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Restoration

The Unofficial Newsletter of the Constitution Party

Welcome to The Restoration!

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Welcome to the first edition of the unofficial newsletter of the U.S. Constitution Party. It is our goal to bring clarity to a world that no longer makes sense; to bring Constitution Party news, political commentary, and patriotic wisdom to a members and non-members alike. We hope, after browsing these pages, that if you are not a member that you would join us in our efforts to restore America. That is, in fact, why I chose The Restoration as the name for this newsletter. It simply encapsulates what the Constitution Party is all about. We will restore our Constitution to once again to be the supreme law of the United States. We will restore the culture and qualities that once made America great. We will restore manufacturing in America and bring jobs to our land once again. We will restore our borders, protecting America from her enemies. We will restore America's sovereignty by withdrawing from the UN and throwing that organization out of our country. We will restore to America the protection of the sanctity of life, from conception to natural death. We will restore the freedoms to America that our government has been stealing for so long. And speaking of theft, we will also restore America's wealth by ending the income tax, returning to the gold standard, and returning fiscal responsibility to the United States of America.

We are at a crossroads in the United States and in which direction we go will be determined by you, the everyday citizen of this great land. We can continue to vote for the lesser of two evils, looking for that candidate that has enough good qualities to justify our vote. Or we can start voting our conscience and replace the politicians and the parties that have sold America's future to the highest bidder and have torn down all that our previous generations have fought so hard to achieve. Together we can restore America to her rightful place as the world's foremost home for freedom and liberty. Won't you join us in the restoration?

The Old Girlfriend

by Joy Howe
Constitution Party of SD, Chair

I am going to just jump right into what I see as the biggest problem for the Constitution Party. I will speak very plainly. Right now we have a huge number of people who cannot say goodbye to their old girlfriend. They continue to stand on the sidelines of the dance floor hoping she will look their way. They hope she will wave to them when she drives by, or smile at them from across the room. They would be happy if she would just acknowledge that they exist and in so doing give them reason to hope that they mean, as much to her, as she means to them. In the meantime, that girl next door, who is sweet and loyal and true, patiently waits. The old girlfriend may not want them, but she does not want them to switch their loyalties to the girl next door either. Their besotted affection is a powerful aphrodisiac to her ego. They are like a notch on her belt. She collects them like doting subjects through empty promises, flirtatious smiles, and come-hither looks. She laughs behind their back at the longing in their eyes, knowing they can't bear to give her up. She knows, she represents the in-crowd. With her at their side, they imagine the power and prestige that would come to them. The headiness of being a part of her inner circle keeps them at her beck and call. What can the girl next door offer them in comparison? A peaceful and quiet life, if given a chance. But the old girlfriend suspects that is not what they really want. They are human after all. And they generally want what is not good for them.

Isn't it time for them to say, so long, farewell, goodbye? Tell the old girlfriend, the Republican party, that they have found someone new? They need to acknowledge that she is wrong for them and tell her they do not have room for two women in their lives. Their relationship with the loyal and true girl next door will not grow and flourish as long as they keep looking over their shoulder trying to catch a glimpse of their old girlfriend. Life and politics are very similar. If they keep wanting what has not been good for them in the past, namely the Republican Party, they will also lose the best thing for them and their children's future happiness, and that is the Constitution, represented by the Constitution Party. If they make the wrong choice they will end up being a slave to one and will lose the other. Either way, they lose. Think about it! What about You? What do you really want?

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Meet Your Candidates

Alabama – Ballot Access Pending

David Walter – US House, 1st District
Mark B. Giddy – US House – 34th District

Arkansas – Ballot Access Pending

Frank Gilbert - Governor

California – Ballot Access Secured

Chelene Nightingale – Governor
Jim King - Lieutenant Governor
Diane Beall Templin – Attorney General
Don Grundmann – US Senate
Jerry Denham – US House, 10th District
John Smith – US House, 39th District
Bill Lussenheide – US House, 45th District

Delaware – Ballot Access Pending

Earl Lofland – US House

Florida – Ballot Access Pending

Bernie DeCastro – US Senate

Illinois – Ballot Access Pending

Randall Stufflebeam – Governor

Michigan – Ballot Access Pending

Stephen Leiby – US House, 4th District
Scott Aughney – US House, 7th District
Harold Dunn – US House, 11th District
Matthew Furman – US House, 15th District
Joe Sanger – University of MI Regent
Marc Sosnowski – MI House, 10th District
Steven Revis – MI House, 28th District
Dennis Taplin - Van Buren County Commissioner, 5th District

Missouri – Ballot Access Secured

Jerry Beck – US Senate
Joseph Martellaro – US Senate
Gregory Cowan – US House, 4th District
Dave Lay – US House, 5th District
Bennie Hatfield – MO Senate, 28th District
Nathan Eaton – MO House, 48th District
Mike Cogan – MO House, 51st District
Mark Opheim – MO House, 64th District
Dan Fitzhenry – MO House, 97th District
Richard Blowers – MO House, 102nd District
Ray Herron – MO House, 116th District
Jacob Luetkemeyer – MO House, 117th District
Curtis Shipman – MO House, 118th District
Raymond Kish – MO House, 119th District
Richard Hoxsey – MO House, 120th District
Kent Cogan – MO House, 124th District
Rory Calhoun – MO House, 153rd District
Rosalie Wells – Hickory County Recorder of Deeds
John Fitts – McDonald County Presiding Commissioner
Larry Wayne Addams – County Committee
Carolyn Carson - County Committee
Daniel Jacobson - County Committee
Paul Jaggars - County Committee
Stanley Jaggars - County Committee

Suzi Jaggars - County Committee

Jennifer Jamieson - County Committee

Ed Koob - County Committee

Susan Koob - County Committee

Karla Kuntze - County Committee

Bob Leinbaugh - County Committee

Teri Leinbaugh - County Committee

Joy Marx - County Committee

Richard McKie - County Committee

Chester Moore - County Committee

Shirley Moore - County Committee

Keith Mueller - County Committee

Henry Muse - County Committee

Floyd Nunn - County Committee

Marilyn Poythress - County Committee

William Poythress - County Committee

Alan Redburn - County Committee

Cindy Redburn - County Committee

Chris Tomlinson - County Committee

Judi VanDuyn - County Committee

Tom Young - County Committee

New Jersey – Ballot Access Secured

Peter Boyce – US House, 2nd District

New York – Ballot Access Pending

Daniel Tobin – US House, 4th District

Jan Johnson – US Senate

Nevada – Ballot Access Pending

Tim Fasano – US Senate

Jonathan Hansen – US House, 1st District

Russell Best – US House, 2nd District

Scott Narter – US House, 3rd District

Floyd Fitzgibbons – Governor

Ryan Fitzgibbons – Lieutenant Governor

Joel Hansen – Attorney General

Warren Markowitz – Controller

Merritt “Ike” Yochum - Washoe Senate Dist. 4

Cody Quirk - Capital Senate District

Tom Jones – Clark State Senate SD 9

Richard O’Dell - Clark State Senate SD 12

Stella Abbate – Clark County Clerk

Jeff Durbin – Clark County Commission Dist. F

Lee Anderson - Las Vegas Township Constable

Cel Ochoa - Searchlight Constable

Jon Kamerath – Clark Assembly AD 2

Mark Andrews – Clark Assembly AD 4

Stacey Gonzales – Clark Assembly AD 8

Leonard Foster - Clark Assembly AD 13

Stan Vaughan - Clark Assembly AD 15

James Rhodes - Clark Assembly AD 19

Salli Durbin - Clark Assembly AD 22

Andrew Cartright - Clark Assembly AD 34

Janine Hansen – AD 33

David Schumann – AD 39

John Wagner – AD 40

Sam Dupuis - Douglas County Commissioner Dist. 2

Michael Smith – Elko County Assessor

Kay Dawn Jenkins – Elko Co. Public Administrator

Allison W. King – Elko Co. Commission Dist. 4

Jackie Berg – Eureka County Clerk Treasurer

Ohio – Ballot Access Pending

David Ryon – US House, 15th District

Pennsylvania – Ballot Access Pending

John Krupa – Governor

Ed Roberson - Lieutenant Governor

Donald John – US Senate

James Stillwagon – US House 18th District

Terry Ronzio – US House, 12th District

Daniel Smeriglio – US House, 10th District

Jim Barr – PA House, 21st District

Tennessee – Ballot Access Secured

Chris Brown – TN House, 62nd District

Texas – Ballot Access Pending

David Kirkland – Governor

Chuck Burnett - Lieutenant Governor

Jerald Finney – Attorney General

James Pennington – Comptroller

Brian York - Commission of Agriculture

Dan Zavorka – State Board of Education

David Smoot - Commissioners Court of Ellis Co., Precinct 4

Utah – Ballot Access Pending

Randall Hinton – UT House, 2nd District

Washington – Ballot Access Pending

Mary Ruth Edwards – US House, 4th District

West Virginia – Ballot Access Pending

Phil Hudok – US House, 2nd District

Wisconsin – Ballot Access Pending

Rob Taylor – US Senate

*This list will be updated as more **Constitution Party** candidates get involved in the elections this year. Please check back in future issues to see who we are and how we are doing!*

Which One Do You Agree With?

The same human economic activity that has brought freedom and opportunity to billions has also increased the amount of carbon in the atmosphere.

- 2008 Republican Party Platform

I know that there are those who disagree with the overwhelming scientific evidence on climate change. Under my plan of a cap-and-trade system, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket.

- Barack Obama, 2009

We reject the argument of the perceived threat of man-made global warming which has been refuted by a large number of scientists. The globalists are using the global warming threat to gain more control via worldwide sustainable development.

- Constitution Party Platform

The Constitution Party

The Democrats and Republicans have squandered the Founders' legacy of liberty and justice under the Constitution. Countless government officials in the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government ignore their oath to uphold and defend the Constitution.

Join the Constitution Party in its work to restore our government to its Constitutional limits.

Seven Principles of the Constitution Party are:

1. **Life:** For all human beings, from conception to natural death;
2. **Liberty:** Freedom of conscience and actions for the self-governed individual;
3. **Family:** One husband and one wife with their children as divinely instituted;
4. **Property:** Each individual's right to own and steward personal property without government burden;
5. **Constitution:** and Bill of Rights interpreted according to the actual intent of the Founding Fathers;
6. **States' Rights:** Everything not specifically delegated by the Constitution to the federal government, nor prohibited by the Constitution to the states, is reserved to the states or to the people;
7. **American Sovereignty:** American government committed to the protection of the borders, trade, and common defense of Americans, and not entangled in foreign alliances.

Read the Constitution Party platform by going to www.ConstitutionParty.com



THE SPRING CONSTITUTION PARTY NATIONAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA APRIL 30 AND MAY 1, 2010. THE LOCATION WILL BE THE EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL AT THE MINNEAPOLIS AIRPORT, 7901 34TH AVENUE SOUTH, BLOOMINGTON, MN 55425.

You wanted more training - we've provided it. You wanted an affordable registration – we did that too – and it wasn't easy. You wanted a meeting timed so that you didn't have to take so many days off work – we listened! Now we want you in Minneapolis in the Spring! The Spring 2010 National meeting of the Constitution Party will be held Friday, April 30th and Saturday, May 1st at the Embassy Suites Minneapolis Airport Hotel, 7901 – 34th Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55425. There is a free airport shuttle and a free shuttle to the Mall of The Americas, so bring the family.

All are welcome!

On Saturday former Texas Congressman Steve Stockman will give us the benefit of his extensive experience in six hours of intensive campaign and fundraising training. Some of you may remember him from our Tampa, Florida meeting. In addition to being a member of the revolutionary freshman class of the 104th Congress in 1994, Congressman Stockman has a B.A. in accounting, has served as a senior corporate accountant, vice-president of a National Bank, president of a fiber optics company, VP of Executive Development for the Leadership Institute, and as a consultant and advisor to various local and national campaigns.

If you're a candidate or thinking about running for office, or if you want to get involved in the fight to take back our country then come to this meeting and meet like-minded people from all over the country and get the training you need to move forward. Yes, we know funding is more difficult than ever, but how about pooling resources, or having a yard sale or washing some cars? Participating in the Constitution Party's national meetings provides new energy and life to all who attend and we all need the benefit of some fresh ideas and renewed training!

The National Committee meeting will start after lunch on Friday, April 30th, no earlier than 1pm. Registration will begin at 11:30am. There will be a banquet Friday evening.

The meeting will reconvene on Saturday morning, May 1st at 8:30am. The scheduled activities for the weekend will conclude by 5:30pm on Saturday.

The agenda has not been set, so starting and ending times are subject to minor changes.

The Embassy Suites includes a complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast with your hotel room reservation. Your meeting registration includes the banquet on Friday night and lunch on Saturday.

Registration is set at \$165 for those whose registration is postmarked on or before April 7th, \$180 for those whose registration is postmarked after April 7th and before April 23rd, and \$200 if postmarked after April 22nd or paid at the door and meals cannot be guaranteed for these late registrations. Registration for students 12 and over is \$105. Children under 12 are welcome to attend free of charge, but no meals are included. Registration for the Friday night banquet only is \$50, and for Saturday only is \$45 with lunch included.

Please help us by registering early!

Please call the hotel directly to make your sleeping room reservations. There are two ways to make your room reservations – by calling – 1-800-EMBASSY or online www.embassymspairport.com with the group code TCP. If calling, be sure to say that you are with the Constitution Party in order to get our special rate of \$109 plus tax for singles and \$129 plus tax for doubles. All rooms are suites so even singles have a fold-out couch in the living room area.†

The cut-off date for this price is April 7th, 2010, so don't wait! Make those reservations right away. After this date the group rate and rooms will not be available.

Come to the Spring National meeting of the Constitution Party and meet other constitutionalists from all over the country. Leave with renewed energy, plans and contacts for moving forward with our fight to return our country to constitutional government.

And spread the word!

Print the registration form [here](#)

Not Yours To Give

by Col. David Crockett,
US Representative from Tennessee

Originally published in "The Life of Colonel David Crockett,"
by Edward Sylvester Ellis.

One day in the House of Representatives a bill was taken up appropriating money for the benefit of a widow of a distinguished naval officer. Several beautiful speeches had been made in its support. The Speaker was just about to put the question when Crockett arose:

"Mr. Speaker--I have as much respect for the memory of the deceased, and as much sympathy for the sufferings of the living, if suffering there be, as any man in this House, but we must not permit our respect for the dead or our sympathy for a part of the living to lead us into an act of injustice to the balance of the living. I will not go into an argument to prove that Congress has not the power to appropriate this money as an act of charity. Every member upon this floor knows it. We have the right, as individuals, to give away as much of our own money as we please in charity; but as members of Congress we have no right so to appropriate a dollar of the public money. Some eloquent appeals have been made to us upon the ground that it is a debt due the deceased. Mr. Speaker, the deceased lived long after the close of the war; he was in office to the day of his death, and I have never heard that the government was in arrears to him.

"Every man in this House knows it is not a debt. We cannot, without the grossest corruption, appropriate this money as the payment of a debt. We have not the semblance of authority to appropriate it as charity. Mr. Speaker, I have said we have the right to give as much money of our own as we please. I am the poorest man on this floor. I cannot vote for this bill, but I will give one week's pay to the object, and if every member of Congress will do the same, it will amount to more than the bill asks."

He took his seat. Nobody replied. The bill was put upon its passage, and, instead of passing unanimously, as was generally supposed, and as, no doubt, it would, but for that speech, it received but few votes, and, of course, was lost.

Later, when asked by a friend why he had opposed the appropriation, Crockett gave this explanation:

"Several years ago I was one evening standing on the steps of the Capitol with some other members of Congress, when our attention was attracted by a great light over in Georgetown. It was evidently a large fire. We jumped into a hack and drove over as fast as we

could. In spite of all that could be done, many houses were burned and many families made houseless, and, besides, some of them had lost all but the clothes they had on. The weather was very cold, and when I saw so many women and children suffering, I felt that something ought to be done for them. The next morning a bill was introduced appropriating \$20,000 for their relief. We put aside all other business and rushed it through as soon as it could be done.

"The next summer, when it began to be time to think about election, I concluded I would take a scout around among the boys of my district. I had no opposition there, but, as the election was some time off, I did not know what might turn up. When riding one day in a part of my district in which I was more of a stranger than any other, I saw a man in a field plowing and coming toward the road. I gauged my gait so that we should meet as he came to the fence. As he came up, I spoke to the man. He replied politely, but, as I thought, rather coldly.

"I began: 'Well, friend, I am one of those unfortunate beings called candidates, and---'

"Yes I know you; you are Colonel Crockett. I have seen you once before, and voted for you the last time you were elected. I suppose you are out electioneering now, but you had better not waste your time or mine, I shall not vote for you again."

"This was a sockdolager...I begged him to tell me what was the matter.

" 'Well, Colonel, it is hardly worth-while to waste time or words upon it. I do not see how it can be mended, but you gave a vote last winter which shows that either you have not capacity to understand the Constitution, or that you are wanting in the honesty and firmness to be guided by it. In either case you are not the man to represent me. But I beg your pardon for expressing it in that way. I did not intend to avail myself of the privilege of the constituent to speak plainly to a candidate for the purpose of insulting or wounding you. I intend by it only to say that your understanding of the Constitution is very different from mine; and I will say to you what, but for my rudeness, I should not have said, that I believe you to be honest.

...But an understanding of the Constitution different from mine I cannot overlook, because the Constitution, to be worth anything, must be held sacred, and rigidly observed in all its provisions. The man who wields power and misinterprets it is the more dangerous the more honest he is.'

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We the People

The Latest in State Constitution Party News

Attack on Liberty in Delaware

In a blatant disregard for the intentions of the Founding Fathers, Republicans and Democrats in the State of Delaware have declared war on third parties. As Earl Lofland and Doug Campbell were declaring their intent to run for the US House of Representatives as Constitution Party candidates, the State of Delaware passed HB 245 and SA 1 into law. This law requires that political parties are unable to appear on the ballot unless they have 612 registered members. It also denies third parties from having a primary election. If the CPDE cannot grow to 612 members by August 2010, they will be denied a spot on the ballot this November. If you wish to help the CPDE, please contact State Party Chairman Pell Sherman at 302-836-9048 or through email at pellsherman@verizon.net.

Attention New Mexico Residents:

Join the CPNM at the April 15 Tea Party. For more details, go to www.albuquerqueparty.com/?author=2

Attention Michigan Patriots:

Our 2010 State Convention is on June 26 and we want YOU! For more information, please visit our [website](#).

Come Out and Meet the Constitution Party of Kentucky

Please join us at the Constitution Party of Kentucky monthly meeting! We meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 2pm at Perkins Family Restaurant, 2401 Richmond Road, Lexington, KY 40502. All are welcome!

Constitutionalists in Idaho:

The Constitution Party of Idaho has launched a beta version of CPTV, an Idaho-based internet station that shows news about Idahoans standing up for liberty, promoting the proper role of government, applying free market principles and building relationships and communities. If you're interested in helping out, please contact CPTV@cpidaho.org. If you are interested in viewing the station, just check out <http://cpidaho.org/cptv/>

Defend Freedom in North Carolina:

The state of North Carolina has some of the most restrictive ballot access laws, ranking as one of the most restrictive in the entire nation. In order to gain access to the election ballot, a political party must obtain signatures from 2% of the total number of citizens that voted in the most recent general election for the office of Governor. That means in order to be on the ballot in time for the 2012 presidential election, the CPNC must obtain at least 85,379 signatures! The CPNC is currently conducting a ballot access drive in order to obtain this number. If you would like to help, please go to http://www.constitutionpartync.com/ballot_access.htm

Constitution Party of Wisconsin 2010 Convention:

Join the CPWI for our State Party convention on April 24. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

Would you like to have State Party events or news listed in We the People? Then contact the editor at Jason@wewantliberty.com with the details. Without you, we have no newsletter - and we have no Party! Send in your CP events today!

Help us spread the word today!

Not Yours, cont:

" I admit the truth of all you say, but there must be some mistake about it, for I do not remember that I gave any vote last winter upon any constitutional question.'

" 'No, Colonel, there's no mistake. Though I live in the backwoods and seldom go from home, I take the papers from Washington and read very carefully all the proceedings of Congress. My papers say that last winter you voted for a bill to appropriate \$20,000 to some sufferers by a fire in Georgetown. Is that true?'

" 'Well, my friend; I may as well own up. You have got me there. But certainly nobody will complain that a great and rich country like ours should give the insignificant sum of \$20,000 to relieve its suffering women and children, particularly with a full and overflowing Treasury, and I am sure, if you had been there, you would have done just as I did.'

" 'It is not the amount, Colonel, that I complain of; it is the principle. In the first place, the government ought to have in the Treasury no more than enough for its legitimate purposes. But that has nothing with the question. The power of collecting and disbursing money at pleasure is the most dangerous power that can be entrusted to man, particularly under our system of collecting revenue by a tariff, which reaches every man in the country, no matter how poor he may be, and the poorer he is the more he pays in proportion to his means. What is worse, it presses upon him without his knowledge where the weight centers, for there is not a man in the United States who can ever guess how much he pays to the government. So you see, that while you are contributing to relieve one, you are drawing it from thousands who are even worse off than he. If you had the right to give anything, the amount was simply a matter of discretion with you, and you had as much right to give \$20,000,000 as \$20,000. If you have the right to give to one, you have the right to give to all; and, as the Constitution neither defines charity nor stipulates the amount, you are at liberty to give to any and everything which you may believe, or profess to believe, is a charity, and to any amount you may think proper. You will very easily perceive what a wide door this would open for fraud and corruption and favoritism, on the one hand, and for robbing the people on the other. 'No, Colonel, Congress has no right to give charity. Individual members may give as much of their own money as they please, but they have no right to touch a dollar of the public money for that purpose. If twice as many houses had been burned in this county as in Georgetown, neither you nor any other member of Congress would have thought of appropriating a dollar for our relief. There are about two hundred and forty members of Congress. If they had shown their sympathy for the sufferers by contributing each one week's pay, it would have made over \$13,000. There are plenty of wealthy men in and around Washington who could have given \$20,000 without depriving themselves of even a luxury of

life.' "The congressmen chose to keep their own money, which, if reports be true, some of them spend not very creditably; and the people about Washington, no doubt, applauded you for relieving them from the necessity of giving by giving what was not yours to give. The people have delegated to Congress, by the Constitution, the power to do certain things. To do these, it is authorized to collect and pay moneys, and for nothing else. Everything beyond this is usurpation, and a violation of the Constitution.'

" 'So you see, Colonel, you have violated the Constitution in what I consider a vital point. It is a precedent fraught with danger to the country, for when Congress once begins to stretch its power beyond the limits of the Constitution, there is no limit to it, and no security for the people. I have no doubt you acted honestly, but that does not make it any better, except as far as you are personally concerned, and you see that I cannot vote for you.'

"I tell you I felt streaked. I saw if I should have opposition, and this man should go to talking, he would set others to talking, and in that district I was a gone fawn-skin. I could not answer him, and the fact is, I was so fully convinced that he was right, I did not want to. But I must satisfy him, and I said to him:

" 'Well, my friend, you hit the nail upon the head when you said I had not sense enough to understand the Constitution. I intended to be guided by it, and thought I had studied it fully. I have heard many speeches in Congress about the powers of Congress, but what you have said here at your plow has got more hard, sound sense in it than all the fine speeches I ever heard. If I had ever taken the view of it that you have, I would have put my head into the fire before I would have given that vote; and if you will forgive me and vote for me again, if I ever vote for another unconstitutional law I wish I may be shot.'

"He laughingly replied; 'Yes, Colonel, you have sworn to that once before, but I will trust you again upon one condition. You say that you are convinced that your vote was wrong. Your acknowledgment of it will do more good than beating you for it. If, as you go around the district, you will tell people about this vote, and that you are satisfied it was wrong, I will not only vote for you, but will do what I can to keep down opposition, and, perhaps, I may exert some little influence in that way.'

" 'If I don't', said I, 'I wish I may be shot; and to convince you that I am in earnest in what I say I will come back this way in a week or ten days, and if you will get up a gathering of the people, I will make a speech to them. Get up a barbecue, and I will pay for it.'

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From the Desk of the Editor...

A small ray of light cuts through the darkness, landing on her face like a white laser beam. She painfully opened one eye, trying to figure out what awoke her. Her head pounding to her heartbeat, she vainly attempts to swallow, her mouth and throat dryer than the Sahara in the summer heat. She sits up in the bed and uses all her strength to stop herself from vomiting. There's no recollection of last night, but there hasn't been any recollections in years. She stands up, knees buckling and hands shaking, and shuffles her feet across the filthy floor of the bedroom. She punctures her foot on a broken heroin syringe and falls to the floor in pain. Holding her bleeding foot, she looks back at the bed and sees *him*. How did he do this to her? He sleeps with a smirk on his face and hatred in his heart. Her tears stream down her face; her bruised and swollen face. She gets up and gingerly flees to the bathroom as if running from her memories. Who is that woman in the mirror? She stares in disbelief at the unwashed hair, the swollen black eyes, and the nose deformed from all the beatings. Missing teeth has turned her once perfect smile into a sad and embarrassing joke. Track marks scar her arms as much as the bruises scar her emaciated, naked body. Her memory starting to return, she places her hands on her stomach, thinking about all those innocent lives she was forced to terminate. Wracked with physical and emotional torture, she falls to the floor and cries uncontrollably. She was warned by so many people. Was it her arrogance? Stupidity? Naïveté? Or a combination of them all? She didn't know how she got here – only that here she was, broken and abused. That monster took her money and left her dependent on him. He “gave” her to his friends for their enjoyment, laughing at her loss of dignity. He didn't care, as long as he was paid handsomely. No, he never cared about anything except always getting what he wanted, no matter how many people he had to hurt to get it. Looking through her tears, she saw an old

crucifix on the wall above the bed. It had always been there, but it was as if she was looking at it for the first time. She covered her face in shame and cried until she couldn't breathe. Then, like a voice that was in the room, she heard someone say, “Run...” She looked around the room and saw no one. Wiping away her tears, again she heard a voice clearly say to her, “Go – leave this place.” Looking around the room again, she said in a broken voice, “I can't.” The other voice said, “Yes, you can and you must.” Sobbing, she said, “I can't survive out there – I just can't.” The voice firmly said, “Go now...you'll survive as you did once before, and you'll be better off and stronger. Trust me, you will heal and survive.” Wiping her tears and shaking with fear, she crawled across the floor as fast as she could and grabbed her robe. She stood and as she threw it on, she slipped her feet into her sandals, all the while watching the figure of the beast in the bed; his beard hanging over the sheets as he peacefully enjoyed his slumber. She ran to the bookcase to grab a keepsake. Brushing the dust from its cover, she reads, “July 4, 1776.” Filled with a bravery from origins unknown, she raced to the door, grabbing her crown that has laid upon of the television for years. She opens the door, but instead of leaving, she walks back over to the bed. She looked down at that sleeping devil, the source of all her misery. Mumbling under her breath, she said, “Never again.” She reaches over his sleeping body and grabs her old crucifix from the wall. She walked back towards the door, passing the chair draped with his striped clothes and top hat. Picking her torch up from the floor and filled with a strength that she hasn't felt in years, she stepped out into the hall and reached back for the knob. Looking back at the bed, she spit at him with all of her might and said loudly, “Goodbye, Sam,” and slammed the door shut. Free at last, she was to be no one's slave ever again.

- Jason A. Edwards
CPNJ

Not Yours, cont:

" 'No, Colonel, we are not rich people in this section, but we have plenty of provisions to contribute for a barbecue, and some to spare for those who have none. The push of crops will be over in a few days, and we can then afford a day for a barbecue. This is Thursday; I will see to getting it up on Saturday week. Come to my house on Friday, and we will go together, and I promise you a very respectable crowd to see and hear you.'

" 'Well, I will be here. But one thing more before I say good-bye. I must know your name.'

" 'My name is Bunce.'

" 'Not Horatio Bunce?'

" 'Yes.'

" 'Well, Mr. Bunce, I never saw you before, though you say you have seen me, but I know you very well. I am glad I have met you, and very proud that I may hope to have you for my friend.'

"It was one of the luckiest hits of my life that I met him. He mingled but little with the public, but was widely known for his remarkable intelligence and incorruptible integrity, and for a heart brimful and running over with kindness and benevolence, which showed themselves not only in words but in acts. He was the oracle of the whole country around him, and his fame had extended far beyond the circle of his immediate acquaintance. Though I had never met him, before, I had heard much of him, and but for this meeting it is very likely I should have had opposition, and had been beaten. One thing is very certain, no man could now stand up in that district under such a vote.

"At the appointed time I was at his house, having told our conversation to every crowd I had met, and to every man I stayed all night with, and I found that it gave the people an interest and a confidence in me stronger than I had ever seen manifested before.

"Though I was considerably fatigued when I reached his house, and, under ordinary circumstances, should have gone early to bed, I kept him up until midnight, talking about the principles and affairs of government, and got more real, true knowledge of them than I had got all my life before.

"I have known and seen much of him since, for I respect him - no, that is not the word - I reverence and love him more than any living man, and I go to see him two or three times every year; and I will tell you, sir, if every one who professes to be a Christian lived and acted and enjoyed it as he does, the religion of Christ would take the world by storm.

"But to return to my story. The next morning we went to the barbecue, and, to my surprise, found about a thousand men there. I met a good many whom I had not known before, and they and my friend introduced me around until I had got pretty well acquainted - at least, they all knew me.

"In due time notice was given that I would speak to them. They gathered up around a stand that had been erected. I opened my speech by saying:

" 'Fellow-citizens - I present myself before you today feeling like a new man. My eyes have lately been opened to truths which ignorance or prejudice, or both, had heretofore hidden from my view. I feel that I can today offer you the ability to render you more valuable service than I have ever been able to render before. I am here today more for the purpose of acknowledging my error than to seek your votes. That I should make this acknowledgment is due to myself as well as to you. Whether you will vote for me is a matter for your consideration only.'"

"I went on to tell them about the fire and my vote for the appropriation and then told them why I was satisfied it was wrong. I closed by saying:

" 'And now, fellow-citizens, it remains only for me to tell you that the most of the speech you have listened to with so much interest was simply a repetition of the arguments by which your neighbor, Mr. Bunce, convinced me of my error.

" 'It is the best speech I ever made in my life, but he is entitled to the credit for it. And now I hope he is satisfied with his convert and that he will get up here and tell you so.'

"He came upon the stand and said:

" 'Fellow-citizens - It affords me great pleasure to comply with the request of Colonel Crockett. I have always considered him a thoroughly honest man, and I am satisfied that he will faithfully perform all that he has promised you today.'

"He went down, and there went up from that crowd such a shout for Davy Crockett as his name never called forth before.'

"I am not much given to tears, but I was taken with a choking then and felt some big drops rolling down my cheeks. And I tell you now that the remembrance of those few words spoken by such a man, and the honest, hearty shout they produced, is worth more to me than all the honors I have received and all the reputation I have ever made, or ever shall make, as a member of Congress.'

"Now, sir," concluded Crockett, "you know why I made that speech yesterday.

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Not Yours, conclusion:

"There is one thing now to which I will call your attention. You remember that I proposed to give a week's pay. There are in that House many very wealthy men - men who think nothing of spending a week's pay, or a dozen of them, for a dinner or a wine party when they have something to accomplish by it. Some of those same men made beautiful speeches upon the great debt of gratitude which the country owed the deceased--a debt which could not be paid by money--and the insignificance and worthlessness of money, particularly so insignificant a sum as \$10,000, when weighed against the honor of the nation. Yet not one of them responded to my proposition. Money with them is nothing but trash when it is to come out of the people. But it is the one great thing for which most of them are striving, and many of them sacrifice honor, integrity, and justice to obtain it."

Hello everyone,

I would like to take a quick moment and thank you all for reading our inaugural issue. It means a lot to me personally and I hope that, with your help, we can bring you better and more informative editions in the future. Please keep in mind, though, that none of this will make any difference for America's future unless we pitch in to help our State and National parties.

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