types' whining about the unconstitutionality of Donald Trump's call for a temporary halt to Muslim immigration are ignorant of our laws. The Founders of America were an astute group of very intelligent, biblically oriented men of good will. They were not suicidal and would never have willingly exposed the nation to destruction by those coming in from other countries. It is no surprise that early American laws did not allow for "dual-citizenship." Allegiance to America was paramount, as it should be today.

Because the Left has so diminished American culture, America is now treated by many from other nations as a comfortable place to move to and continue living the way they lived in their countries of origin. They are aided in this erroneous assumption by Barack Obama and an administration who are, themselves, hostile to America as founded.

In addition, the progressive Left views those entering America with such attitudes as beneficial to their goal of reshaping the country into something more suitable to their liking. Immigrants are being used as tools to relegate those of us who are natives to standard citizenship. That leftist scheme is called "multiculturalism," and we must fight it or be destroyed by it. Political correctness be damned.

The situation has become so bad that foreigners are emboldened to dictate to us natives what our founding principles are.

Fareed Zakaria, a foreigner from India (who was naturalized) is on record pontificating that America is founded on "diversity" and difference. That assessment is pure malarkey. Our founding principles are not based on diversity but rather are grounded in Judeo-Christianity, which extols inalienable individual rights from the God of the Universe (Yahweh/Jehovah). All people immigrating to America are expected to embrace those founding principles or they should not immigrate to America.

Vicente Fox, the former President of Mexico, a nation that routinely dumps its struggling masses on our soil, presumes that we must listen to his prattle about legalizing the illegal Mexican hordes who are currently in America and cease trying to stop the influx of more. He made this ridiculous comment in opposition to presidential candidate Donald Trump's plan to return illegals to Mexico, where they legally belong.

I would venture to say the Muslim threat is even more dangerous than the problem of illegal Mexicans. Mexico is at least part of Western Civilization. The dominant religion and culture is not far removed from America's. Muslim immigrants are of Eastern cultures and those are vastly different from the American culture. Our western dress and cultural norms nowhere near match those of Muslims, and our dominant faith, Christianity, is diametrically opposed to theirs, Islam. The question becomes, why do these people come here?

I recall a couple of decades ago hearing on a news broadcast a Muslim woman lament how difficult it was to celebrate Ramadan in America. My immediate thought was it darn well should be difficult to practice a religion such as Islam in America, a nation founded by Christians for the worship of Christianity. I wondered why she came to America and didn't go to, say, Saudi Arabia or another middle eastern country where she could have been accommodated. The question, again, is why is she here?

In the midst of this untenable situation, a group of American Muslims that include Dr. Zuhdi Jasser have attempted to introduce a "reform" version of Islam, which they think is more representative of that faith. Whether they can accomplish their goal is yet undetermined.

Dr. Jasser was born in America and looks, speaks, and acts like an American, as it should be. After all, Dr. Jasser lives in America, a 200-plus year old sovereign nation born out of Western Civilization and the Judeo-Christian faith. As a fellow native-born American, I expect no less of him. I, and many other patriotic Americans, expect no less from any foreigners who were allowed to settle in our country.

Patriots must stand firmly against those who would diminish our national heritage, because a nation without a language, a faith, an identifiable culture, and an understood history will not survive as anything other than an outpost. And it is well past time that we make it known, America is not an outpost.

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America is better served without victims or villains.

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This is a refreshing article, so well worded, so well put. If it was NOT for the stupidity of our Present leadership more of our non-white citizens would be thinking along these lines. We were well on our way to camaraderie among races before non-whites were encouraged to believe they were being discriminated against. Of course, there are those of every race that will fight to the death in the effort to create the belief their race is the best, smartest, ect. I truly believe GOD created all races equal. The differences are created by surroundings, education, upbringing, individual intelligence and the desire for us to all be one regardless of the color of our skin, hair, build. It is the stupidity of those who encourage an emphasis on individual differences that has caused our problems. May the LORD be with us in demonstrating this to the world. May the USA, with the guidance and help of the LORD be successful in educating the world that we are all equal. PLEASE JOIN ME IN PRAYING THAT WITH GOD'S HELP WE, AMERICANS, CAN SHOW THE WORLD THAT GOD WANTS US ALL TO BE ONE!! IN GOD'S NAME I PRAY!!!

Think about it

***Not many years ago, GM made automobiles in Flint, Michigan and you couldn't drink the water in Mexico.**

***After 7+ years of Obama, GM now makes cars in Mexico and you can't drink the water in Flint!!**

***Go figure!!**

SO SAD< BUT SO TRUE!!!

Excerpt: In 2008 and 2012, there was a candidate with an impeccable decades-long record of voting in accordance with the Constitution for severely limited government and sound money and against the welfare-warfare-police state. And the establishment – both left and right – shunned him.

Trump, on the other hand, has been the object of endless media attention ever since the early 1980s. The same media that acted as if Ron Paul did not so much as even exist has made Donald Trump one of the most famous people in America. If Trump were truly a threat to the status quo, the mainstream media would be giving him the Ron Paul treatment. I found this on Facebook. It strikes a cord. I have never been able to whole-heartedly back Trump – he has been much too friendly with the Clintons in the past. Lying means NOTHING to him – not anymore than it does to Hillary. I fear Donald could win, then turn it all over to Hillary and with the “chicken” Congress we have they would just sit there!!! “The Donald” would think that would be a HUGE joke!! SCARES THE BEJEBERS OUT OF ME!!!!
