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The Republican Club of Comal County

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Our goal is to inform about current issues and conservative candidates.*

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OUR NEXT MEETING

THE REPUBLICAN CLUB OF COMAL COUNTY

will meet on Tuesday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. (*social mixer at 5:30*)

**at the First Protestant Church of New Braunfels, 172 W. Coll Street.
(Enter the parking lot by the Civic Center from Coll St.)**

The Club will provide light refreshments such as veggie trays, snacks, and desserts. The Club will also provide utensils, water, tea, and coffee. Members and guests can bring salads and desserts to share, if desired.

We encourage members to arrive early. This will allow time to pay dues, greet friends and guests, and partake of refreshments before the meeting starts.

Please share this meeting announcement with friends and family. As we grow in numbers, our influence grows with our elected officials, and they will respond to our calls on legislative priorities.

Questions? Call or email our President, Al Highfield, at 830-255-1367 or at Albert.Highfield@yahoo.com.



Our guest speaker will be

Abraham George

**Candidate for Chairman,
Republican Party of Texas.**

**He will talk about the goals of the RPT.
Please join us for this timely and informative talk.**

NOTICE:

**There will be no Club meeting in May,
due to voting dates and the State Convention.**

See page 4 for voting dates and times.



A Message From Our President

Fellow Republican Patriots,
God bless and keep you safe!!

We must embark on an exercise in true patriotism.....the Texas Republican State Convention. If you are a delegate, this time or in the future, it is a chance to be a part of Texas history. Our goal is to make sure the Republican platform and candidates can lead. The goal is to keep Texas and the United States governments RED! Get out and vote!!!

A reminder for all club members!

There will be no General Meeting in May due to voting dates and the state convention.

God Bless and keep Texas and America RED forever!
Please visit our website at rccc.org for helpful information.

President Albert F. Highfield
“GOD BLESS TEXAS”

OUR PATRON PROGRAM

The Republican Club of Comal County is thankful for those who have contributed to our Club through the Patron Program during 2024.

Patrons donate \$100 per year per person to help us finance our election strategy.

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Contact our Membership Chairman, Maria Seiler, at 612-845-4027,
to become a Patron member or for more information.
Patrons receive a special personalized Texas flag name tag.



A Tribute to Sue Piner

Thank you for leading the Republicans of Comal County to a smooth-running operation.

I'm sure that your leadership helped to keep our county and state adhering to conservative principles.

I appreciated your help to our Club, the Republican Club of Comal County, and to me personally in writing the newsletter for that Club.

Basic Republican Principles

From its inception in 1854 and from its earliest stands against the oppressive institution of slavery, the Republican Party has defined itself as the protector of individual freedom. Today, 140 years later, we reaffirm our commitment as Republicans in the cause of freedom and liberty. And we redirect our course back to the basic tenets of our common Republican philosophy--a philosophy which includes among its components:

A Belief in Smaller Government: To preserve the sanctity of liberty of the individual, it is our belief that government must necessarily be limited. Otherwise, the paternalism of the few would restrict the freedom of the many to decide what is best for themselves.

Support of the Federalist System of Government: To bring power closer to the people, it is imperative that we restrict the growth of a centralized federal government. States ought to have the power to determine which programs and measures would be most appropriate and fitting for them.

Fiscal Conservatism: In keeping with our desires for the greatest individual liberty, we support policies of limited taxation and government spending.

Strong National Defense: We believe the best way to preserve the peace and protect our national interests abroad comes through a strong national defense.

Individual Liberties and Responsibilities: Along with individual liberties come individual responsibilities and duties. Government must act to preserve freedom, while individuals must exercise their responsibilities to preserve order.

Tolerance, Inclusiveness, and Optimism: We believe in the right of fellow Republicans to disagree on certain matters of principle and policy. We believe in being an open and inclusive party respectful of different points of view. We are indeed a "big-tent" party that offers no "litmus tests" or barriers to entry.

From the Washington State University Republicans

Our guest speaker for April:

Mr. Abraham George,

Candidate for Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas

Abraham George, candidate for Republican Party of Texas Chairman, got involved in the Republican Party when he realized the party's values echoed his own.

At just 16 years old, Abraham immigrated with his family to the U.S. from India as soon as he finished high school. As an adult, when Abraham prepared to vote in the 2008 presidential election, he said members of the minority community were expected to align with the Democratic Party and vote for Barack Obama.

"But I didn't agree with Obama or his policies. Though the narrative was to support him and the Democrat Party, I realized I needed to get involved with the Republican Party. The Dallas County GOP headquarters was near my office at the time, so I went in and offered to help."

He developed block-walking skills and generated grass-roots support for Republicans in the county. When he moved to Collin County in 2011, he volunteered with the Collin County Republican Party and joined a variety of Republican and conservative clubs in the county, including serving for two years on the board of the Collin County Conservative Republicans. He also served as credentials chair for the 2020 Precinct and Senate District conventions, served as vice chair of the Collin County Republican Party, and was elected to the State Republican Executive Committee, representing Senate District 8. Through this wide-ranging involvement in the Republican Party, he formed strong bonds with leadership and precinct chairs in the CCGOP. His enthusiasm, hard work, conservative values, and willingness to fill any role made him an obvious choice when the Collin County GOP looked for a new chairman, and he was elected by the executive committee in October 2021. In March 2022, Abraham ran unopposed on the primary ballot to begin a two-year term as chairman.

Abraham and his wife, a registered nurse, live in Parker with their two children, both of whom attend the Plano Independent School District.

Don't forget to vote!

Early voting:

April 22-26, Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

April 27, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

April 28-29, Monday– Tuesday, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

May 4, election day, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Our Officers for 2024

President	Al Highfield
Vice President	Marty Hiles
Secretary	Leigh Ann Rowlands
Treasurer	Patrick Seiler
Past President	Mary Wohl
County Chair	Sue Piner

Committee Chairs

Membership	Maria Seiler
Legislative Affairs	Lori Granados
Campaign Activities	Maria Seiler
Hospitality	<i>(Currently vacant)</i>
Parliamentarian	<i>(Currently vacant)</i>
Publicity Chair	Audrey Johnson Scheper
Facebook	<i>(Currently vacant)</i>
Newsletter Editor	Kerry Ledford
Special Events	Donna Lee
Special Projects	Ruth Chambers
Web Master	Audrey Johnson Scheper
Sergeant-at-Arms	Marty Hiles
Chaplain	Steve Ceh

Comal County Precinct Chairs

Why do we publish the Comal County Precinct Chair List in the Republican Club Newsletter each month? Our mission as active Republicans is to support the political process. Each one of us should know what Precinct we live in and who serves as our Precinct Chair.

We should offer our assistance to our Precinct Chair for the elections. We can assist as an Election clerk or Election Judge on Election Day. We can offer to block walk to inform our neighbors of early voting. We can block walk for our chosen candidates. We can offer to take a list of Republicans to call with a reminder of the times and places to vote early. There are a number of ways an individual can help to assure a maximum Republican vote.

Studies show that when people intend to vote, but fail to vote early, a substantial percentage of that vote is lost on Election Day. There is a lot to be done. Please offer your help to your Precinct Chair.

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Name</u>
County Chair	Sue Piner
Vice Chair	Marty Hiles
Recording Secretary	Judy Walker
Treasurer	Vicky Highfield
Assistant Treasurer	<i>(vacant)</i>
101	Sharon Hall Monge
102	Kaci Sisk
103	Laura Buske
104	J.B. Williamson
105	Ernie Lee
106	Chris Byrd
107	Anita Valdez
108	Albert Highfield
109	Clint Palpau
110	JoAnne Martin
201	Marty Hiles
202	<i>(vacant)</i>
203	James "Hoss" Boyd
204	Marlin Brown
205	Steve White
206	Kathy Phillips
207	John Brewer
208	Geri Baker
301	Will Moravits
302	Edison Bryant
303	Kenneth Kasper
304	<i>(vacant)</i>
305	Isabel Ibarra
306	Barbara Harrell
307	Timothy Davis
308	Mary Lou Erben
401	Robbie Borchers
402	Melinda Rapp
403	Carolyn Besselman
404	Teri Taylor
405	Molly Vogt
406	Joe Carroll
407	Susan Walker
408	Don Johnson

Our Mission

The mission of the Republican Club of Comal County is to promote “Faith, Family, and Freedom” by providing information and education about critical political issues, by encouraging active participation in the political process, by supporting conservative Republican nominees, and by fostering loyalty to the Republican Party and its conservative ideals.

Texas GOP top eight priorities for the upcoming legislative session

- **Protect our Elections:** Restore felony penalties and enact civil penalties for Election Code violations, which shall be enforceable by any Texas jurisdiction, including the Texas Attorney General. Require citizenship verification of each voter. Restrict the distribution of mail-in ballots to only disabled, military, and citizens that are out of state. Reduce the time allowed for early voting, and eliminate the three-day gap between early voting and election day. Establish closed primaries in Texas. As technology evolves, we encourage the passage of legislation that ensures the security of our elections.
- **Ban Democrat Chairs:** To ensure all legislative Republican priorities are given a fair opportunity to become law, the Republican-controlled Texas legislature shall adopt a rule that would end the practice of awarding committee chairmanships to Democrats.
- **Abolish Abortion in Texas:** Abolish abortion by ensuring the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization, including adopting effective tools to ensure the enforcement of our laws to protect life when district attorneys fail to do so.
- **Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids:** Repeal Texas Penal Code “Obscenity Exemption” 43.24 (c), which allows children access to harmful, explicit, or pornographic materials, and 43.25 (f)(2 3), which allows sexual performance by a child. In addition, prohibit teaching, exposure, and/or discussion of sexual matters (mechanics, feelings, orientation, or “gender identity” issues), and prohibit use or provision of related books and other materials using criminal, civil or other enforcement measures.
- **Ban Gender Modification of Children:** Texas must ban chemical castration, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, genital mutilation, bodily alteration surgery, psychological/social transitioning, and any other methods applied to or performed on children.
- **Secure the Border and Protect Texans:** Texas shall immediately deny all taxpayer-funded services and subsidies to illegal aliens. We call upon the Governor to assert his duty under Article 1, Section 10, Clause 3 of the US Constitution to declare an invasion on our Texas border and do everything in his power to protect Texans from this invasion. The legislature shall direct the Governor to enter into an Interstate Compact with one or more states for Border Security.
- **Parental Rights and Educational Freedom:** Parents are the primary decision-makers for their children in all matters. This authority shall be protected as an inalienable right. This shall include the choice of schooling where the money follows the child without strings attached, and enforcement and penalty mechanisms when parents’ rights are violated. The right to education shall be free from any social theories.
- **Defend Our Gun Rights:** Protect our gun rights against threats, such as red flag laws, federal, state or other restrictions, by strengthening and preserving our inalienable rights under the second amendment to protect our life, liberty and property. The Texas Legislature should eliminate gun-free zones.

Sanctuary Cities Reveal Their Hypocrisy

by Selene Rodriguez, Texas Public Policy Foundation, April 10, 2024
Hypocrisy runs deep in D.C., especially when it comes to the border.

Today during a Congressional budget hearing, we got to witness yet another example of leftist hypocrisy when Democratic Congresswoman Lauren Underwood of Illinois talked about migrants going to sanctuary cities.

Her issue was not the influx of migrants due to our open southern border. Instead, she claimed Illinois isn't getting enough federal funding to shelter migrants, and also that it's unfair how much more money Texas is getting than Illinois is.

Oh, she also criticized "the inhumane bussing of migrants arriving at our southern border to blue states."

All of these issues demonstrate her fundamental lack of understanding of cause-and-effect that the Left demonstrates when it comes to the border.

Yes, Illinois has more illegal migrants than it can afford to handle—but why? Is it because Texas is bussing migrants to their sanctuary cities—cities that publicly asked for migrants? No, of course not—the Biden administration is also flying migrants across the country, many into Texas.

Yes, Texas is also getting more federal funding than Illinois for sheltering migrants. Is it because Texas is being shown favoritism by Biden administration? No, on the contrary—the Biden administration has done everything it can to undermine Texas' efforts to deal with its border.

So, what is the cause? Is Illinois struggling because of, as the member of Congress claims, the "inhumane" and "anti-immigrant" policies of southern states?

No, of course not.

Illinois is struggling to provide shelter to immigrants because our border is open. It's struggling because it's gotten just a tiny fraction of the tide of illegal immigration that has crashed upon our southern border—and even that tiny fraction is too much for it.

The Left would like to have its cake and eat it, too. It wants the tide of illegal immigration to continue unabated, but it also doesn't want to foot the bill.

The hard truth is none of the states dealing with the influx of migrants should have to be spending the amount of money we are. These migrants should never have been released into the U.S. in the first place.

Failed federal policies and lack of immigration enforcement are what has put us where we are today. Instead of blaming Texas—which is doing more than the federal government to secure its southern border—D.C. leaders should be holding the president accountable for the safety and security of our nation. Democrats and Republicans alike need to stand together and demand the end of catch-and-release policies and closing the loopholes in the asylum system. Further, they should be fighting the sanctuary policies that make it easier for criminals to break the law and be shielded from the consequences.

It's easy to sit in an ivory tower in the Windy City and talk about all the good you're doing when you don't have to pay for it—it's much harder to foot the bill. But that's exactly what the Left wants Texas to do—foot the bill so that it can talk about all the good it's doing.

If that's not hypocrisy, I don't know what is.

Demo Delegates Will Dump Biden

Mark Alexander, Patriot Post, February 2024
Be careful what you wish for.

“This process of election affords a moral certainty that the office of President will seldom fall to the lot of any man who is not in an eminent degree endowed with the requisite qualifications.” —Alexander Hamilton in Federalist No. 68 (1788)

If the title question sounds familiar, it’s because 16 months ago, in October 2022, I stepped way off the prognostication reservation and asserted, “It’s Official — Biden Will (NOT) Be the Demo Nominee in 2024.” I speculated then, that Joe Biden would likely take himself out of the running after the primaries for health reasons, and then the Demo-convention delegates would choose who will be on the general election ballot. I think there is a substantial probability that this switch is already baked into the Demos’ political calculus cake.

Of course that would be unconventional, and astute political observers more accustomed to the conventional, including National Review’s Dan McLaughlin, assert there is no way Democrats will replace Biden. But these are unconventional times, and I note McLaughlin leaves his position open to “a drastic health event.”

However, in recent months, the odds on my outlying prediction have gotten better, as more of Biden’s Leftmedia talkingheads and scribes are now openly questioning his fitness for office.

That rising concern is particularly true after the prosecutorial findings that Joe Biden should not be charged for his gross negligence regarding classified documents, as well as Biden’s fumbled response.

The report was delivered by Special Counsel Robert Hur, who was tapped by Attorney General Merrick Garland to “investigate” all those classified documents Biden was hoarding — this on the heels of the Biden/DoJ efforts to indict Donald Trump for possession of classified documents.

Hur’s 345-page report “uncovered evidence that President Biden willfully retained and disclosed classified materials after his vice presidency when he was a private citizen” — more than 300 documents.

But this was the line in Hur’s report that got the attention of everyone on both sides of the political aisle: “In his interview with our office. Mr. Biden’s memory was worse. He did not remember when he was vice president, forgetting on the first day of the interview when his term ended (‘if it was 2013 — when did I stop being Vice President?’), and forgetting on the second day of the interview when his term began (‘in 2009, am I still Vice President?’). He did not remember, even within several years, when his son Beau died. And his memory appeared hazy when describing the Afghanistan debate that was once so important to him.”

Hur concluded that “no criminal charges are warranted” because a jury would never convict “a sympathetic, well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory.”

Then, the White House handlers of that “sympathetic, well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory” allowed him to attempt a rebuttal of Hur’s assertions in a press conference. After all, Biden’s reelection slogan is “Finish the Job,” and he certainly finished debunking any illusions that he has even a modicum of competency.

It would have been better had they just turned his teleprompter toward the cameras so we could read it.

Virtually all the questions that followed were about his competency, and he was not pleased. He dismissed the question of one journalist by yelling: “That is your judgment! That is your judgment! ... My memory is fine. I’m the most qualified person in the United States to be president.” He yelled at another, “I’m well-meaning, I’m an elderly man, and I know what the hell I’m doing.”

Biden also declared: “I know there’s some attention paid to some language in the report about my recollection of events. There’s even a reference that I don’t remember when my son died. How in the hell dare he raise that. Frankly, when I was asked the question, I thought to myself it wasn’t any of their damn business.”

But in fact, according to sources within Special Counsel Hur’s office, he never asked about Beau Biden’s death, and it was Joe Biden himself who brought it up, and then could not recall when he died. Biden has also repeatedly claimed his son died in Iraq. He didn’t.

The public spectacle of Biden’s incompetency issues started a Demo panic.

As our Nate Jackson observed: “The report on Joe Biden’s mishandling of classified documents and then Biden’s press conference in response illustrated what everyone already knows: The emperor has no memory.”

Jackson concluded, “After an excruciating 12 minutes, the press conference was over, and the panicked dialogue about the 25th Amendment began. After all, the special counsel just declared the president unfit to stand trial by means of cognitive disability. How can he possibly ‘discharge the powers and duties of his office’ now, much less through a second term?”

There is no question that Biden has set a record-low bar for presidential cognitive abilities.

Seasoned Democrat strategist James Carville said, “The most damaging thing that can happen to a politician is to have an existing negative suspicion confirmed.” Indeed, 86% of voters think Biden is “too old” to serve a second term.

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But never fear, Kamala Harris is standing by! She insists she is ready to step in: “I am ready to serve. There’s no question about that.” She added that everyone who sees her on the job “walks away fully aware of my capacity to lead.”

For some reason, that did not seem to quiet the concerns...

No sooner had Biden concluded his presser than Rep. Claudia Tenney (R-NY) fired off a letter to Biden’s cabinet, requesting that they “explore proceedings to remove the President pursuant to the 25th Amendment to the United States Constitution,” and adding, “President Biden needs to be charged, or he needs to be removed.”

That was followed by a joint statement from the House GOP leaders, Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA), Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA), Majority Whip Tom Emmer (R-MN), and Conference Chairwoman Elise Stefanik (R-NY). They concluded:

The Special Counsel’s finding that President Biden “willfully retained and disclosed classified materials” and engaged in practices that “present serious risks to national security” is deeply disturbing. Not only does it demonstrate the President’s recklessness, but exposes a two-tiered system of justice that is indicting one President with politically motivated charges while carrying water for another amid similar allegations.

Among the most disturbing parts of this report is the Special Counsel’s justification for not recommending charges: namely that the President’s memory had such “significant limitations” that he could not convince a jury that the President held a “mental state of willfulness” that a serious felony requires. A man too incapable of being held accountable for mishandling classified information is certainly unfit for the Oval Office.

The House GOP is now demanding the Justice Department turn over the full transcript of the special counsel’s interview of Biden — which will likely reveal much more about his incompetency than the summary report.

Then came the predictably comical defense by Biden’s oh-so-competent spokes-parrot, Karine Jean-Pierre.

A reporter asked, “If the special counsel says President Biden has significant limitations on memory, then who is helping him run the country?” KJP responded: “The president of the United States runs the country. The commander-in-chief runs the country.” In response to a follow-up, “How can he be trusted with nuclear codes?” she answered: “I want to be very clear here. The reality is, that report, that part of the report does not live in reality. It just doesn’t.”

For sure, somebody “does not live in reality.”

Then leftist comedian/commentator Bill Maher dared say out loud what everyone else is thinking, calling for delegates to replace Biden, comparing him to Mr. Magoo and telling his audience: “I guess the question now is, is it too late? And I don’t think it is because I still think you can do it at the convention. People have said to me, ‘Oh, that’s ridiculous. They’ll look like-, they’ll look like nothing. Nobody gives a f*** what they do at the convention. You can switch him out at the convention. ... If a guy says ‘I can’t run,’ then you have to do it. Then it has to be somebody else. Then it’s an open convention. We’ve had open conventions many times. ... They make it up as they go along anyway. It’s politics.”

Who cares what Bill Maher says? Well, he has a substantial audience, and the fact he has now called on Democrat delegates to replace Biden at the Democratic National Convention in August has opened that option for broad consideration.

And, even the New York Times’ Ezra Klein is finally catching up, saying out loud what we projected 16-months ago, that the delegates could replace Biden. Better late to the party than never.

So what are the implications for Donald Trump’s electoral prospects? That is covered in part two of this column, “Trump’s Prospects if Demo Delegates Dump Biden.”

And keep in mind on the subject of delegates, as Trump’s legal challenges mount, if he gets snared by one of those, the delegates at the Republican Convention may also be charged with deterring an alternate candidate.

Finally, in regard to the Founder quote I chose for this column, Alexander Hamilton’s assertion — “This process of election affords a moral certainty that the office of President will seldom fall to the lot of any man who is not in an eminent degree endowed with the requisite qualifications” — was correct given his qualifier, “seldom.”

In the case of Joe Biden, “the office of President” has clearly fallen to the lot of a man “who is not in an eminent degree endowed with the requisite qualifications.”

Politics aside, the national security implications of a feckless American leader who does not have “the requisite qualifications” are already abundantly apparent.

Let me be clear: The probability of the ChiComs invading Taiwan before January 2025 is directly tied to Biden’s polling against Trump, and at the moment, Trump holds a narrow lead in a general election matchup. If it looks like Trump will return to office, then, like Vladimir Putin invading Ukraine and Iran/Hamas attacking Israel, China will make their move before it happens.

To that end, House Intelligence Chair Mike Turner (R-OH) has, for reasons not yet clear, demanded that Biden make the details of a “serious national security threat” available so “Congress, the Administration, and our allies can openly discuss the actions necessary to respond to this threat.” I am assuming this is about Vladimir Putin aggression in Ukraine, not directly about the ChiComs.

Brace yourself, America...

A Dramatically Better Future

by Newt Gingrich

America is on the edge of a series of technological and scientific breakthroughs that are going to transform our lives. We will live longer, be wealthier, and have dramatically greater productivity.

The emergence of new tools for living well will mean many of today's problems will simply disappear.

Remarkable new science and technologies are being developed all around us. Unfortunately, the focus of politicians and the news media is negative, conflict-oriented, and fixated on immediate problems. It is difficult to see beyond the daily focus and realize the amazing things being developed in laboratories, research centers, and small entrepreneurial companies.

We are close to almost unimaginable breakthroughs in health, space, energy, robotics, and the use of information through artificial intelligence and artificial general intelligence.

In the area of health, we are close to three parallel breakthroughs. First, the development of true cost and quality transparency in health care will lead to a constant cycle of better outcomes and greater productivity. Bureaucracy imposes price controls to slow the rise of prices (creating red tape, waiting times, and declining quality of services). An information-rich market—with you, the patient, knowing what you are getting and what you are paying for—will lead to crashes in cost combined with dramatic breakthroughs in quality and availability.

Second, the number of diseases on the verge of being cured or managed is remarkable. President Richard Nixon's 1971 declaration of a war on cancer has paid off with continuous breakthroughs in biology and in medical solutions. When I was in Congress, we also recognized the importance of getting better cures for and better management of incurable diseases. So, we insisted on doubling the budget of the National Institutes of Health. With the breakthroughs from the Human Genome Project, we are gaining a dramatically better understanding of how the human body works, what makes it ill, and what cures or prevents illness. Whether it is diabetes, sickle cell anemia, cancer, heart disease, or a host of other problems, our abilities to extend life—and importantly, quality of life—are going to continue to accelerate at an amazing pace.

Third, scientific breakthroughs are beginning to build a revolutionary opportunity to extend a healthy life for an almost unimaginable time. New longevity-focused science will soon allow us to live healthy lives far beyond the current 80 or 90 years. Dr. Michael Roizen describes this new science in *The Great Age Reboot: Cracking the Longevity Code for a Younger Tomorrow*. Roizen discusses an emerging science that we know is working in a variety of animal experiments. Scientists are reversing the aging process and turning older animals into much younger, healthier, and more energetic animals.

Roizen estimates that an average 25-year-old today was projected to live to 79 at the time of birth, but with all the imminent breakthroughs in longevity research, that person's lifespan will probably be 125. In other words, scientific breakthroughs will have added 46 years to the average lifespan. Furthermore, Roizen asserts that people will be dramatically healthier and have far greater capabilities as they grow older. He calls the concept "real age" and argues that our real age will become much younger than our actual years.

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If health is the area of greatest break through for our current lives, the potential to take our longer, healthier lives and go into space is going to increase dramatically.

In the late 1980s, Congressman Bob Walker and I fought to get NASA to build a reusable rocket. Despite allocating \$400 million, they just couldn't get it to work. Fifteen years later, a private sector entrepreneur, Elon Musk, began developing reusable rockets. Last year, his company, Space X, had 92 successful orbital launches—more than any company had ever achieved. Now he is building Starship. This is the largest rocket ever built, with 33 engines. It will carry 150 tons of cargo in the reusable version. It will also be able to carry 100 passengers as far as Mars.

As usual, once a technology is developed, others can learn and match it. In addition to Starship, there will be Blue Origin's New Glenn and Relativity Space's Terran-R reusable heavy lift vehicles. There are also experiments underway to see nuclear power in space, which could cut the time for getting to Mars from 7 months to 45 days.

The emergence of practical access to space will create a new sense of optimism and excitement about the future.

Energy is the third great area of breakthroughs. New developments have been made in small modular nuclear reactors. We have witnessed dramatic improvements in the use of geothermal power, and fusion capabilities appear to be rapidly improving. All these developments turn the world away from energy scarcity toward a new, more abundant future with declining costs. Jobs, transportation, and quality of life will all improve as energy production once again achieves an upward trajectory.

BMW recently announced that it has robots helping to build its cars. Every five hours, these robots walk over to an electricity source and plug themselves in to charge. This is a hint at the widespread use of robots in the next generation. Many physical aspects, such as taking care of Alzheimer's patients at home, will be made much easier by specialty robots. The robotics industry has been steadily increasing for the last half century. When robotics are combined with artificial intelligence, we will experience a striking improvement in our lives as repetitive and physically demanding activities are increasingly being done by intelligent machines.

Finally, the most extraordinary improvement in the future is going to be the application of artificial intelligence—and in particular artificial general intelligence. Artificial intelligence is the application of large information systems' "thinking" to specific activities. For example, the Federal Aviation Agency uses AI to monitor commercial flights in American air space. Artificial general intelligence is less developed but will be revolutionary when it occurs. AGI is the development of the ability for systems to learn whatever they need to learn without being contained to one topic or area.

This is just a sample of the amazing developments which are going to make the 2030s and beyond a period of extraordinary advancement, prosperity, and opportunity.

Now we just need to develop a news media and politics of optimism, hope, and enthusiasm. As President Ronald Reagan liked to say, "You ain't seen nothing yet" and "America's best days are ahead, not behind."

**WHY DOES
"INCLUSIVENESS"
INCLUDE
EVERYTHING
EXCEPT
OPPOSING
VIEWS?**

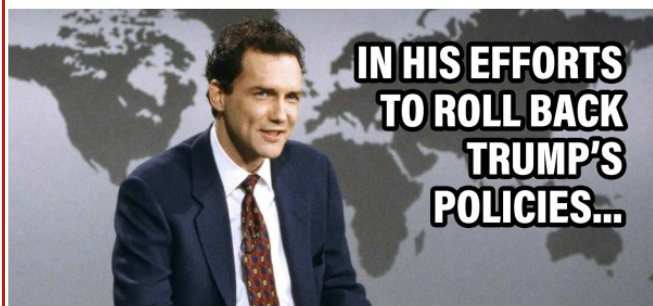


One of Many Blunders

If this bird were covered in oil, then this picture would be posted everywhere.



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**IN HIS EFFORTS
TO ROLL BACK
TRUMP'S
POLICIES...**



**BIDEN ENDS
MIDDLE EAST
PEACE.**

Now that the statues have been removed and the bases have been renamed, tell me how your life has improved.



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ANTI TRUMP**

**THEY SAY 40 IS THE NEW 30
AND 50 IS THE NEW 40, BUT ALL I
KNOW IS THE OLDER I GET, THE
MORE 9PM IS THE NEW
MIDNIGHT.**

You can be a delegate to the Republican State Convention!

What is the Republican State Convention?

It's a place for people who vote in the Republican Primary election, or affiliate with the party, to define our shared beliefs and to determine how we will promote them. We do this by creating a platform and by setting rules and electing people to run the party between conventions.

Who can attend the Republican State Convention?

Anyone who is a registered voter, who has affiliated with the Republican Party, either by voting in the Party Primary or by taking an oath of affiliation, and has been duly elected by the lower level conventions. You can only affiliate with one party during each election year.

What is a delegate?

Delegates are grassroots Republicans who participate in the shaping of the Republican Party, its role, and its direction regarding public policy. They volunteer and are chosen by their districts to attend the party's conventions in each even-numbered year.

Step 1: Precinct Conventions

When and where: Your 2024 Precinct Convention will be held sometime after the polls close on Primary Election Day (April 5, 2024) at your designated polling location and before the start of the County/Senate District Conventions (April 23, 2024, 4th Saturday in April).

Please check with your local Republican County Chair for the most up-to-date information. (See https://www.texasgop.org/county_chairs/)

What to expect: If you are a registered voter and affiliated with the Republican Party, you can participate in this convention. You can introduce and vote on resolutions. Then elect delegates and alternates to the next convention level.

Step 2: County / Senate District Conventions

When and where: Your County or SD Convention will be held on April 23, 2024. Your county party sets the location and time.

What to expect: In the days or weeks before the convention, you can visit committee meetings and let them know what issues are important to you. At the convention, you'll set the rules by which the convention will operate. You will be able to vote on resolutions the committees have worked on. Then you'll elect delegates and alternates to the state convention level.

Step 3: State Convention

When and where: This convention will be held in San Antonio from May 20-25. Committees will meet beginning May 20. General Session and Caucuses will meet May 23-25. Please check www.texasgop.org for convention details.

What to expect: You will be able to testify before the committees on issues you care about, vote on the platform that will state the beliefs of the Party, vote on the rules that will steer the Party, elect the State Chair, State Vice-chair and your State Republican Committeeman and Committeewoman who will serve the next two years. You will also elect the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman, and elect National Delegates, and Electors.

Why become a delegate to the Republican State Convention? Because you will have an instrumental role in shaping the beliefs of the Party and determining the methods of implementation in public policy.

RCOCC Community Outreach for 2024

New Braunfels Food Bank Partnership:

- ◆ Every dollar donated = 7 meals
- ◆ Need Food donated
- ◆ Volunteer opportunities (Packing Food & Garden)

Army Fischer House Partnership:

- ◆ Provides housing to Veterans whose families are getting medical attention at Brooke Army Medical Center
- ◆ Need monetary donations (tax deductible)
- ◆ Donations of supplies (toothbrushes, batteries, etc.)
- ◆ Volunteer opportunities as a team

Fourth of July Parade: New Braunfels:

- ◆ RCOCC Float
- ◆ Option to place Flags at one of the local bases
- ◆ We could partner with other Republican Clubs for the Flags

Freedom Walk: 9-11:

- ◆ Have RCOCC Members attend wearing RCOCC T-Shirts

Halloween: October 31:

- ◆ Have RCOCC Volunteers pass out Candy
- ◆ Collect Candy in September from volunteers

Christmas:

- ◆ RCOCC Parade
- ◆ Wreaths at Fort Sam or another military base
- ◆ We could partner with other Republican Clubs for the wreaths

**Man to friend: My wife knows that I've been cheating.
She found my hidden letters.
Friend: You both take Scrabble much too seriously!**

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