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SPECIAL ELECTION ALERT:

The deadline to register to vote in the January 31, 2012 GOP Presidential Primary Election is Tuesday, January 3, 2012 - only weeks away.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner, time is running out to register new voters to vote in the January 31, 2012 Presidential Primary. You must be properly registered to vote by Tuesday, January 3, 2012 in order to vote in the Florida Presidential Primary. Voter registration forms must be post marked and in the mail by this date.

Check out the statistics on who is NOT registered in Florida:

- Florida's population of 18 and over is 14,478,154
- The total amount of adults in Florida that did not vote in 2008 were 6,087,410
- The vote difference between the Obama and McCain in 2008 was 236,450 votes
- Total number of Unregistered Christians in Florida were 668,890

With Florida being once again the pivotal swing state in the Presidential election, YOU can make a difference by organizing a voter registration drive in your church! This is an important election. Will we elect a President and a U.S. Senator in 2012 who hold pro-life and pro-family convictions--or not?

Action Steps You Can Take to Help:

1) First, make sure YOU are personally and properly registered to vote. If you have any doubt, CLICK [HERE](#) to check your Registration Status online. Recent surveys show that about 40% of Christians are not registered to vote.

2) Download Forms to Register: [CLICK HERE](#) to print a blank PDF voter registration form to fill out, sign and mail or hand deliver to your Supervisor of Elections office (address is on the form & down load time may take a couple of seconds extra than usual). (continued on pg 2)



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For more information about voter registration in Florida visit the Division of Elections website [HERE](#).

3) Ask your Pastor to promote Voter Registration during the months of November and December. Suggested days for church voter registration drives are on Sundays, December 4, 11, & 18 and then January. Churches can legally hold a non-partisan voter registration. [CLICK HERE](#) to get information about holding a Voter Registration Event and helpful Legal Do's and Don'ts for Churches and Pastors. ❖❖❖

"JESUS AND THE DEMOCRAT"

A Republican, in a wheelchair, entered a restaurant one afternoon and asked the waitress for a cup of coffee. The Republican looked across the restaurant and asked, "Is that Jesus sitting over there?" The waitress nodded "yes," so the Republican requested that she give Jesus a cup of coffee, on him.

The next patron to come in was a Libertarian, with a hunched back. He shuffled over to a booth, painfully sat down, and asked the waitress for a cup of hot tea. He also glanced across the restaurant and asked, "Is that Jesus, over there?" The waitress nodded, so the Libertarian asked her to give Jesus a cup of hot tea, "My treat."

The third patron to come into the restaurant was a Democrat on crutches. He hobbled over to a booth, sat down and hollered, "Hey there honey! How's about getting me a cold mug of Miller Light?" He too looked across the restaurant and asked, "Isn't that God's boy over there? The waitress nodded, so the Democrat directed her to give Jesus a cold beer. "On my bill," he said loudly.

As Jesus got up to leave, he passed by the Republican, touched him and said, "For your kindness, you are healed." The Republican felt the strength come back into his legs, got up, and danced a jig out the door.

Jesus passed by the Libertarian, touched

him and said, "For your kindness, you are healed." The Libertarian felt his back straightening up and he raised his hands, praised the Lord, and did a series of back flips out the door.

Then, Jesus walked towards the Democrat, just smiling. The Democrat jumped up and yelled, "Don't touch me I'm on disability."



"Occupy Wall Street Crowd Blind to Benefits of Capitalism"

By Gary Wolfram

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Whenever I watch media coverage of another Occupy Wall Street event I am reminded of an exchange between Jewish protesters in the 1979 Monte Python movie Life of Brian. One of the protesters asks another what the Romans have brought to the area and the conversation goes like this:

Question: All right, but apart from the sanitation, medicine, education, wine, public order, irrigation, roads, the fresh water system and public health, what have the Romans ever done for us?

Answer: Brought peace?

Response: Oh, peace - shut up!

The point is that the Roman institutions brought a good deal to the area that was being overlooked by the protesters. The Wall Street protesters, in their hatred of capitalism, overlook things including the fact that over the last 100 years capitalism has reduced poverty more and increased life expectancy more than in the 100,000 years prior.

Every semester I ask my students: "What would you rather be? King of England in 1263 or you?" Turns out, students would rather be themselves. They enjoy using their iPhone, indoor plumbing, central heating, refrigerators and electric lighting. All of these things are available to the average person in America today and none of them were available to the aristocracy when the West operated under the feudal system.

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How is it that for thousands of years mankind made very little progress in increasing the standard of living and yet today half of the goods and services you use in the next week did not exist when I was born? It wasn't that there was some change in the DNA such that we got smarter. The Greeks knew how to make a steam engine 3,000 years ago and never made one. The difference is in how we organize our economic system. The advent of market capitalism in the mid 18th century made all of the difference.

We need not just rely on historical data. Look at cross-section evidence. I try another experiment with my students. I tell them they are about to be born and they can choose whatever country in the world they would like to be born in. The only caveat is they will be the poorest person in that country. Every student picks a country that is primarily organized in a market capitalist system. No one picks a centrally planned state. No one says, "I want to be the poorest person in North Korea, Cuba, or Zimbabwe," countries which are at the bottom of the Heritage Foundation's Index of Economic Freedom.

What does it mean to be poor in our capitalist society that the Occupy Wall Street crowd so hates? Robert Rector of the Heritage Foundation has several studies of those classified as poor by the U.S. Census Bureau. He found that 80 percent of

poor persons in the United States in 2010 had air conditioning, nearly three quarters of them had a car or truck, nearly two-thirds had satellite or cable television, half had a personal computer and more than two-thirds had at least two rooms per person. Contrast this with what it means to be poor in Mumbai, India, a country that is moving rapidly towards market capitalism but was burdened for decades with a socialist system. A recent story in *The Economist* described Dharavi, a slum in Mumbai, where for many families half of the family members must sleep on their sides in order for the entire family to squeeze into its living space.

The Occupy Wall Street movement has shown a lack of understanding of how the market capitalist system works. They appear to think that the cell phones they use, food they eat, hotels they stay in, cars they drive, gasoline that powers the cars they drive and all the myriad goods and services they consume every day would be there under a different system, perhaps in more abundance.

But there is no evidence this could be or ever has been the case. The reason is that only market capitalism solves the two major problems that face any economy-how to provide an incentive to innovate and how to solve the problem of decentralized information. The reason there is so much innovation in a market system

compared to socialism or other forms of central planning is that profit provides the incentive for innovators to take the risk needed to come up with new products.

My mother never once complained that we did not have access to the latest Soviet washing machine. We never desired a new Soviet car. The socialist system relies on what Adam Smith referred to as the benevolent butcher and while there will undoubtedly be benevolent butchers out there, clearly a system that provides monetary rewards for innovators is much more dynamic and successful. The profit that the Occupy Wall Street protesters decry is the reason the world has access to clean water and anti-viral drugs.

The other major problem that must be solved by any economic system is how to deal with the fact that information is so decentralized. There is no way for a central planner to know how many hot dogs 300 million Americans are going to want at every moment in time. A central planner cannot know the relative value of resources in the production of various goods and services. Market capitalism solves that problem through the price system. If there are too few hot dogs, the price of hot dogs will rise and more hot dogs will be produced. If too many hot dogs are produced, the price of hot dogs will fall and fewer will be produced. (cont, on pg4)



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Market capitalism is the key to the wealth of the masses. As Ludwig von Mises wrote in his 1920 book, *Socialism*, only market capitalism can make the poor wealthy. Nobel Laureate Friedrich Hayek in his famous 1945 paper, *The Use of Knowledge in Society*, showed that only the price system in capitalism can create the spontaneous order that ensures that goods will be allocated in a way that ensures consumers determine the use of resources. The Occupy Wall Street movement would make best use of its time and energy in protesting the encroachment of the centrally planned state that led to the disaster of the Soviet Union, fascist Germany, and dictatorial North Korea.

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NO CHRISTMAS IN DC!

The Supreme Court has ruled that there cannot be a Nativity Scene in the United States' Capital this Christmas season. This isn't for any religious reason. They simply have not been able to find Three Wise Men in the Nation's Capitol. A search for a Virgin continues. There was no problem, however, finding enough asses to fill the stable!!



The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.

We Need a Secretary!

Our slate of Officers for 2012 was almost complete last meeting, but we still need a candidate for Secretary. This is **NOT** a difficult nor time consuming position. There are two meetings to attend each month: the Executive Board meeting and the General Membership meeting. Both require that minutes be taken, but a template can be provided which may help. You will be working with great folks who work hard to help the club succeed. This is an opportunity to have direct input to club activities. Remember, the NOVA RC cannot survive without a strong commitment from its members, This is a **TEAM** effort and the position of Secretary is a critical position. The term of office is for 1 year (2012) and it will go by very quickly! If you are interested contact Mike Moultrie at 474-4777 or Frank Patti at 408-7423. Thanks!



Check Out Our Website!

Go to www.novagop.com And visit our website. Chuck has done a super job on this so send him a "Thanks!" for his efforts.

The President's China Recipe:

All Icing, No Cake by Newt Gingrich

President Obama's recent announcement that the United States Marines would begin a regular training program in Australia is a helpful symbolic step, but it is not a replacement for a substantive response to the rise of China.

An occasional training visit by 2,500 Marines signals a U.S. commitment to project power into the southern China region. In that sense this is a good sign for the Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Singapore and Thailand, all of whom worry about growing Chinese power and assertiveness in the South China Sea.

For Australians this is an extension of the 70-year-old alliance dating back to World War II. That was the moment when Australians realized Great Britain did not have the power to contain Japan, and that Australia had to look to the U.S. for its very survival.

Sending these Marines to Australia is a symbolic step which I approve of and support. Yet symbolic steps without substance behind them can be invitations to defeat and even disaster. The British learned this lesson of substance over symbolism the hard way in 1941-42. For 20 years the British government had kidded itself about the rise of Japan. British planning arrogantly assumed that Japan would be weak and timid. They did not plan realistically for the rapid improvement in Japanese naval (cont on pg 7)



The Washington Post

August 18, 2011 Obama: The Affirmative Action President

By Matt Patterson (columnist - Washington Post, New York Post, San Francisco Examiner)

Years from now, historians may regard the 2008 election of Barack Obama as an inscrutable and disturbing phenomenon, a baffling breed of mass hysteria akin perhaps to the witch craze of the Middle Ages. How, they will wonder, did a man so devoid of professional accomplishment beguile so many into thinking he could manage the world's largest economy, direct the world's most powerful military, execute the world's most consequential job?

Imagine a future historian examining Obama's pre-presidential life: ushered into and through the Ivy League despite unremarkable grades and test scores along the way; a cushy non-job as a "community organizer"; a brief career as a state legislator devoid of legislative achievement (and in fact nearly devoid of his attention, so often did he vote "present"); and finally an unaccomplished single term in the United States Senate, the entirety of which was devoted to his presidential ambitions. He left no academic legacy in academia, authored no signature legislation as a legislator.

And then there is the matter of his troubling associations: the white-hating, America-loathing preacher who for decades served as Obama's "spiritual mentor"; a real-life, actual terrorist who served as Obama's colleague and political sponsor. It is easy to imagine a future historian looking at it all and asking: how on Earth was such a man elected president?

Not content to wait for history, the incomparable Norman Podhoretz addressed the question recently in the Wall Street Journal:

To be sure, no white candidate who had close associations with an outspoken hater of America like Jeremiah Wright and an unrepentant terrorist like Bill Ayers, would have lasted a single day. But because Mr. Obama was black, and therefore entitled in the eyes of liberalism to have hung out with protesters against various American injustices, even if they were a bit extreme, he was given a pass.

Let that sink in: Obama was given a pass -- held to a lower standard -- because of the color of his skin. Podhoretz continues:

And in any case, what did such ancient history matter when he was also so articulate and elegant and (as he himself had said) "non-threatening," all of which gave him a fighting chance to become the first black president and thereby to lay the curse of racism to rest?

Podhoretz puts his finger, I think, on the animating pulse of the Obama phenomenon -- affirmative action. Not in the legal sense, of course. But certainly in the motivating sentiment behind all affirmative action laws and regulations, which are designed primarily to make white people, and especially white liberals, feel good about themselves.

Unfortunately, minorities often suffer so that whites can pat themselves on the back. Liberals routinely admit minorities to schools for which they are not qualified, yet take no responsibility for the inevitable poor performance and high drop-out rates which follow. Liberals don't care if these minority students fail; liberals aren't around to witness the emotional devastation and deflated self esteem resulting from the racist policy that is affirmative action. Yes, racist.

Holding someone to a separate standard merely because of the color of his skin -- that's affirmative action in a nutshell, and if that isn't racism, then nothing is. And that is what America did to Obama. → → →



True, Obama himself was never troubled by his lack of achievements, but why would he be? As many have noted, Obama was told he was good enough for Columbia despite undistinguished grades at Occidental; he was told he was good enough for the US Senate despite a mediocre record in Illinois ; he was told he was good enough to be president despite no record at all in the Senate. All his life, every step of the way, Obama was told he was good enough for the next step, in spite of ample evidence to the contrary. What could this breed if not the sort of empty narcissism on display every time Obama speaks?

In 2008, many who agreed that he lacked executive qualifications nonetheless raved about Obama's oratory skills, intellect, and cool character. Those people -- conservatives included -- ought now to be deeply embarrassed. The man thinks and speaks in the hoariest of clichés, and that's when he has his teleprompter in front of him; when the prompter is absent he can barely think or speak at all. Not one original idea has ever issued from his mouth -- it's all warmed-over Marxism of the kind that has failed over and over again for 100 years.

And what about his character? Obama is constantly blaming anything and everything else for his troubles. Bush did it; it was bad luck; I inherited this mess. It is embarrassing to see a president so willing to advertise his own powerlessness, so comfortable with his own incompetence. But really, what were we to expect? The man has never been responsible for anything, so how do we expect him to act responsibly?

Tun Tavern - Where The Marine Corps was Born

Tun Tavern: (excerpt from [Warrior Culture of the U.S. Marines](#), copyright 2001 Marion F. Sturkey) Ask any Marine. Just ask. He will tell you that the Marine Corps was *born* in Tun Tavern on 10 November 1775. But, beyond that the Marine's recollection for detail will probably get fuzzy. So, here is the straight scoop:

In the year 1685, Samuel Carpenter built a huge "brew house" in Philadelphia. He located this tavern on the waterfront at the corner of Water Street and Tun Alley. The old English word *tun* means a cask, barrel, or keg of beer. So, with his new beer tavern on Tun Alley, Carpenter elected to christen the new waterfront brewery with a logical name, *Tun Tavern*.

Tun Tavern quickly gained a reputation for serving fine beer. Beginning 47 years later in 1732, the first meetings of the St. John's No. 1 Lodge of the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Temple were held in the tavern. An American of note, Benjamin Franklin, was its third Grand Master. Even today the Masonic Temple of Philadelphia recognizes Tun Tavern as the birthplace of Masonic teachings in America.

Roughly ten years later in the early 1740s, the new proprietor expanded Tun Tavern and gave the addition a new name, "Peggy Mullan's Red Hot Beef Steak Club at Tun Tavern." The new restaurant became a smashing commercial success and was patronized by notable Americans. In 1747 the St. Andrews Society, a charitable group dedicated to assisting poor

immigrants from Scotland, was founded in the tavern.

Nine years later, then Col. Benjamin Franklin organized the Pennsylvania Militia. He used Tun Tavern as a gathering place to recruit a regiment of soldiers to go into battle against the Indian uprisings that were plaguing the American colonies. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and the Continental Congress later met in Tun Tavern as the American colonies prepared for independence from the English Crown.

On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress commissioned Samuel Nicholas to raise two Battalions of Marines. That very day, Nicholas *set up shop* in Tun Tavern. He appointed Robert Mullan, then the proprietor of the tavern, to the job of chief Marine Recruiter -- serving, of course, from his place of business at Tun Tavern. Prospective recruits flocked to the tavern, lured by (1) cold beer and (2) the opportunity to serve in the new Corps of Marines. So, yes, the U.S. Marine Corps was indeed *born* in Tun Tavern. Needless to say, both the Marine Corps and the tavern thrived during this new relationship.

Tun Tavern still lives today. And, Tun Tavern beer is still readily available throughout the Philadelphia area. Further, through magazines it is advertised to Marines throughout the world.

**TO ALL WHO HAVE SERVED THIS COUNTRY
IN ANY MILITARY CAPACITY, GOD BLESS
YOU AND THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA!!!**



(from pg 4- Newt Gingrich)
capacity. In particular, the British dramatically underestimated the quickly developing Japanese capabilities in both carrier and land-based aviation.

Finally, the British planners showed a complete lack of imagination. They built an enormous fortress in Singapore designed to stop any seaward threat. It seemed never to have occurred to them, however, that the threat might come from the land and attack Singapore from the rear.

This failure of British realism and imagination led to catastrophe. They symbolically sent their newest battleship, the *Prince of Wales*, and a modern battlecruiser, the *Repulse*, to "impress" the Japanese. The Japanese sank them from the air with enormous loss of life. They poured extra troops into Singapore after its fate was sealed and led to the largest surrender in British history.

Symbolism without substance is a very dangerous business. Substance in dealing with China would involve very bold changes.

It would involve fixing our education system so our graduates can match Chinese graduates in math, science, technology and engineering. It would mean rebuilding our industrial capacity so America is once again "the arsenal of democracy," and recapitalizing our military so our air force and navy are decisively superior to China's for the next generation. It would require revitalizing our program in space so we can dominate this emerging area of competition. We would need to rethink and reinvest in a massive offensive and defensive cyber capacity, and develop a strategic investment in defense against electromagnetic pulse attacks.

These are the kind of substance strategies which have to be undertaken to make our symbolic efforts real.

That is a long way from a presidential announcement about 2,500 Marines.

from The Newt Gingrich Letter- November 23, 2011 •

Obama the Chicken

John was in the chicken business. He had several hundred young layers (hens), called 'pullets', and ten roosters to fertilize them. He kept records, and any rooster not performing went into the soup pot and was replaced. This took a lot of time, so he bought some tiny bells and attached them to his roosters. Each bell had a different tone, so he could tell from a distance, which rooster was performing. Now, he could sit on the porch and fill out an efficiency report by just listening to the bells.

John's favorite rooster, Obama, was a very fine specimen, but this morning he noticed Obama's bell hadn't rung at all! When he went to investigate, he saw the other roosters were busy chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing, but the pullets, hearing the roosters coming, would run for cover.

To John's amazement, Obama had thought of a way to do it without work, he had his bell in his beak, so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job and walk on to the next one. John was so proud of Obama, he entered him in the Cook County Fair and he became an overnight sensation among the judges. The result was the judges not only awarded Obama the No Bell Piece Prize but they also awarded him the Pulletsurprise as well.

Clearly Obama was a politician. Who else but a politician could figure out how to win two of the most highly coveted awards on our planet by being the best at sneaking up on the populace and screwing them when they weren't paying attention.

Vote carefully next time around; you can't always hear the bell. ❖❖❖

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

-Will Rogers



After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring.
He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut

There are three kinds of men:
The ones that learn by reading.
The few who learn by observation.

The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.

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