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## Halloween is over, now the REAL horror begins

By John Finney, Advocate General Manager



With Halloween over and less than a week left before the election, the real spooks are coming out, Clinton and Trump. Aloud mouth with a fiery tongue and a liar

who cannot recall anything.

Trump has been accused of verbally and sexually attacking women ten plus years ago. Some of which were on audio and some have been rebuked. Clinton has not, but her husband has more than his fair share of affairs over the last thirty years, even up to the last few years. These women have been harassed by Clinton and her staff. She does not mind standing on stage with Al Gore who is now divorced because of multiple sexual advances toward massage therapist while he was married.

The main stream media has labeled Trumps accusers as "victims" and the women on The View have labeled the women Bill Clinton had affairs with as "Sluts that slept with Hillary's husband".

With the election less than one week away, what do you know about either candidate's stance on policies? What have they proposed on fixing our healthcare system that is spiraling out of control? Where do they stand on immigration? Where do they stand on the war against ISIS? What are their views on your right to keep and bear arms? Where do they stand on the abortion?

Both candidates are talking more and more about how bad the other is, but we hear little information about what they plan on doing if elected.

Trump wants to build a wall to make sure undesirables do not enter this country, only allowing in those who want to immigrate for a better life, not terrorist reasons. Clinton wants open border, anyone and everyone no questions asked.

Clinton wants FREE tuition for all public Universities and she says she can do that without raising taxes. Trump wants the Universities to spend more on student tuitions not on administration bonuses and replacing buildings just to spend money.

When I started college in 1980, Universities paid around 70% of the tuition and students paid around 30%. Now it is the other way around with the student paying close to 70% and the Universities paying 30%. This is why so many students graduating with high student loans. This is the next bubble that will burst and cost this country billions in another bailout.



With the cost of health coverage sky rocketing under the "Affordable Care Act", the average increase nationwide will be 25% this year on exchanges. In some states it will be over 100% increase and some states it will go down. There will also be fewer plans to choose from. This has been proven not to be affordable health care. Most people are paying more for their healthcare policy and getting less coverage. Increasing the incentives paid for by the government will not help, it will only add to our national debt. Check each candidate's proposal to fix healthcare, both are as confusing as what a democrat congress passed the first time without reading the bill they voted on.

The candidate's stance on the issues like healthcare, immigration, ISIS, gun control, abortion, and education are not being reported by the mainstream media. They only want to report the scandals and the garbage each is spewing about the other. With 95% of the mainstream media political contributions going to Clinton, how are they going to report the news? Whose side are they on when it comes to coverage?

Our military has been reduced to the smallest number of active members in 70 years. Our Navy and Air Force are working with fewer ships and fighter jets and have to scrounge for parts from junkyards. Russia, China and Iran have been increasing the size of their militaries, building new ships and war planes. Russia is planning a naval base in Syria and Iraq is looking for alliances with Russia after they helped de-

feat ISIS in Mosul, Iraq. Russian war planes are buzzing our navy. Iran is sending their navy to harass our ships and we do nothing.

NBC had a poll in August that showed only 11% feel Clinton is honest and trustworthy, while only 16% feel Trump is honest and trustworthy; the lowest of any Presidential candidate.

This election we will be electing the most dishonest president we cannot trust no matter which one gets elected. Some have said they will vote for Gary Johnson as a protest vote, but this will not help solve the problems this country is facing. What kind of herbs would he be growing in the White House gardens? Will the executive White House chef have a new recipe for "Special Brownies"?

Over the last eight years our country has become weak and we are no longer viewed as a world power. The Middle East is in shambles, we have turned our back on allies and allowed Russia to step in and take control. Our

national debt has doubled from \$10 trillion to \$20 trillion dollars in less than eight years; we cannot afford to let it double to \$40 trillion in the next eight which has been the trend. We need a President who will allow a budget that will reduce spending or our country will be bankrupt like Greece. Increasing taxes is not the solution; our country has a spending problem not a revenue problem.

To me this election will be more about which candidate will appoint the best Supreme Court Justices that will uphold the constitution, the one who will fight for our rights to Keep and Bear Arms, and keep this country safe from ISIS and other terrorist that are trying to enter this country to do harm as they have in Boston, Fort Hood, San Bernardino, New York, New Jersey, Orlando, Chattanooga, Minnesota, and so on, and which one is more truthful to the American people.

As President Ronald Reagan famously said, "History has taught us only too well, that tyrants are tempted only when the forces of freedom are weak, not when they're strong."

Conservative Judges tend to uphold the Constitution, not interpret their political views or world views into their decisions. Their Oath is to uphold the Constitution, not rewrite it. We need a President who will nominate these conservative judges.

Whichever candidate you vote for, know why you are voting for them. Both can be scary.

## A strong two-party system is healthy for our democratic republic

By Emily Weathers Kennedy  
Guest Columnist

It is nigh election time, and by now most all of us are weary of politics. Even political writers like me are tired of the rhetoric—even our own. We should all step back and take a deep breath and remind ourselves of our common humanity - even as we have differences of opinion as to how to achieve our common goals.

We all want to feed the hungry. My conservative friends do not want children to starve or for school kids to have to study with empty bellies. They just believe that feeding the poor is the responsibility of churches and individuals. Liberals see the issue as too large for altruistic people to do on their own without something as large as the government to take care of the basic needs. We should also remember that even with all of

### State AFL-CIO endorses Moore for legislative seat

The Tennessee AFL-CIO has endorsed the candidacy of former State Representative Calvin Moore for the upcoming November election. "Mr. Moore has shown through the years that he has always stood on the side of working families", said President Billy Dycus. "Whether it be teachers, construction workers, farmers, small businessmen or minimum wage earners, he has always been there to help. His interest in educating

our children, keeping us safe in our homes and on our highways and bringing in good paying jobs will be at the top of his priority list. I hope everyone in the 70th Representative District will sincerely consider Calvin Moore's candidacy and encourage our twenty-five hundred retired and working member families in Lawrence and Giles Counties to vote and help elect him during early voting and on election day."

We all want the system to be fair and not taken advantage of. Conservatives worry about the drag on our country as many folks abuse the welfare system. Liberals see the problem and acknowledge it must be fixed but view the "taking" of government benefits by those who can rig the system (corporations/wealthy individuals) as much or more odious.

We all want moral values within our government and with our laws. Democrats believe that religion (Christianity) promoted in schools disregards people of other faiths as well as denominations. Republicans see the country as founded on Christianity; Democrats

view the Founding Fathers' words to mean liberty from any faith because of the tyranny from which America freed herself.

Conservatives want unfettered laws to follow the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. Liberals understand the liberty guaranteed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment but wish to protect civilians from those who cannot be responsible enough for gun ownership by "common sense gun laws."

With some social issues there is no clear-cut liberal/conservative line. With regard to gay marriage, some liberals are against it while some conservatives support it. Typically, the more evangelical the person the less likely he or she will support everyone's right to legal marital partnership.

Abortion is another social issue that does not fit neatly into either side's agenda. There are many conservatives who respect the decision in Roe v Wade as one of privacy for a woman to choose within limits of the laws of each state. There are liberals who disagree with Roe v Wade. Again, the more strident views of fundamentalists provide the strongest contrast, and those folks usually vote with Republicans.

Regardless of political bias, our system works best with people of different viewpoints debating until the laws of the country are hammered out through compromise. At one time people in our government actually could sit down at the end of the day over food and drink after the debate was over.

For us as citizens, we must be careful to elect statesmen and stateswomen who are capable of working together to govern. For ultimately, we NEED two strong political parties with checks and balances on each other. This is how our democratic republic works best.

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### Will The 50th Annual CMA Awards Be politicized?

Tyrades! by Danny Tyree

Carrie Underwood, who has co-hosted the Country Music Association Awards with Brad Paisley since 2008, expressed a hope that this year's broadcast (November 2 on ABC) will be more homage to country legends than a forum for election-year politics.

With country appealing to both "red" states and "blue" states, millennials making up such a large segment of fandom and patriotism meaning different things to different people, that may be a tall order.

I understand there's already a globalist move afoot to rename "country" music as "borderless chunk of inviting real estate" music. And watch for the genre to seek a different demographic with singers wearing tofu-boy hats, riding pick-up bicycles and doing a little Birkenstock-scootin' boogie.

Can dueling campaign slogans be far behind? Country has always had a sort of "I'm with her...sister" vibe about it, anyway. And it wouldn't take much to get a "Make Rhinestones Great Again" petition going.

Don't be surprised if the integrity of the election system comes into question at the CMA Awards, with songs such as "You're The Reason God Gerrymandered Oklahoma," "Stand By Your Voting Booth" and "You Don't Know Me - And That's A Good Thing Because I Just Voted In Three Other Counties."

Cybersecurity debates belong on the opinion page and not on Nashville's Bridgestone Arena stage, so let's hope there are no nostalgic performances of "I've Got Friends In Moscow Places" or "No one knows what goes on behind closed doors—except that %&#\$ Julian Assange."

It might appeal to the base, but it would probably be overly divisive if Dolly Parton sang "My Coat Of Many Concealed-Carry Compartments." Equally distracting would be Bill Clinton warbling, "Crazy...crazy for designing Obamacare..."

Great restraint must be shown to keep law-and-order matters from spilling over into the awards. We could probably do without "If I Said You Had A Beautiful Body Cam, Would You Hold It Against Me?," "Pop A Cop Again" and "I Walk The Line - With My Hands Above My Head, A Prayer On My Lips And A Little Bit of Urine On My Underwear."

Environmental concerns could ruffle some feathers in songs such as "Frack Naturally," "Ecological Terrorist's Daughter," and "Polar Bears In The Stream." And it's great to keep memories of Tammy Wynette alive, but not in the form of "Our C-L-I-M-A-T-E C-H-A-N-G-E becomes final today."

Viewers might squirm too much over revamped PC classics such as "Mama (Well, Both Mamas) Tried" and "You're Walkin' On The Fightin' Side Of Me, Unless You're In A Wheelchair, In Which Case, Please Forgive The Microaggression."

Income inequality messages may cause hard feelings if someone does a cover of Lefty Frizzell's "If You've Got The Money, I've Got The Time To Redistribute It." Please don't let Garth Brooks rehash "If Tomorrow Never Comes, Does That Mean We're Indicted For Running Up Such A Massive Debt With Runaway Entitlement Programs?"

For the sake of the future of country music, I hope we can avoid the really incendiary ballads such as "It Wasn't God Who Groped Honky Tonk Angels" and "I Saw The Light - But My Secret Service Agents Revived Me Before I Made It All The Way To The Other Side."

The only intrusion of politics that might receive a bipartisan round of applause would be if Alan Jackson and guest Jimmy Buffett performed a duet of "It's November 9 Somewhere."

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