



Are tea-party hopefuls nuts, or next big thing?

Commentators decry the success of the "tea party" movement across the country, predicting that it will mean defeat for the Republican Party in some races this fall and doom for the country if the movement ever succeeds.

Tea-party candidates are portrayed as right-wing zealots unfit for office. The people drawing the portraits are, however, mostly liberals in both parties who're on the losing side of this argument. Of course they think these people are dangerous.

They may be right about some of the candidates. Dr. Rand Paul, who won the GOP Senate primary in Kentucky, came across as an undisciplined thinker. (He's the son of Texas Rep. Ron Paul, a long-time libertarian who ran for the Republican presidential nomination, but the father has a more sober image.)

Most of these candidates have in common a decided bias against the "tax and spend" philosophy so prevalent among both parties in Washington today. Most exhibit a refreshing lack of social-conservative baggage: abortion, religion, prayer, immigration and other "hot button" issues don't mean as much to them, though we suppose you could find tea partiers who talk about every issue.

But the genesis of the movement is in its name, taken from the historic Boston Tea Party, a colonial anti-tax movement.

Tea partiers and tea-party candidates worry more about big, growing government in Washington and the statehouse than they do anything else. They rail at the burden of heavy taxation and big spending. And they see high taxes and big spending not as fiscal policy or a tool for reelection, but as just plain wrong.

Of course, the spenders see this as dangerous. They love spending and fear restraint.

Perhaps it is simplistic to think you could just go to Washington and vote against high taxes

and big deficits. Maybe even tea-party candidates will want to spend money to get re-elected, once they've seen the mountaintop.

But for now, several of these "outsider" candidates are riding high: Sharron Angle in Nevada, Christine O'Donnell in Delaware, Joe Miller from Salina in Alaska, Christine O'Donnell in Delaware, Ron Johnson in Wisconsin, Ken Buck in Colorado.

Many are inexperienced, say things they shouldn't, making themselves easy targets for party regulars, who are only too happy to torpedo them. But if they are a danger to anyone, it's the leadership-bound regular Republicans, especially the incumbents.

In Alaska, Sen. Lisa Murkowski - after losing to Mr. Miller in the primary - promised to run as a write-in candidate next month, perhaps giving the Democrats an edge. It comes down to that: hang on, undercut the winner, let the Democrats win, rather than lose control.

How those who won the primaries will fare in the fall against Democrats remains to be seen. Undoubtedly, they'll be smeared as wackos who would ruin the republic.

But with the unbelievable level of spending today, with the threat of higher taxes and more deficits, with the culture of incumbents buying their way to lifetime seats, what's left to ruin?

Some of the tea party candidates doubtless deserve to lose. Some won't. Their popularity already has pushed the rest of their party to the right. Come January, it'll be interesting to see who's organizing the House - and who's sworn in for the Senate.

The country does not need any more nut cases and wackos in Washington; enough of those already. But we do need more people who value liberty and Constitutional restraint, honesty and integrity over re-election at all costs.

- Steve Haynes



News From the Past

75 years ago - 1935

Lewis and Sons will open their new store in St. Francis on Saturday of this week. The stock, a portion of which was moved here from McDonald and which has been added to new stock will be on display in the Fallis building just across the street north from the Herald. The stock will consist of an up-to-date line of hardware, furniture and undertaking. Assisting in the store are two licenses undertakers.

60 years ago

Workmen this week began actual construction of new office quarters for the law firm of

Fred Rieb. His office accommodations will include three rooms, two office rooms and a reception room, all air conditioned.

City workers have put the finishing touches to the traffic signal system and at 7:30 the main thoroughfare blossomed forth with a metropolitan atmosphere as the red, amber and green lights signaled whose turn it was to risk life and limb crossing the streets or entering the intersection. Signals have been placed at three intersections and caution lights at either end of the five-block area.

Trinity Lutheran Church will dedicate its house of worship

on Aug. 6 with special dedication services. Trinity Lutheran began as a small preaching place southwest of St. Francis near Jaqua. Formal organization took place in 1887. The first church building was erected about that time. In 1945 the congregation began to hold services in the city of St. Francis. The old Salem Evangelical Church was purchased, moved in, enlarged, remodeled and renovated. Services have been held there since 1948 but the dedication was postponed pending the arrival of the new furniture, which are now in place.

Hangin' With Marge

The Little Things in Life

By Margaret Bucholtz



When we raise our children we teach them everything that we think is important. I have decided that my late mother-in-law forgot to teach something to Kurt.

It wasn't until this morning when I went to put something in the trash that I realized that I needed to take the bull by the horns and teach him a very important lesson.

For some reason or another, he just thinks that one more item in the trash can wouldn't make a difference. After all he has me to pick up the gooey things that spill onto the floor.

I just told him that I wanted to show him how to do something since we can't be sure which one will die first. He looked at me kind of weird, but he did follow me to the kitchen where I showed him

how to bring the sides of the trash bag to the top and tie it off.

He just kind of smiled and told me he thought he could learn that, but could I learn how to load it up and haul it off?

I guess I should have just let that one slide. Oh well, I am sure I will think of something really important to teach him next time.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



Life sometimes has some pretty amazing moments.

We need them, because most of our time is spent plugging away. Not that this is necessarily good or bad, it's just the way it works.

The majority of our time during

the adult years is spent in the routine of Monday to Friday, morning to evening pursuing a wage. Why? So we can provide shelter, food and clothes for ourselves and the important ones.

The important ones are those kids who need us. We give them

a safe home and opportunity to attend school. Our lives are devoted to giving them what will get them down the road.

And then those special moments come to us!

They score the big play, star in the school show or make the superintendent's honor roll. Then they graduate from high school and some go on to college. Others go to work and begin their own process of providing for themselves and others.

This week is an extra special moment for our family as it will grow a little more. Our oldest son, Travis, is marrying the beautiful and talented Brooke Lucas.

Who says hard work doesn't pay off?

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Across the County

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As Kansas farmers are reaping another fall harvest and planting another wheat crop, it is appropriate to take a few minutes to recognize and thank them for their efforts.

The United States Department of Agriculture's farm week is highlighting agriculture's contribution of providing food, feed, fiber and energy, preserving our environment and driving our national economy.

One out of every 12 jobs in America is driven by agriculture. The agriculture trade surplus is expected to exceed \$30 billion, contributing positively to the trade deficit. By embracing science and utilizing technology, American farmers are producing products for our growing population and exporting to the world on the same number of acres of total cropland utilized 50 years ago.

American grown food is rela-

tively inexpensive compared to food in most of the world, making it possible for American families to spend more of their income on a home, save for retirement, fund children's college education, etc.

America's farmers are also taking extraordinary steps to take care of our nation's environment. For example, in the last 30 years, farmers have reduced soil erosion by 40 percent and are leading the way on wetland restoration.

We should also reflect on the department of agriculture's and independent Kansas farmers' successful relationship. Safety net support, disaster assistance, crop insurance, and access to credit are important programs to farmers.

My son and possibly my grandsons would not have had the opportunity to continue our family's farm tradition if I had not benefited from these programs.

Farm Service Agency distributed 174 million stimulus dollars (\$6 million in Kansas) in two days in 2009. Kansas Farm Service

County Extension Agent

Agency has provided 25 million in stimulus dollars in disaster aid to farmers this year for crop losses in 2008.

Because of the resilience of American farmers and the contribution of many federal and state policies and programs, America's net farm income is projected to increase 25 percent this year.

For generations, America's farmers and ranchers have helped our nation stay strong. They've given America the highest quality food products and highest quality clothing products and supported our economy.

So next time you visit a grocery store, restaurant, or farmers' market, when you fill up your gas tank with ethanol blended fuel, or put on a cotton shirt, take a moment to thank our nation's farmers and ranchers who make it possible.

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