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SANTA FE REPORT

What happens in Santa Fe DOES affect us all. Here are some notes from others that attempt to put voters back into the picture, as both state representatives and senators are supposed to represent *you* and serve your needs.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Linda Pecotte

It was a particularly tumultuous session, with little agreement from both sides of the aisle. The media reported that in most cases, if a bill was favored by Governor Martinez, the Democrats in both the House and Senate would do everything in their power to make sure that the Bill would not come to a vote on the floor (and they do have the majority in both chambers).

There were three separate Voter Photo ID bills. Ben Lujan, as House Speaker, assigned all three Bills to be heard in three committees (a death knell for all because of time constraints). None of these bills came out of the first committee hearing.

House Bill 69: Require Certain Students to be Held Back for One Year, passed 47 to 23 on February 15, with Rudy Martinez voting against it and Dianne Hamilton voting for it. It was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee that same day and it died there.

The reciprocal Senate Bill 96, similar title, failed by 24 for it and 15 against, with 3 not voting. The senate demanded a two-thirds majority to pass it. Senator Howie Morales voted against it.

HAWKER BEECHCRAFT STILL STANDING

By Vice Chair Margaret Hopper

In late November the U.S. Air Force was studying bids on a light support aircraft. Problem: Beechcraft contends it was wrongly banned from the bidding,

December 22, the \$354 million dollar contract was awarded to Sierra Nevada Corp/ Embraer combination. Embraer is a Brazilian manufacturer.

January 4, the Air Force announced a temporary stop work order due to the lawsuit filed by Hawker Beechcraft CEO Bill Boisture of Wichita, Kansas, in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. Beechcraft claimed unfair elimination from the bidding competition, saying it believed the company had a more capable, lower cost aircraft,(25 percent less), as well as being manufactured totally in America.

Internet comments soon centered on George Soros ties to both Embraer of Brazil and Sierra Nevada Corporation.

On February 28, headlines announced Air Force had totally scrapped the deal with Embraer, Sierra Nevada, citing problems with documents used to make the award and an investigation of the contract award process. It appears the work will be rebid, and Beechcraft says it looks forward to being in the bidding process.

QUE PASA IN SANTA FE?

By Vice Chair Margaret Hopper

There's no lack of lurid details lurking in the shadows of the past few years.

Rebecca Vigil-Giron, Secretary of State from 1998 to 2006, was investigated in December, 2007, for missing funds.

An alarmed Mary Herrera, the new Secretary of State, apologized, saying she knew there must be some mistake, but the money was missing, according to audit. State Auditor Hector Balderas spoke of severe mismanagement of taxpayer funds.

State grand jury charges were followed by 50 federal grand jury charges. Vigil-Giron and three co-defendants, Armando Gutierrez, Elizabeth and Joseph Kupfer, were questioned regarding overcharging a voter education program, the Help America Vote Act, among other financial issues.

By July, 2011, Vigil-Giron was tired of waiting on slow proceedings and asked that charges be dropped and her name be cleared, so she could start using her many talents and get on with her life.

Why do the wheels of justice turn so slowly? Attorney General Gary King has been accused of dragging his toes and not protecting the state from misdealings, and the District Court Judge A."Pat" Murdock, assigned to set up this case, was arrested on charges of his own. She is correct; there definitely have been delays.

It seems there isn't a broom big enough or lye soap strong enough to clean up Santa Fe power politics. Until the cast of characters changes greatly, taxpayers can expect more of the same. To increase your own information on the subject, search the internet for Rebecca Vigil-Giron. A number of sites will come up.

When voters place people in office, they must accept some responsibility for the work these people do, or work hard to get them out. Do your research.

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*Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution.
That must be maintained, for it is the only
safeguard of our liberties.
Abraham Lincoln*

**CITIZENSHIP is your gift to your country.
Only concerned citizens can keep
our future free.**

CALL FOR ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Any TEA Party member may submit short articles (200-250 words) to the *Patriots' Post*. The deadline for submissions is the 10th of the month prior to the publication every two months. The next deadline is May 10. These articles will be considered for publication as space allows. E-mail articles to Hotmail address with "PP article" as the subject line or mail it to the P.O. Box address. (See the masthead for the addresses.)

Any articles submitted should deal directly with the core values of the Silver City-Grant County TEA Party Patriots. Our core values include Fiscal Responsibility, Constitutionally-Limited Government, Free Markets, and Secure Borders.

MEMBER ACTIVITY

By Chairwoman LeAnne Tillar

The volunteers who set up each session at the Red Barn and sit at service tables are critical to running our public meetings. We appreciate those we have and hope more will join them.

Others willingly volunteer to man booths and tables at events such as gun shows, April 15 Tax Day, Dutch Oven Cook-off, July 4th in Gough Park, and similar gatherings over the year.

Another volunteer effort can result in developing a committee like the one Mike Tiller started recently. Called the Marketing Coordinating Group, it plans to inform the voting public about a dozen worrisome local, state, and national issues. This group expects to determine important messages to get out, and decide how to present them to the public. It is also TEA Party's major thrust. As so many distractions and details overwhelm voters, it is important to present facts that line up and lead to solutions. If you are an ideas person, you might want to join this group, or start another committee to do a job that has not yet been addressed.

We are all volunteers, and volunteers can do it. Just make us an offer and draw us a picture. It can be done.

TEA Party War Chest

by Vic Topmiller, Jr.

The purpose of the TEA Party War Chest was to have a separate account to encourage members (contributors) to donate beyond operating expenses. Members would see that account every month and know that 2012 is so critical they'd need to donate.

I would put this money to work as fast as possible. It serves no purpose sitting in the bank. There are many ways it could be used in the battle. I learned that good decisions could be, must be made quickly. Even a not-so-good decision may be a good one if a lot of energy is applied to it. So I'd get the money out of the bank and put it to work.

I also know that in spending that money, a new and more vigorous program would be implemented to replenish it. Donating to the War Chest should express concern for our country and prepare for the fight ahead.

I know that the War Chest and any future moneys will be used with great care and applied effectively. I hope it will be at work soon.

To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.
Thomas Jefferson

Ineptocracy

I-nep-to-cra-sy noun \i-'nep-to-kra-se\

Ineptocracy, new word for these times clearly defined in the following rhymes:

A government system designed to impede

Led by officials least able to lead

Elected by those who barely produce

To start new programs without any use

Rewarding the many who don't pitch in

By stealing from those most likely to win

Written By Toliver Morris

HELP NEEDED

The Board of Directors is looking for someone who will step up and be the newsletter editor. The *Patriots' Post* is published every two months. If you would be willing to help with this task, please contact a member of the board. There are people who will help you get started. This is one way **YOU** can support the work of the TEA Party.

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"There are two ways to conquer and enslave a nation. One is by the sword. The other is by debt."

John Adams 1826

Parliamentary Pearls

by Parliamentarian Lequita Lett

What does Robert (of Robert's Rules of Order fame) say about speaking up at meetings? He gives some simple and effective guidelines for orderly meetings.

1. **Speaking Guidelines:** One wishing to speak **stands** and **waits to be recognized** by the Chair. After being recognized, the person **states his name** clearly so all can hear. This person may speak for **no more than two or three** minutes, whatever is decided by the group. No one may speak on the *same* subject again until everyone who wants to speak on that subject is heard. After everyone has spoken who wishes to, individuals may be recognized again, *if time permits*.

It really is just good manners. Some say, "I don't need to give my name; everyone knows who I am." The secretary may not know you at all and it needs to go into the minutes.

2. **Recommendations from BOD or Committee:** If a recommendation comes from the board or a committee of more than three, neither a motion nor second is needed. There is already a "motion" and "second" from the board or committee or it would not be brought to the group.