

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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President's Byline : THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION OF OUR LIFETIME!!



Below is part of the front page article that was in the Dallas Morning News on November 5, 2014:

Analysis: Wiped out at the state level.....If the election were a battle, for Democrats, it was the Alamo. Everybody died.

And that is what I hope to see, not just in the Dallas Morning News, but everywhere in the United States on November 9, 2016. I believe it is possible because I do think that people in this country are tired of politics as usual and that is what Hillary Clinton represents. She is the absolute epitome of the establishment and it will simply be a repeat of the last 8 years on steroids! It is my opinion that Donald Trump became the Republican nominee precisely because he isn't a politician, he isn't a part of the establishment, and he's anything but politically correct. He said what many of us were thinking and it apparently inspired many people who have never voted to get involved and vote in greater numbers than we have seen in quite some time. Also, he is a very successful businessman. He has created jobs, paid payroll taxes, worked with budgets and has been extremely successful. Hillary Clinton has never done any of those things. She was first the wife of a politician and then she became a U. S. Senator and finally Secretary of State. In other words, she has been on the government payroll in one way or another for most of her adult life. Hillary switches her positions faster than a jackrabbit which tells me she has no real core beliefs, just raw ambition and the desire to win at any cost. And let's not forget this is a woman who said she was "dead broke" when she and Bill left the White House (after looting and trashing it). Yet they managed to purchase not one, but two multi-million dollar mansions: a \$1.7 million mansion in Chappaqua, NY so Hillary could claim residence in the state to run for the U.S. Senate and then they purchased a \$2.85 million mansion on Embassy Row on Washington, D.C. As president, Bill Clinton earned \$200,000 plus expenses. I wonder how many of us could have managed to own not one, but two multi-million dollar homes immediately after being "dead broke." And let's not forget the infamous dealings of the Clinton Foundation or those \$500,000 plus speaking fees that Bill received in particular from quite a few foreign governments. Do we really want this family back in the White House????

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Another reason that we have Donald Trump is that our Republicans in the House and the Senate (with a few notable exceptions) did not keep the promises they made to the American people when we gave them control of both houses of Congress. We have one last chance to make some real changes in Washington and in our country with this election which is truly **THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION** in our lifetime. We always seem to say that, but we are at a tipping point and our choice is crystal clear: do we keep our republic or do we go into a full-fledged socialist country where the all-powerful government takes care of us from cradle to grave? Just remember what Thomas Jefferson said: "A government big enough to supply everything you need, is big enough to take everything you have."

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DONALD AND HILLARY GO INTO A BAKERY ...

Donald and Hillary go into a bakery on the campaign trail. As soon as they enter the bakery, Hillary steals three pastries and puts them in her pocket.

She says to Donald, "See how clever I am? The owner didn't see anything and I don't even need to lie. I will definitely win the election.

The Donald says to Hillary, "That's the typical dishonesty you have displayed throughout your entire life, trickery and deceit. I am going to show you an honest way to get the same result."

Donald goes to the owner of the bakery and says, "Give me a pastry and I will show you a magic trick." Intrigued, the owner accepts and gives him a pastry.

Trump swallows it and asks for another one. The owner gives him another one.

Then Donald asks for a third pastry and eats that one too.

The owner is starting to wonder where the magic trick is and asks, "What did you do with the pastries?"

Trump replies, "Look in Hillary's pocket"...



September Plano Republican Women Meeting



Next PRW Meeting: Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Speaker - Ross Kecseg

Ross Kecseg, a native North Texan, runs the Metroplex Bureau for Empower Texans and Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, focusing on county and local governance in North Texas.

He graduated with a degree in Economics from Arizona State University in 2006, with a special emphasis on Public Policy and U.S. Constitutional history. Following graduation, he joined a national healthcare consulting firm specializing in physician recruitment and worked as an analyst for a boutique, market research firm specializing in consumer analytics.

Since 2008, Ross has been active in both grassroots organizing and as a volunteer for numerous local, state and national political campaigns.

He was nominated in 2013 to serve on the Irving ISD Strategic Planning Committee, and regularly speaks to liberty-minded groups regarding the fundamental importance of state education reform, the strategic effectiveness of local activism, and the intersection of state and local policy.

Ross is an avid golfer, automotive enthusiast, and movie/music junkie

Location: Reflections on Spring Creek
1901 East Spring Creek Parkway

Time: 11:15 am: Check-in
11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program

PRW membership is not required to attend our meeting
Lunch at the meeting is available with RSVP for \$20 in cash or check payable to PRW

RSVP is required by Thursday before the Tuesday meeting to: rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org
RSVPs to attend the meeting without lunch may be made up to the Monday before the Tuesday meeting.

Caring for America: Add a contribution to your lunch ticket to benefit Patriot Paws



STATE SENATOR VAN TAYLOR INVITES CONSTITUENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN COLLIN COUNTY PROPERTY TAX COMMITTEE HEARING

Senate Property Tax Committee Holding Public Hearing at Collin College Spring Creek Campus on Monday, October 3rd

State Senator Van Taylor announced that the Senate Property Tax Reform and Relief Committee is coming to Collin County to hold a public hearing on Monday, October 3rd at the Collin College Spring Creek Campus in Plano. Taylor requested the committee hold a field hearing in Collin County to hear directly from local homeowners affected by rising property taxes.

The hearing will take place at Collin College Spring Creek Campus in the Living Legends Conference Center with free parking available in lot 8. The hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00am.

"When I hear the fear in a person's voice, worried they might have to sell their home because the tax burden has grown too immense, my blood boils. Government exists to secure the rights of the people not tax people out of their homes," stated Taylor. "The appraisal system in Texas was not designed as a vehicle for local governments to subvert the will of the people with backdoor means to increase taxes and government spending. Any system, which seeks to silence the people, belittles the principles of our Republic and cries out for reform."

For those who have never offered public testimony at a state hearing before, Taylor noted the process is straightforward and designed for people to easily communicate with their state government. Those wishing to testify simply fill out a card and then will be called to offer their experiences, thoughts, and/or opinions on the property tax system in Texas. The Committee requests that those wishing to provide public testimony limit prepared remarks to 3 minutes. If submitting written testimony, please submit 20 copies, with your name on each copy, to the Committee during the hearing. Given the high interest, people wishing to testify should be prepared for long waits potentially lasting up to several hours.

If constituents have any questions about the process, or are unable to attend but would like to share their thoughts with the Committee, Taylor said they can contact his office at: (972) 398-9416 and someone will be there to help.

Taylor continued, "I firmly believe that political power comes from the grassroots. By going directly to the people, these hearings force politicians to hear how skyrocketing property taxes are affecting the everyday lives of the people they serve."

A trusted conservative leader in the Texas Senate and outspoken advocate for meaningful property tax relief, Taylor was appointed by Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick to serve on the Select Committee on Property Tax Reform and Relief. The Committee has been traveling the state holding public hearings, discussing ways to improve the property tax process, as well as reduce the burden on property owners. To date, the Committee has held hearings in San Antonio, Harlingen, Lubbock, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Houston. Based on feedback from these hearings, the committee will report their recommendations to the Finance Committee prior to the 2017 Legislative Session.

In a press release announcing his appointments to the committee, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick stated, "Texas voters have spoken and they clearly said they want lasting, meaningful tax reform. Proposition 1, this Select Committee on Property Tax Reform and Relief, and recently passed legislation as well as Finance Committee interim charges are all part of a vision for a better Texas."

According to data from the Texas Comptroller, between 2005 and 2014, property taxes increased approximately 2.5 times faster than the median household income.

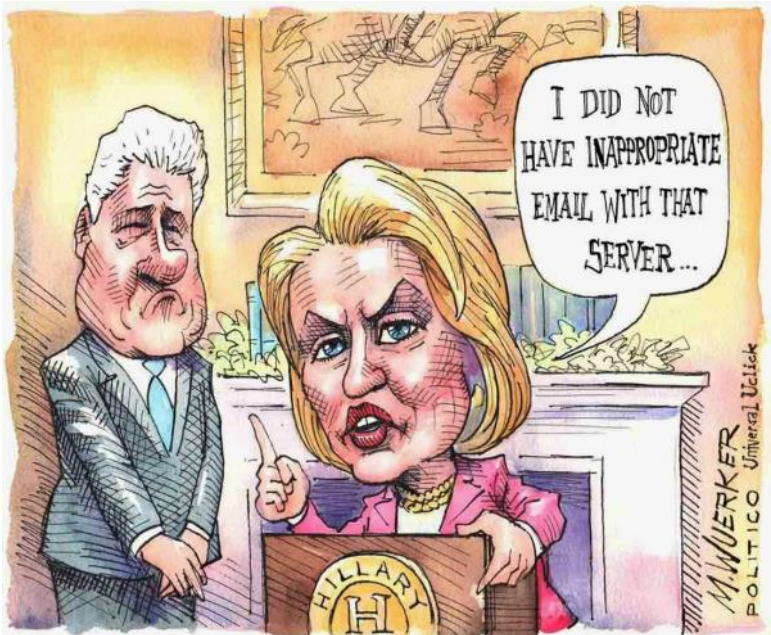
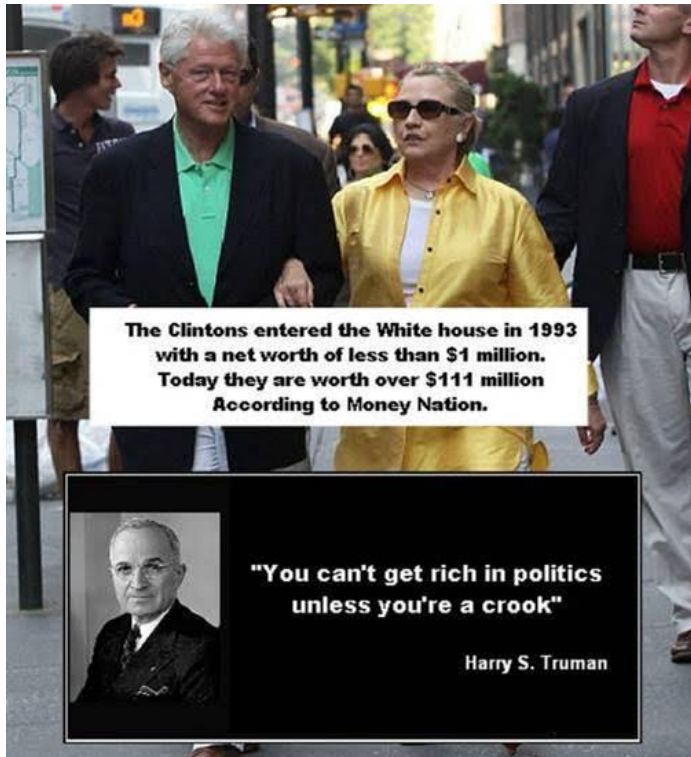
Last session Senator Taylor coauthored, and helped pass, Senate Bill 1, which increased the homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000 for school district property taxes. Needing voter approval before taking effect, over 86% of Texas voters supported the measure by passing Proposition 1 during the 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election. According to the non-partisan Legislative Budget Board this legislation provided Texans with \$1.2 billion in property tax relief.

James Monroe received every electoral vote but one in the 1820 election. A New Hampshire delegate wanted George Washington to be the only president elected unanimously.

PRW in Action - GOP Rally



Political Cartoons



WHERE OH WHERE TO PUT #44



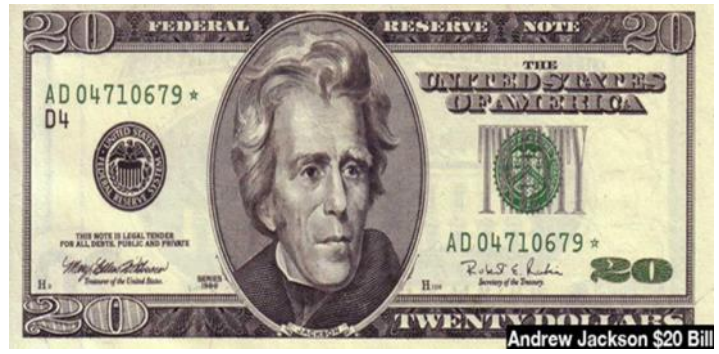
George Washington, our nation's first president and leader of the American Revolution!



Abe Lincoln, honorable leader who pulled our nation through its darkest time! !



Alexander Hamilton, founding father, first Secretary of the Treasury and leader of the constitutional convention!



Andrew Jackson, "Old Hickory" fought the British in New Orleans!



Ulysses Grant, Union army general, led the North through the Civil War !



Ben Franklin, genius inventor, political theorist and leading author of the Constitution.



Finally, we have someone to put on the food stamp!!!

Obama's policies have put more people on welfare than any president before him, so this placement is most appropriate.

Unlike the Nobel Peace Prize, for which he did nothing, this is an "honor" he richly deserves.

A Look Back In Time

Budding patriots learn by doing

Ashley Chaffin, one of Plano's representatives to the 1989 American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls' State at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, was chosen by the 580 delegates as one of Texas' two representatives to Girl's Nation, set for later this month in Washington.

Ashley, a senior at Plano East Senior High School and the daughter of **Susanne Chaffin**, was appointed adjutant general at Girls' State. Sponsored by the Plano Republican Women's Club, Ashley will ride in today's parade in a Chrysler provided by **Ray Huffines**, and club president **Kay Baird** has made arrangements for Ashley to be greeted in Washington by Congressman **Steve Bartlett**.

Also a senior at Plano East, **Jenny Svoboda** was appointed to serve as an associate justice of the Supreme Court. Sponsored by Plano Bank and Trust, Jenny is the daughter of **Glenetta and Adrian Svoboda**.

Wylie High School's **Hilary McAdams** was elected to the health commission of her city. The daughter of **Abbie and Bob McAdams**, Hilary was sponsored by Unit 321, American Legion Auxiliary.

Conner Harrington Republican Women's Club sponsored Plano Senior High School's **Kristen Pauling**. The daughter of **Sharon and Dennis Pauling**, Kristen chaired the Texas Department of Health Committee.

Christy Williams was elected without a runoff to the Girl's State Railroad Commission and as an elected state official she was escorted into the Capitol Rotunda for installation ceremonies by Texas Railroad Commissioner **John Sharp**.

Sponsored by Willow Bend Bank, Christy is a senior at Plano Senior High and the daughter of **Carol and John Williams**.

A mythical 51st state administered at city, district, county and state levels by delegates, Girls' State is the largest single extracurricular educational program for high school girls in Texas. Non-partisan and non-political, Girls' State has been held each year since 1937 to provide training in citizenship by familiarizing delegates with the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities they will assume as adults.

Applications are accepted from high school juniors, and selection is based on character, leadership and scholarship.

American Legion Auxiliary stalwart **Irene McKee** has organized the local Girls' State program for 15 years and has been an adult participant for five years.

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The American Legion counterpart to Girls' State, Boys' State, was held in June at the University of Texas with 980 participants. The Plano and Wylie delegates were all co-sponsored by Plano's American Legion Post 321.

Social lights



Wylie High School's **Frankie Delgado**, the son of **Lou Johnson**, was elected as a city precinct chairman, was a state delegate in the Federalist party and lost his bid for governor by only 15 votes.

Also from Wylie, **Jody Bean**, the son of **LaWanna and Warren Bean**, was elected postmaster in his city and was appointed to the state Mental Health/Mental Retardation Commission.

Plano Senior High's **Kent Pearson** was co-sponsored by the Conner Harrington Republican's Women's Club. The son of **Janis and Roger Pearson**, Kent was appointed to the Texas Mental Health Commission.

From Plano East, **Joe Whitmore** was elected to the House of Representatives and lost his bid for house speaker by two votes. Joe is the son of **Jean and Patrick Whitmore**.

Also from Plano East, **Matt Cleaves** was elected as a party chairman at city, county and district levels; was elected to the Senate; and was chosen as the pro tem leader of the Senate. Co-sponsored by Plano Bank and Trust, Matt is the son of **Kathy and Bob Cleaves**.

Co-sponsored by the Collin County Republican Men's Club, **John Payton** was elected party chairman at city, county district and state levels. He came in third for secretary of state, and was chosen as first alternate for Boys' Nation.

John is the son of **Stan and Lorri Payton**.

Noted veterans affairs activist **Bill Crawford** has organized Boys' State delegates from Plano and Wylie for 10 years. "If we (American Legion) had to give up a program, this would be the last", he said.

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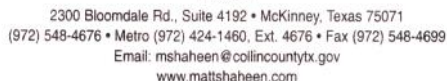


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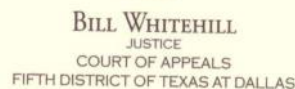
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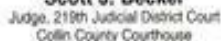
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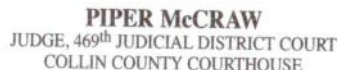


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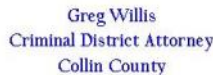
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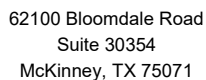
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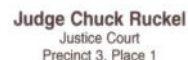
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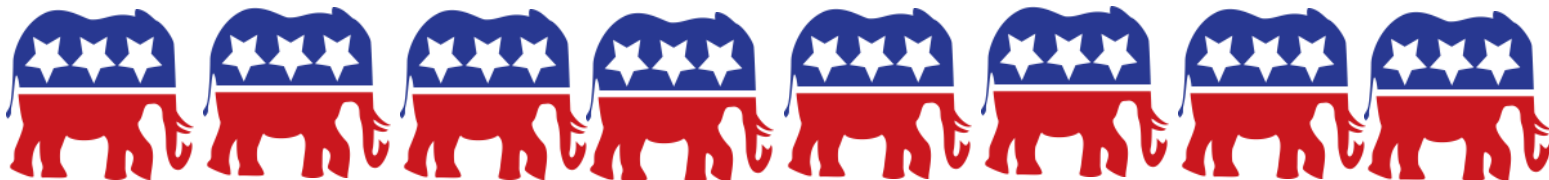
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