



Pachyderms

Of Greater Baton Rouge

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From Cuba to the US: Socialism is Spreading

By: Greg Neff

Another month has gone by and our next meeting is upon us so join us Thursday, February 28th, at 6:30 pm for our second meeting of the year. For those that missed last

month we had a strong turnout to hear the venerable terror expert, Chris Holton. This month we expect no less an interesting speaker as we welcome the syndicated columnist and acclaimed author, Humberto Fontova (HFontova.com).

Fontova is an expert on communism especially in regard to Cuba. Fontova has dedicated much of his career to educating the American people of the perils of aggressive-authoritarianism and the real threat it poses to becoming a reality here in the United States in the guise of progressivism.

In his latest book, *Exposing the Real*



Che Guevara, Fontova demonstrates that this newly created Pop Icon is in reality a murderous thug who served as Fidel's personal death squad commander.

Fontova has been featured on such programs as; Hannity and Colmes, The Glenn Beck Program, and Politically Incorrect among others. Today he continues to write and give public lectures.

Once again, we invite you to join us this Thursday at Great Wall Chinese Buffet on College Dr. in Baton Rouge at 6:30 p.m. The optional dinner costs only \$13 and includes the buffet with drink, desert and tip.

Immigration Reform: Fact or Fiction?

By: Carey R. Holliday

Immigration reform is taking front page in American Politics. I suggest to you that our laws do not really need reform. Rather, "immigration reform" really is about politics and votes. Our current system worked just fine in its present state for about 60 years until politicians realized that illegals might become voters one day and/or that they might have family here that already are voters. This debate is really about demographics, not real reform.

There are no firm proposals on the table, as the legislation has yet to be written. There exists only a broad agreement between some legislators on both sides of the aisle. In Immigration reform, as it was with Obamacare, the devil will be in the details.

While we have good laws on our books in the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), our system of enforcement is broken. The basic problem is that the Department of Homeland Security decides who is deported and who is not. The policy of the current administration is to allow everyone who is not a criminal to stay here indefinitely. At this moment, there are well over 1 million

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You Choose the Speaker!

By: Greg Neff

Recently we sent out a survey to everyone on our email list asking for their input as to what subjects they would be interested in hearing. I appreciate all those who responded already, but if you did not receive the email and want to get your input in feel free to talk to any of our officers. This is YOUR club and we want you to enjoy the meetings.

On March 28th will feature our first member selected speaker who will be addressing our group about the issues of the upcoming legislative session. This surprise speaker is a name most, if not all of you are very familiar with and I'm very excited to introduce to you.

Calendar of Area Events

- 2/28-EBR Republican Women, Drusilla Seafood @11:30
- 2/28-Pachyderms of GBR, Grand Wall on College Dr. @ 6:30
- 3/7-EBR Republican Roundtable, RSVP: EBRGOP@aol.com
- 3/21-Ascension RW, RSVP: jclacour@aol.com
- 3/24-EBR RW Gala, For Info email thagan1025@cox.net
- 3/28-Pachyderms of GBR, Grand Wall on College Dr. @ 6:30

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illegals in America who have been ordered removed from the United States by Immigration Judges. DHS will not remove them and Immigration Judges have no authority to make them do so.

One potential real reform could be to take Immigration Judges out of the Department of Justice where they are currently and place them in the District Courts with the same authority as Magistrates and Bankruptcy judges. That way they could be given direct authority to order Homeland Security to remove aliens and take away its abused discretion.

Where does this leave us politically? Any so called "reform" of our system will have to contain a so-called "path to citizenship". Senator Marco Rubio, the most prominent Republican proponent of reform, envisions a system that will allow current illegals a "path to citizenship", but would place them in line after persons currently legally in the pipeline to apply for citizenship. This is a statement that begs to be parsed. Who does this refer to? What is "the pipeline?" Does it refer to only persons who have currently applied to be naturalized? If so, this will result in a 3 to 6 month delay for illegals to apply as that is the processing time for a naturalization application to be processed. On the other hand, does it apply to persons who have signed up at their local US embassy for the lottery which

allots immigrant visas by quotas all around the world? These law abiding persons have been patiently waiting for years to legally immigrate. If so, then this list will never be complete so illegals can never apply.

The only option for the "path to citizenship" is to 1) have USCIS charge a whopping fee, 2) prove they have paid taxes, 3) have been present in the country for "X" amount of time, "X" of course, being arbitrary, and last but not least 4) they are not on public assistance or a "ward of the state". If there is a "paid tax" requirement, this will disenfranchise a large number of the illegals currently present in the country. Number 4 will also disqualify large numbers of illegals from the path to citizenship.

Will people try to enter illegally to get on the path to citizenship? The response to this question is that "reform must be coupled with ironclad closure of the southern border". I suggest that this is somewhat of a straw dog since thousands come here every year by boat. If we close the border, which will require enormous effort, we had better double the size of the Coast Guard because there will be many more boats headed to our shores.

Looming over this entire debate, and perhaps dooming the entire debate, is the question, "Can we close the border, or will we close the border?" The Depart-

ment of Homeland Security has ordered its prosecutors not to prosecute noncriminal aliens and its Border Patrol agents not to arrest them, despite the clear statutory duties imposed on that department by the INA. Will a statute that requires closure of the border be enforced?

As of "press time", details of President Obama's idea of Immigration Reform have been leaked. They include a "Prospective Immigrant Visa" available to all illegal aliens and their families. It would require a criminal background check but exclude only illegals with 3 convictions. Senator Rubio has indicated that this plan, if finally proposed, will be "dead on arrival" in Congress. Not surprising since it amounts to a total "open border" policy of immigration. All an illegal has to do is get here and apply for a visa. No tax check, no waiting, etc.

There are many other ramifications to this pressing issue that deserve in depth treatment in future discussions. For now, the politicians will continue to posture to attract these new voters and the laws that protect our borders and our system of government will continue to be haphazardly enforced.

Carey Holliday is a Baton Rouge native. He served on the Miami, Florida Immigration Court and is currently a special assistant to the Director of Workers' Compensation for hearings.

January Minutes

By: Larry Dyer

The social and dining period was opened at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by President Harold LaCour at 7:00 PM. Greg Neff introduced Reverend Michael Mann, former chaplain of the Louisiana Senate, to give the invocation. Before the invocation, Rev. Mann cited that it was the 40th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision and addressed the group about the terrible loss to our society from abortion. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Greg Neff also introduced the main speaker for the night, Christopher Holton, who is Vice President for the Center on Security Policy and Director of its Terror Policy Initiative. Mr. Holton gave a frightening talk about requirements under Sharia law and the ongoing efforts to install Sharia law across the whole world. The effort is directed primarily by the Muslim Brotherhood. Their goals are the same as most terrorist groups, which is to seek reinstatement of the Caliphate from Spain to Indonesia ruled by Sharia law. Just about all of the major Muslim organizations in this country have been found to

have ties to that group. Mr. Holton sees all of Europe succumbing to Sharia law sometime in the future due to demographic trends and reluctance to stop the growing influence of those who support Sharia law. There is less likelihood of that happening in the United States, but we must make efforts to expose and curb the influence of the Brotherhood. Mr. Holton provided handouts regarding the Muslim Brotherhood's influence in the United States and answered many questions from attendees during his presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Can You Rely on Government?

By: Larry Dyer

Often when you rely on others, things don't turn out like you expect. Even if those you depend on have a good reputation, you can still get hurt. Many people relied on Bernie Madoff or the Stanford Group for their retirements and they ended up losing their hard earned savings. Two groups that many people amazingly rely on the most are our federal and state governments. They rely on them mostly for their retirement, but in many cases, for their total well-being. Is this trust warranted? Should you put your future livelihood in the hands of any government organization?

First of all, if you are going to rely on any entity, you want it to be financially strong. Well obviously, the federal government is not financially strong. It has a \$16 trillion debt and at least \$60-\$80 trillion in unfunded liabilities. There is not a business out there that could survive if it

ran a deficit in 39 of the past 43 years, as have our esteemed representatives. Yet the government forecasts project that the debt will just keep on growing. State governments are in better shape, but even Louisiana has billions in unfunded pension liabilities. If voters must approve any tax increases, would you be worried that someone who doesn't have a pension is going to vote for against a tax increase to pay for your generous pension?

Secondly, you want to rely on intelligent people with a history of sound decision making. In terms of financial situations, the federal government has rarely made a good decision. Their Social Security assumptions have turned out wildly incorrect. Every program the federal government has ever spawned has ended up costing many times more than expected. Medicare cost 800% more than expected over the first 20 years of the program. Has the war on poverty shown any success at all? How about those housing programs?

Are these the best and brightest you want to place your faith in?

Lastly, reliance has to be based on trust. When faced with these problems, have are representatives tried to fix them? No, because that might have meant being voted out of office. Have they told us the truth about our country's financial situation? Certainly the Democrats have not.

Sadly, people will still place their faith in government. They won't trust themselves or big business, but they will trust representatives with a record of spectacular failure. They will continue to forego saving but will spend money on vacations, boats, and gambling, fully expecting that the government will be there to take care of them when they get sick or retire. Maybe these people need to spend their money on a vacation to Greece.

Larry (Club Secretary) serves as the "Director of Finance" for a local finance and accounting firm and has written for several online publications.

Grand Order of Pachyderms Cut 7 Trillion Dollars from the National Debt Over the Next 10 Years!



Harold LaCour, retired businessman and club President, devised a grandiose and intricate plan for a colony on

planetary "Tugboats", and then lowered gently to the surface of Mars. The whole project was scheduled to be completed in 9 and one half years, and to cost US Taxpayers 7.21472 Trillion Dollars.

Mr. LaCour presented his design to the Grand Order of Pachyderm Clubs in St. Charles, Missouri for approval, the first step before recommending the project to the United States Congress.

Mars, built under a Plexiglas Dome with air conditioning and an atmosphere parallel to that of the Earth..

The colony would house about 10,000 people, with room to grow to 30,000 people over time, under the original dome. Construction would begin on the Plexiglas Dome in 2014. It would be built in an orbiting factory somewhere between Earth and the Moon, where zero gravity would make the assembly easier than it would have been in a gravity environment. Once constructed, the Dome would be towed to Mars by several inter-

After much serious deliberation, the managing directors of the Grand Order decided that, at this time, the world was not ready for such a project and declined to give their approval.

The result of this action by the Pachyderms was that the Mars Dome colony project was not sent to the Congress, and thus the taxpayers were spared the task of paying for it.

This is, indeed, a rare act of fiscal sanity in today's free-spending culture.

Writers Needed!

Do you enjoy writing about current public issues? Maybe you have always wanted to, but never knew where to get started. Well the Pachyderms of GBR has an opportunity for you! We currently have openings for conservative writers who want to educate the public, express their opinions, or just hone their skill in our monthly newsletter. We want to expand our monthly publication but we can't do it alone. For more information you can contact the editor, Greg Neff, at (225) 362-0846.

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