



# Arlington Republican Club

Newsletter

May 2011

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Next Meeting--- Speaker:      **Dr. H. Sterling Burnett, PhD**  
Senior Fellow at National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA)  
Speaking on...

## *Why the GOP has got it Right on Climate Regulations*

**Location:** Rolling Hill Country Club located at 401 East Lamar Blvd (N.E. corner of Lamar & N. Cooper), Arlington, Texas 76011.

Time, Date and Details: **Thursday, May 26, 2011**

5:45p.m. Doors Open

6:00p.m. Optional Dinner

**7:00p.m. Program begins**

8:15-8:30 p.m. Program concludes

10:00p.m. Socializing concludes, doors close

**Optional Dinner** will be provided starting at 6:00 p.m. at a cost of **\$15 per person**. The menu has not yet been determined. You need reservations to enjoy the wonderful dinner--- please **RSVP by the end of Tuesday, May 24, 2011**, by calling the Arlington Republican Club Voice Mail Center at **(817) 740-5700** or by emailing [arc@ArlingtonRepublicanClub.com](mailto:arc@ArlingtonRepublicanClub.com) with the number of people eating.

Children and respectful visitors are welcome to our events.

### **Quote of the Month---**

*"America is never wholly herself unless she is engaged in high moral principle. We as a people have such a purpose today. It is to make kinder the face of the nation and gentler the face of the world. " -- George H. W. Bush*

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## **1. It really is the economy, stupid**

There is much to be discussed about the markets if you keep up. Oil is now trading back around \$99-100 a barrel for a multitude of reasons but the stalemate in Libya has speculators a little uncertain as to where the price of oil will go, although it has no direct effect on supply to the United States because we do not get any oil from Libya, it is cause for concern as some supply has to be diverted to feed the Chinese and EU demand which is usually supplied by the Libyan reserves. For those that watch commodities trading, two weeks ago there was a blip in the silver market as a market price correction was made which sent \$44/ounce silver to around \$35/ounce. Gold prices fell below the \$1500 mark which we had just crested a few weeks before.

As the U.S. dollar strengthens, oil prices will recede but let's get serious, how can the dollar become stronger under uncertain conditions being set in regards to U.S. energy policy, jobless numbers continuing to grow, and not to mention to idea being preached that the U.S. will default on its obligations if the debt ceiling is not raised? I am going to have to call B.S. on Secretary Tim Geithner because as long as there are income tax revenues coming in; there will be plenty of funds to service the \$400 billion in debt service for the year.

Enough about that, what about the election? With Governor Mike Huckabee announcing he will not be running, Donald Trump followed suit, with Speaker Gingrich flubbing last week on the "right-wing social engineering" remarks which many took out of proportion, Mitch Daniels not running, who do we have? Herman Cain, a former CEO of Godfather's Pizza and radio talk show host, Governor Tim Pawlenty, Sen. Rick Santorum, Congressman Ron Paul, Governor Gary Johnson, possibly a Congressman Michelle Bachmann or Governor Sarah Palin, and of course Governor Mitt Romney, this field does not give any one person enough hope to see past a narrow Obama victory in 2012. If you listen to the pundits, they have written into the history books a 2<sup>nd</sup> term for President Obama because he finally has some semblance of National Security credentials with the death of Usama bin Laden.

It is going to be an interesting next 18 months where party infighting will rise to new levels, I just hope that we can all unite in the end and do what is best for our party and for what is best for this country. For those who say they will sit on the sidelines if their candidate does not get the nomination will be doing a larger disservice to the country than those who vote for President Obama (in the eyes of Republicans).

Personal attacks should not be waged. This election is about moving our country forward and back on the path to prosperity and to regain our role in the world. Our economy is doing poorly and on the current course, we are not setting ourselves up for success as we attempt to spend our way out of a recession that was onset by years of failed social engineering policy that began under Carter and was doubled down under President Clinton. We need to stay on message and yes, with President Obama's numbers below 50% on economic confidence that is how we will win. James Carville was right, "It's the economy stupid." Let's stay on message and remember who we are really fighting for, the future of this great country.

Let the games begin.

*Colt V. Ables, 3rd Vice President  
Publications*

*Former Vice Chairman, Texas College Republicans  
University of Texas at Arlington '10, B.S. Economics*

## **2. Legislative Alert!**

The updates following the demise of Usama Bin Laden may seem antidotal, however much is happening quickly in the State government as well as on the National level.

On Saturday, May 21st, the Fort Worth Star Telegram carried an article from the AP that was of great interest to me. The Obama administration is making Iranian students eligible to enter the U.S. for up to two years, in an effort to improve relations between American and Iranians. Previously, Iranian students and individuals enrolled in academic or professional exchange programs could obtain only a single-entry visa good for up to three months. Now they can enter and leave the U.S. repeatedly and stay for up to two years. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made the announcement Friday in You-Tube messages in English and Farsi. Clinton said the U.S. wants to show young Iranians what's great about America while helping them bring change to their country.

Ironically, this news was on the same page as the article stating that lawyers for families of people killed on 9-11 are asking a federal judge to find Iran culpable in the terrorist attacks. These lawyers state there is new evidence that Iranian officials had advance word of the attacks and helped train the hijackers. The lawyers filed papers Thursday, May 19th, in a New York District Court in Manhattan saying there is clear and convincing evidence to conclude default judgment damages should be paid to the families and personal representatives of some of those killed in the attacks. This evidence came from three defectors from Iran's Intelligence service, the Ministry of Information and Security, saying they worked in positions that gave them access to sensitive information regarding Iran's state sponsorship of terrorism.

Also on the same page was an article detailing Bin Laden's personal files revealed a plot to hijack oil tankers and blow them up at sea last summer. It showed that although Bin Laden wanted to launch the next big strike to kill thousands of Americans, he also wanted to target the oil industry to jolt world markets. 50% of the world oil supply moves at sea.

I am worried that a naive policy involving promoting Iranian students to come into the U.S. could lead to more home-grown terrorism...or am i the only one?

On to other news...

**Stalking Bill Sent to Governor's Desk**

The Texas House passed SB 82, legislation authored by Texas State Senator Jane Nelson to better protect stalking victims from dangerous behavior that often leads to violence. The bill now moves to the governor's desk. SB 82 expands the definition of stalking to include actions other than following a victim or repeated actions of the same kind. It adds language that stalking can include behavior targeted to the victim's current dating partner and guarantees victims the right to offer relevant testimony in court. "The connection between stalking and physical or sexual abuse -- and in many cases, murder -- is staggering. This law will ensure that prosecutors have the tools at their disposal to effectively prove this charge and to get a victim out of harm's way before it is too late," Senator Nelson, R-Flower Mound, said.

**Bills To Perry**

The final bills to pass Voter ID and the Sonogram bill have been sent to Rick Perry. A bill supported and passed by Barbara Nash regarding corporal punishment in the schools has been criticized by conservatives. More information on this legislation will follow this report.

Another bill that will have follow-up was the legislation passed in the State House to allow private developers to take over at least 14 road projects considered crucial for traffic relief. Conservatives gave impassioned opposition because they feel that the state is giving up control of its roads to corporate - often foreign owned - interests.

**GOP Filibuster**

A GOP filibuster against the nomination of Goodwin Liu as a judge on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, based in San Francisco was successful. Go team!

Next month, I will submit a summary of what our supermajority in the Texas Legislature was able to accomplish this session.

Fyi, just in case you want to know:

**Texans Can Save on Appliances During Memorial Weekend Sales Tax Holiday**

Memorial Day weekend is a great time for Texans to replace old, inefficient appliances during the fourth annual ENERGY STAR [Sales Tax Holiday](#), May 28-30. The tax break applies to ENERGY STAR rated air conditioners priced at \$6,000 or less; refrigerators priced at \$2,000 or less; ceiling fans; compact fluorescent light bulbs; clothes washers; dishwashers; dehumidifiers; and programmable thermostats.

*Laraine Bethke, 4th Vice President  
Legislative Alert*

**3. Political Commentary  
by Dale Richard Attebery**

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## **Federal MOVE Act Forces Texas (& others) to Consider Changing Election Dates**

There is much talk in Austin about moving statewide March primary elections to April & then May elections to our normal November general elections.

Now, the May to November move is really good news because this includes all non-partisan elections, as in City Council & School Board races! Okay, you have my full permission to stand up and cheer. Hip-Hip Hooray! Yippee Ki-Ayyyy!

Oops, the Cities have this option anyway and there are many different amendments to this. A second reading is next Tuesday. The state has the option of making this a mandatory move and even to make it a purely partisan election, but their knees do not appear to be that strong. This might even be an odd/even year election cycle by one account. The reading of that bill is most confusing per several people.

If this is a May to November move, then, this would mean Teacher Unions would no longer be able to control who serves on these bodies by sending their members to the polls in a May election with pre-set instructions; fully knowing that the general electorate would not vote in high numbers. That is, they control it all, most of the time.

It hurts us all when John & Jane Average do not show up to vote in mass at every opportunity and thus, look who is elected in these smaller May elections. Democrats! The different Teacher Unions have always had a stranglehold on who serves on these bodies. Sadly, this often happens in our own March primaries. And the end result is what: a spendthrift liberal, often referred to as an ugly RINO, is elected. From the stories being told, those unions ain't too happy bout' this-here proposed move, either.

One more time... if this May-November thingy actually takes place, maybe we can get some real Conservatives elected to these non-partisan positions.

At this writing, it is only talk but we can hope.

The following is the 'why' this may be taking place. It is an offshoot of the Federal MOVE Act, which has caused many states to change primary election dates.

Here is the opening paragraph in the latest RPT email of May 12:

"The Republican Party of Texas is pleased to report that members of the Texas House of Representatives have made critical updates to **SB 100** - a bill related to the MOVE Act and the date of the Texas Primary Election."

This refers to the Texas Primary being moved from the first Tuesday in March to the first Tuesday in April with a run-off in June.

The MOVE Act, is an attempt to allow more time for our military service personal, located overseas, to first receive and then cast their respective votes by mail.

Our Texas Senate wants to keep it in March & the House has agreed with RPT and voted to move it out, to April.

Per RPT, the following:

"In addition to changes mandated by the MOVE Act, the Republican National Committee has passed rules which penalize states which hold their primary elections before April and do not apportion their delegates in direct proportion to the popular vote. Texas is such a state. Thus, should Texas keep its primary date on the first Tuesday in March, those rules would potentially take away half of the Texas delegation strength to the Republican National Convention in 2012."

There is a major downside to these changes; it means our SD conventions might not take place until just after 4/15... tax-day. This year, that would mean April 16 or 23. That may hurt attendance and perhaps more. People who procrastinate in doing their taxes and people who figure those taxes, might not participate.

Have just been told that another HouseBill, would allow each county party to select a precinct convention date anytime inside of the next 5-days after the April primary. This is not likely to pass.

The above also causes us to put a hold on proposed changes to our own By-Laws and Constitution. That is, which dates do we use for the proposed endorsements. Maybe we can simply forgo dates and mention the word 'primary.' One delay after another.

FootNote...

The Teacher Unions are backing the newly proposed Arlington ISD tax hike. Let's take a vote on that in November 2012.

*Dale Richard Attebery*  
*Senior Advisor*

#### **4. 2011 Directory Ads**

It is that time of the year, time for the 2011 Membership Directory. You know you are ready to tell the people of ARC about your business or your candidacy, or maybe you just want to say how great you are.

**WE HAVE A SPOT JUST FOR YOU IN THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY!**

Below, you will find a document for you to fill out and to submit to us with your desired ad or the wording for your ad. The rates are reasonable and I hope you never pass up the opportunity to show support for the leading Republican Club in Arlington! 36 years and going strong!

[Membership Directory AD Form](#)

*Colt Ables, 3rd Vice President  
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## **5. Arlington Republican Club Garage Sale and Fundraiser**

*Unfortunately, we can't clean out liberals,  
but we can clean out our closets and garages!*

**When: June 11, 2011 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**Where: Arlington Classics Academy Parking Lot, 2800 W. Arkansas Lane (Across the street from Green's Produce)**

We welcome your donations and ask that you bring your unwanted items for sale to the Garage Sale location with the price on each item between 7:00 and 9:00 A.M. the morning of the sale. Otherwise, contact a member of the Garage Sale Committee and arrangements can be made for pick-up.

**Proceeds from the sale will go into our PAC account to help elect more Conservatives!**

### **Committee Members:**

**Anne Coker (Committee Chair) (817) 277-8247 hrtest@aol.com**

**Rhonda Lewis**

**Brenda Dietrich**

**Priscilla Mathis**

## **6. Coming Events**

**May 26**, Regular ARC Meeting at Rolling Hills Country Club. Sterling Bunett, Ph D- "Why the GOP has got it Right on Climate Regulations"

**June 11** ARC Garage Sale and Fundraiser 10:00AM-4:00PM Arlington Classics Academy Parking Lot, 2800 W Arkansas Lane-Proceeds go to the ARC PAC

**June 23**, Regular ARC Meeting at Rolling Hills Country Club, Conservative comedian Eric Golub



Marjorie Moffitt receiving Volunteer of the Year for Senate District 10 at our last meeting by SREC members Leslie Recine and Jim Borchert

## **7. May Birthdays**

- 1st, Vince Galante**
- 1st, Brian Smith**
- 4th, Guy Davidson**
- 4th, Sharon Durniak**
- 5th, Rose Lambiase**
- 6th, John Meek**
- 8th, Jerry Pikulinski**
- 9th, Michelle McKissic**
- 9th, Nancy Tice**
- 10th, Chuck Vanover**
- 13th, Tom Corbin**
- 13th, Dan McClure**
- 13th, Bill McFadin**
- 13th, Carolyn Rhodes**
- 14th, Donna Korman**
- 16th, Hon. Bill Harris**
- 17th, Ben Rhodes**
- 17th, Hon. Mike Sinha**
- 18th, Jane Berberich**
- 20th, Karen Davidson**
- 20th, Chris Garcia**
- 29th, Terry Niedecken**
- 30th, Hon. Linda Davis**

## 8. Great Articles and Resources

[Beyond Medicare](#) by Yuval Levin

[Obama Tweaks Recipe for Israeli Peace](#) by Jay Solomon & Laura Meckler

[Stop Demonizing Oil Profits](#) by Nicolas Loris

### RESOURCES

[Heritage Foundation](#)

[Weekly Standard](#)

[National Review](#)

[American Spectator](#)

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