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OCTOBER 13

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THE TRICK AND TREAT ISSUE

As the season of harvest arrives, as the cold winds start blowing and the leaves begin blushing and dropping to the ground, some of us await the time for tricking and treating. In the fall issue of the Richland Democrat, we have taken to the spirit of the year and have filled the newsletter with tricks, puzzles, anagrams, cryptograms and hopefully some treats in the form of pearls of wisdom and knowledge.

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OCTOBER 13 ANOTHER FORUM FORWARD

The Richland County Democrats are hosting another program in the Forum Forward series of talks. This event, Oct 13th at 7PM in the LGI room of the Richland Center High School, is on the topic of school funding.

Tom Beebe of the Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools will give a talk and show a power-point presentation explaining how schools are currently funded and offer suggestions of how we could bring our schools up to the educational level we want, and be able to pay these schools costs.

You are invited to attend and participate in a short panel discussion after the presentation. Questions from the audience will be allowed.

The purpose of the event is educating ourselves about our choices.

We hope to see you there. As we bring in people as guest speakers, it is always nice to have a good crowd of people at these events. So please consider showing your support with your attendance this Tuesday, October 13th at 7P M in the LGI room of the Richland Center High School.

Tom Crofton
Richland County Democratic Party Chair

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Who is who?
Figure out the
Anagrams of
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-Representative
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BILL DAVIS, RICHLAND CENTER:

Democrats in our area have worked very hard for several election cycles to elect good people to represent us. We have a Democratic President, two Democratic Senators, a Democratic majority in the U.S. Senate, a Democratic Congressman, a Democratic majority in the House of Representatives, a Democratic Governor, two Democratic representatives in the State Assembly, a Democratic majority in the State Assembly., and a Democratic majority in the State Senate. Yes, I know we still have Republicans in the 50th Assembly District, and the 17th Senate District, but we're making progress there, too.

That's all pretty darned impressive; yet, it just seems that the programs and policies that represent our party platforms aren't happening. We're lingering in Iraq (I'm hopeful about our withdrawal, but it's still lingering), we seem to be gearing up for more activity in Afghanistan, Health Care Reform has been talked almost to death, and the President's desire for bi-partisanship sometimes seems like he's granting veto power to the folks who lost the last election.

I know that the fiscal meltdown and economic crisis complicates the process of creating new programs and initiatives, but if we don't change things, things will remain the same or get worse.

I keep getting emails from representatives, party groups, and issue oriented groups touting this program or that, and always asking for money. It's tiresome. It looks like nothing constructive is happening.

I'm tired. I'm frustrated. What am I to do?

I plan to continue writing emails to the President, my Senators, and my Congressman pushing them to act on issues that I believe are important. Our representatives get shouted at by those who oppose change, and we need to be persistent in encouraging our representatives and building their courage on the issues through our support. I ask that you become a regular correspondent as well. If you have difficulties finding addresses, they're listed in the YOUR REPS section of the Richland County Democratic Party's web site: www.rcdems.org.

I plan to continue supporting the activities of the local party: I plan to attend the *forward forum* program at Richland High School in the LGI room on Tuesday, October 13, at 7 P.M. when Tom Beebe from the Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools will make a presentation and lead a discussion of School Funding. The Richland County Democratic Party conducted a survey at the recent Richland County Fair; 57% of Democrats surveyed were willing to pay higher taxes to support our schools; 0% of the Republicans surveyed were willing to pay higher taxes to support our schools. The survey numbers were quite small, so one should be careful about drawing conclusions; nevertheless, some folks are more willing than others to invest in our future.

I plan to attend the Democratic Party's winter fund-raiser on February 12, 2010. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend as well. The 2008 event enabled us to again have an election office which helped secure 61% of the vote for President Obama in Richland County.

I will encourage folks to run for office: both partisan and non-partisan. In 2010 we will elect representatives to the State Senate, State Assembly, Congress, County Board, various School Boards, a County Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, and a Coroner. Will you consider a run for public office? I will.

It would be easy to let our frustrations get us down and walk away; however, I do believe that we can make our future better than today if we continue to work and push in the direction of a better future. Let's join together. Forward!

"I'm tired.
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to do?
...
Forward!"

Bill Davis

Riddle This

A. You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?

B. What can you catch but not throw?

C. Whoever makes it, tells it not. Whoever takes it, knows it not. Whoever knows it, wants it not. What is it?

D. What is it that, after you take away the whole, some still remains?

Answers on page 6

Feingold's anti-war stance gaining Senate support

Experts from article by Diana Marrero, Staff, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Washington - Sen. [Russ Feingold](#) cast the only "no" vote in the Senate this summer on a measure to increase the number of troops in Afghanistan. Since then, the Wisconsin Democrat has grown more skeptical of U.S. involvement in the war-torn country and has been railing against another possible troop surge later this year.

A senior member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Feingold said Monday that he was encouraged by Obama's recent comments that he won't increase the number of troops in Afghanistan until his military commanders convince him their approach can work.

"Our goal must be to do what is in the best interests of our national security," said Feingold, who has been calling on [Obama](#) to set a timetable for withdrawing troops from Afghanistan. "As the president said, sending more troops doesn't automatically make Americans more safe."

Pointing to a new 66-page report by Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal asking for a troop surge, Feingold noted that the military commander's task is to solely focus on Afghanistan, while "we need to consider how sending more troops would affect the entire region and our efforts to fight al-Qaida globally."

"Spending billions more dollars and sending thousands more troops to Afghanistan may not significantly improve conditions on the ground and may actually prove counterproductive in stabilizing Pakistan and fighting al-Qaida in the region and around the world," said Feingold, who is urging [Obama](#) to set a timetable for withdrawing troops from Afghanistan.

For months, Feingold has been urging a new strategy in Afghanistan after eight years of U.S. occupation. Other Democrats have recently joined him, suggesting officials start crafting a strategy for getting out of Afghanistan.

[Obama](#) now seems to be shifting his message on Afghanistan, saying during multiple interviews last weekend that he is re-thinking U.S. strategy in Afghanistan. "Until I'm satisfied that we've got the right strategy, I'm not going to be sending some young man or woman over there beyond what we already have," [Obama](#) told NBC's David Gregory on "Meet the Press."

In a recent interview with the Journal Sentinel, Feingold said, "I think he will listen to reason," ... "He would be making a huge mistake to rely only on those who think we should have a huge troop buildup. It's a diminishing number. It goes against the will of the American people, and it's not good policy." ... "The idea of staying there for a very long period is more destabilizing than a rational plan to bring our troops home," ... "The worst thing you can do in a region like that is to be accused of a foreign occupation."

However, Feingold said that instead of focusing on a military approach, the United States should focus on helping to build a less corrupt Afghan government, help rural farmers and boost development assistance for roads, schools and other infrastructure. He also thinks that the U.S. needs to increase pressure on Pakistan to curb militant extremism and help strengthen the country's civilian government.

The Art of Making Love... and Peace

Given the media discussion of President Barack Obama winning the esteemed Nobel Peace Prize, I am left with the conclusion that those in the Conservative/Liberal biased news media must be lousy lovers. How can I make such an assertion you ask? Just look at the sound bites: "What has he done to deserve this?" Shock- Surprise- "This is an embarrassment-" "But he's just given some good speeches. He hasn't DONE anything yet!" Notice how all the outcry of criticism is focused on outcomes, results, conclusions, products, ending, and finishing.

The Nobel Committee on the other hand announced President Barack Obama as the winner for the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize, for his "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples." They appear to recognize the importance of process, progression, relationship, method, connection, manner, and means.

I can only surmise then that the lovemaking of Rush Limbaugh, Chris Wallace and other critics of President Obama consists of two minutes of efficiency leading to the completion of a predictable achievement while conserving resources and energy to maximize yields. Whereas, the fact that the Nobel committee gave the Nobel Peace Prize to President Obama points to their appreciation of the importance of courtship, the power of thoughtful words, the strength in a willingness to listen, the attraction of a gentle, extended hand inviting one to experience true partnership.

In the art of lovemaking, courtship and foreplay are not simply the first and second movements on the way toward a climactic ending. Those acts can stand alone as works of art. While the American news media was shocked, puzzled and critical of the President receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, I was thankful that at least a few other Norwegians understand that tone, temperament and process in and of themselves can be a worthy achievement.

You would think in a country that calls itself a democracy that we would understand that freedom is a process not an outcome. Freedom is not something that you can achieve but rather it is the state that exists when we are guided by a *process* of principles that protects our individual rights to pursue our own outcomes.

It is important, therefore, for conservatives, liberals and even lovers to remember that both love and life are all about journeys not destinations. So, congratulations President Obama. You deserve it.

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Comforting the Teabaggers

I have some suggestions on how President Obama could cut government spending and make the teabaggers feel a whole lot better about our national debt/deficit.

First we could stop spending millions on NASA projects such as trying to land on mars or make a space station on the moon. Does anybody benefit from that expense besides a bunch of engineers?

Second we could stop fighting wars that have no exit strategy or even a victory strategy. The costs of these wars rise geometrically as wounded soldiers come home with missing limbs and shattered brains. The Defense Dept. has already spent over \$100 million to develop a state of the art artificial arm and hand.

Third we could close some of our military bases overseas and save a bundle. These bases are notorious for wasting money and causing friction with the people of the host country. We could start by reducing our footprint in Japan by cutting it in half.

Fourth we could put the CIA on a budget. It spends millions of unaccounted for dollars on secret projects.

Fifth we could reform Medicare so that doctors are paid for results not procedures.

Sixth we could tax and control marijuana the same as we do tobacco thereby saving a bundle on prisons and on the war on drugs.

Seventh we could do away with unfair farm subsidies that pay big farms to grow more and more corn and beans when we already have surpluses.

These are just a few ways the government could save money, enough money to pay for things we really need like universal health care, infrastructure repair, and reasonable tuition expenses.

Jerry McConoughey

Answers to the Riddles on page 4.

A. Corn at Rep. Ron Kind's Corn Boil

B. Swine-- oops H1N1 Flu. Sorry Phil

C. Bernie Maddoff Stock

D. The Word - "Wholesome"