



Defenders of the Constitution of the United States of America
Tea Party Boise stands for, limited government, fiscal responsibility, private property,
state rights and individual sovereignty.

BRENDAN AND MICHELE SMYTHE ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION

The National Tea Party Convention was held, February 4th thru 6th, in Nashville, Tennessee. The convention was aimed at bringing the Tea Party Movement leaders together from around the nation for the purpose of networking and supporting the multiple organizations' principal goals. This event is co-sponsored by other national groups that believe in a responsible and limited federal government that is responsive to all the people.

Sarah Palin, the keynote speaker stated, "I caution against allowing this movement to be defined by any one leader or politician. The tea party movement is not a top-down operation. It's a ground-up call to action that is forcing both parties to change the way that they're doing business, and that's beautiful. This is about the people, and it's bigger than any king or queen of a tea party, and it's a lot bigger than any charismatic guy with a teleprompter----".

Brendan has dedicated his time and efforts from the onset of the Tea Party movement. He has been an integral part of leading Tea Party Boise in the national movement that has impacted American politics.

Brendan and Michele were interviewed at the convention by CNN.

See the CNN Video: <http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/politics/2010/02/05/snow.tea.parties.at.work.cnn?iref=allsearch>

THE STATE OF THE UNION: UNMEMORABLE AT BEST

Speech worn Americans were generally unimpressed with campaign type rhetoric as they struggle with a 10 percent unemployment rate. Obama focused on uncertain economic promises including bank regulations and a vague push for education reform. Proposals to address the deficit won't take effect until next year and will only trim the deficit by 3 percent. (He freezes very selected budget items while he shovels out new spending in his stimulus packages). Obama's "jobs package" while increasing the deficit decreases the opportunities for businesses and consumers to borrow and cuts the number of jobs.

If Obama is correct, more spending will bring down unemployment and put people to work. If he's wrong, the deficit that results from his spending will keep joblessness high.

It is impossible for most Americans to take Obama serious as he proposes a stimulus package costing nearly \$800 billion and continues to propose spending as the cure for joblessness. His comments about the War on Terror were unimpressive as getting intelligence about the next attack has a priority over criminal prosecution in the minds of most Americans.

Republican Scott Brown's victory in Massachusetts dims the prospects for healthcare reform and the economy has refused to rebound. The failures of 2009 and a State of The Union address that Obama hoped would rekindle public faith is now behind him. Will Obama listen to the American public in 2010 or continue on a path of "my way or no way"?

If Obama had admitted that the Stimulus plan did not work as he had hoped and that he would cancel the remaining \$500 billion of stimulus spending and the \$300 billion of spending in stimulus II, he would have received attention. However, his ideology takes precedence over listening to the American people.

by Nancy Armstrong



TEA PARTY
CITIZENS FOR AMERICA

The Tea Party movement may be called a marvel because at a specific time in history and from all across America citizens disembarked from party convention to express, “enough is enough”. This action reawakened a nation to its founding principles that had long been ignored. For decades citizens had tolerated the increasing burden of costly government programs with fading hope that their ‘party’ would somehow resurrect the country from the damage created by the other. Decades of leadership by both parties exhibited steady government growth.

Tea Party ideals place country before party politics as public outcry is heard against representatives on both sides of the aisle. Party politics had become woven into the fabric of American culture becoming the driving force of how government is involved in our lives and at what level. A re-awakening of many Americans, now known as Tea Partiers, had the courage to expose the moral demise of a political elite ‘club’ that had replaced principle for power.

Now what?

Re-awakening is one thing, however, are we prepared to continue the battle of dismantling unconstitutional government policies and programs? Are we committed to this end-demanding fiscal responsibility, less government, lower taxes, return of state rights and protection of private property?

Tea Party action

- * looking for good new candidates to replace politically entrenched incumbents.
- * supporting candidates who promote conservative values, including, fiscal responsibility, limited government, lower taxes, and getting federal government out of state business.
- * Tea Party will make every effort to hold politicians accountable for the promises made to their constituency.
- * Tea Party will demand transparency
- * Tea Party will offer continuing education on issues that impact our freedoms

Tea Party is non-partisan

Tea Party has no intention of pitching any candidate based on their political party affiliation. Neither will Tea Party object to a party, an Independent, a Libertarian or other who embraces Tea Party ideals. Tea Party has weighed in supporting a candidate, like in VA, NJ and Mass. Republicans, they all ran on very solid fiscal conservative views while responding to their constituency’s concerns.

As we move into 2010 Tea Party Boise will provide perspectives and commentary that supports the ideals set forth in the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. Tea Party supports the right of individual perspectives on issues and encourages country before politics. Tea Partiers must be aligned on selecting and encouraging good candidates whose ideals challenge entrenched incumbents in primaries. Tea Partiers must take responsibility to communicate ideas and expectations with their local and state representatives,.

Tea Party revives the importance of the word, Liberty

The state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority of one’s way of life, behavior or political views. Liberty implies the power to choose among alternatives --.

Tea Party-2010

Tea Partys’ goal is not to be a political party but to support those who recognize that taking an oath to uphold The Constitution is a privilege and responsibility.

We have absolute trust in the wisdom of an informed American electorate to promote the welfare of this nation.

by Nancy Armstrong



OBAMA ORDERS TELEVISED BI-PARTISAN MEETING

The majority of Americans oppose President Obama's health overhaul. Many were opposed at the outset because government run health care while unconstitutional would cost Americans freedom of choice over their health care. The voters of Massachusetts spoke very clearly during the special Senate election, Jan. 19, that they did not want the health reform plan Congress has spent a year developing with its \$1 trillion price tag, new budget-breaking entitlements, higher taxes and mountains of red tape and mandates.

Obama, backed into a corner, has set a bipartisan meeting for Feb. 25, as part of the White House strategy to engage Congressional Republicans in a policy dog and pony show. Enough 'hype' and surely the American people will come to their senses. What can one expect to see other than scrutiny on Republican initiatives and more of the same from Democrats who support Obamacare. According to reports, Democrats are more than a little nervous that Republicans will just cause trouble. Amendments would now be passed through the 'reconciliation process,' in other words, by majority rule rather than the 60 votes that, wrongly, have come to be necessary to get any bill through.

Obama plans to get something passed at any cost. If he wants credit for improving health care in America, he would start over and devise a plan that would 'fix' struggling Medicare and Medicaid and address Tort reform. There is already too much government involvement in health care, why create more?

One can hope that Republicans and Democrats who are not supporting the proposed plan will stand up and say "no". As Rush Limbaugh stated, "Don't be afraid to be the party of, "No". Let's hope for 2 parties of, "No". If state representatives are listening to their constituents, they will scrap Obamacare and focus on solutions for fixing the existing system.

OVERVIEW

REPUBLICAN-HEALTH CARE SOLUTIONS

- * allow small businesses to band together to get the same insurance discounts big companies get
- * pass tort reform to eliminate junk lawsuits that drive up the price of health care, and reforms that would make health insurance portable for workers
- * allow people to buy health insurance across state lines, giving families the same health insurance tax breaks companies get
- * empower patients by making health prices more transparent.
- * save more money, tax free for health-care expenses.

OBAMACARE

- * Obamacare would reduce the existing amount that can be saved tax free, which this year is \$3,050 for individuals, and tax people for using their savings to pay for over-the-counter drugs.
- * if Washington imposes mandates on what health insurance must cover, there won't be robust competition among insurers.
- * 10 years of tax increases and Medicare cuts pay for only four full years of new entitlements and that the projections for savings and tax revenues are based on gimmicks.
- * Mr. Obama would rope in the healthy by requiring that everyone buy health insurance or be fined. That mandate is very unpopular.

QUESTIONS:

Will Medicare be cut by roughly \$500 billion as their bills call for? Why don't Democrats take up these Medicare cuts as a stand-alone bill?

How will Mr. Obama keep his pledge not to raise taxes on anyone making less than \$250,000 a year with \$20 billion in new taxes on medical devices and \$80 billion on drugs? Even Congressional Budget Office Director Douglas Elmendorf has admitted in congressional testimony that these taxes will be passed on to patients.

Republicans should question the special-interest provisions such as exempting health plans provided to union members from a tax on Cadillac insurance plans.



TORT REFORM FOR THE HEALTH OF HEALTH CARE

* The goal of health care reform, rather than raising premiums, taxing the middle class, and cutting Medicare, ought to be to lower costs, increase access to care, and improve the quality of care. Medical liability reform can accomplish all three of those goals.

Edwin Meese said, “ Medical malpractice is a crucial issue in the area of medical and health care reform. The costs of abusive tort litigation have added billions of dollars to the annual cost of medical care in the United States. There are basically three aspects of this. One is the litigation itself; second is the defensive medicine that is practiced to avoid the litigation; and third is the cost of malpractice insurance. The resulting steep rise in medical malpractice premiums is also an expense that increases the cost of delivering health care. Doctors can pay over \$400,000 a year in premiums in some parts of the country, and medical malpractice premiums can represent a very high percentage of the average doctor's operating expenses. As a result of this, many doctors leave the profession or stop the types of practice in the profession that have particular risk in terms of malpractice suits.

The Journal of the American Medical Association found that 93 percent of physicians practice what we call defensive medicine: that is, ordering tests, procedures, and referrals that are not medically necessary for the sole purpose of protecting the doctor or the hospital against medical malpractice claims. The estimated cost of defensive medicine ranges from \$191 billion to \$239 billion in the last year for which we have statistics, 2008. These higher costs are passed on to consumers in the form of higher health care insurance premiums, and that in turn squeezes an estimated 3.4 million people out of the ability to purchase health insurance.

* Health Care and Medical Malpractice Reform: The Necessity of Reform in the Current Debate
by the Honorable John Cornyn and Edwin Meese III-January 28, 2010, Heritage Lecture #1142

For full report, see: <http://www.heritage.org>

GIANT ENTITLEMENT COSTS-MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security and Medicare have promised \$42.9 trillion more in benefits to senior and disabled workers than the programs will be able to pay, according to a new report. The 2008 annual report of the trustees of the Social Security and Medicare trust funds concludes that both programs will require progressively larger transfers from general revenues to maintain projected levels of spending. The burden from Social Security and Medicare will fall directly on younger generations, and this report affirms the need for Congress to begin a serious overhaul of both of these vital programs.

* Every American born today owes \$184,000

Trillions of borrowed dollars have been recklessly spent for recent bailout and stimulus packages. However, this spending binge doesn't compare to the fiscally irresponsible spending on entitlement programs like Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. We're talking about a difference of \$2 trillion that went out the door in the recent spending spree compared to \$45 trillion (that's in today's dollars) that we're committed to spending in coming years. Every year, Washington is spending money that will have to be repaid with interest by our children and grandchildren. In addition, Washington has promised future benefits for which there is no money. Their excess costs (along with other obligations like the national debt) are \$184,000 per person today, an amount that is poised to crush younger generations.

* The Economy Hits Home: Entitlements, August 25, 2009 The Heritage Foundation

See: <http://www.heritage.org>

BUDGET IS A WHOPPER

Obama this week unveiled a \$3.8 trillion budget for fiscal 2010 that increases new spending while simultaneously promising to cut the deficit. The Wall Street Journal writes, Obama will be relying on some cuts that have previously been proposed without success, on cooperation from a wary Congress and on a yet-to-be set up debt commission to suggest politically difficult choices. The much-heralded spending freeze on non-defense discretionary spending would affect less than .5% of the total budget, while numerous government agencies will enjoy budget increases, including the Department of Health and Human Services. Obama's budget will increase government spending to about 25% of the U.S. economy, and triple the U.S. debt by 2019. The \$3.8 trillion totals a 5.7% increase for 2010 and a 3% rise in 2011.



REPORT ON UNIONS

MAJORITY OF UNION MEMBERS NOW WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT

by James Sherk

New data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show that a majority of American union members now work for the government. The typical union member now works in the Post Office, not on the assembly line.

Representing government employees has changed the union movement's priorities: Unions now campaign for higher taxes on Americans to fund more government spending. Congress should resist government employee unions' self-interested calls to raise taxes on workers in the private sector. The BLS's annual report on union membership: There are now 15.3 million union members in the United States, 770,000 fewer than in 2008.

While the fact that the majority of union members are government employees is historic, the growth of government employee unions is hardly a recent development. Union membership has steadily grown in government and shrunk in the private sector since the 1970s.

Why Government Unions Have Grown

Government employees face no competition as the government never goes out of business. As a result, government employees organize at far higher rates. A full 37.4 percent of government employees belonged to unions in 2009, up 0.6 percentage points from 2008. Collective bargaining gives government employees the power to tell voters how to spend their tax dollars instead of the other way around. Not until the 1960s did federal, state, and local governments change the law to permit government employees to collectively bargain with taxpayers. Now unions primarily represent the government--a development that has shifted the labor movement's focus from redistributing business profits to getting more from taxpayers.

Government Employees Earn More

The labor movement has, thus far, been very successful in this goal. The average worker for a state or local government earns \$39.83 an hour in wages and benefits compared to \$27.49 an hour in the private sector. While over 80 percent of state and local workers have pensions, just 50 percent of private-sector workers do. These differences remain after controlling for education, skills, and demographics. Taxpayers now pay for unionized government jobs paying notably more than those available in the private sector.

Government Unions Campaign for Tax Increases

Three times as many union members now work for the Post Office as in the auto industry. Unions now represent the government and have changed their priorities from getting money from businesses to getting money from taxpayers.

Congress should recognize that unions have narrowly self-interested reasons for lobbying for tax and spending increases. Congress should reject union calls for higher taxes. Government employees already earn more than private-sector workers. Congress should also reject proposals to increase union membership in the government, such as requiring the state and local governments that do not collectively bargain to do so.

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See: <http://www.heritage.org>

BOOKS

LIBERTY AND TYRANNY: A Conservative Manifesto (Hardcover)

by Mark R. Levin

In the face of the modern liberal assault on Constitution-based values, an attack that has steadily snowballed since President Roosevelt's New Deal of the 1930s and resulted in a federal government that is a massive, unaccountable conglomerate, the time for re-enforcing the intellectual and practical case for conservatism is "now." Conservative beliefs in individual freedoms do in the end stand for liberty for all Americans, while liberal dictates lead to the breakdown of civilized society -- in short, tyranny. Looking back to look to the future, Levin writes "conservatism is the antidote to tyranny precisely because its principles "are" our founding principles." And in a series of powerful essays, Levin lays out how conservatives can counter the liberal corrosion that has filtered into every timely issue affecting our daily lives, from the economy to health care, global warming, immigration, and more -- and illustrates how change, as seen through the conservative lens, is always prudent, and always an enhancement to individual freedom.



IDAHO

GOVERNMENT'S ATTEMPTS TO REGULATE MILK GO TOO FAR

Posted by Wayne Hoffman, Idaho Freedom Foundation

February 08, 2010 |

At the Statehouse, lawmakers are split on whether to uphold the state Department of Agriculture's new rules governing raw milk. The department has come up with rules intended to protect the public. But the rules go too far, restricting farming operations doing business with consumers who willingly and knowingly consume unpasteurized milk.

Supporters of raw, or fresh, milk find the product is nutritious, contains beneficial bacteria and helps strengthen the immune system. Opponents say raw milk is harmful. Some advocate its complete ban.

The state Ag department, walking the line between competing interests, wants to regulate it and eliminate "a tremendous black market" for Idaho raw milk, said Marv Patten, the agency's dairy bureau chief.

Patten said the solution was to set a three-animal limit on the number of cows that could be used for raw milk. Those small farms would have to register with the state and submit to testing.

"I still think raw milk has its place," said Patten. "Milk is volatile. It lends itself to many more public health issues than veggies. The consumer has a reasonable expectation that they're not going to get sick."

Luana Hiebert of Heritage Farm in Cocolalla said the new rule is too restrictive.

"We're totally in favor of testing of the milk to make sure the bacteria count is reasonable," Hiebert said. But she wonders why the state would limit the number of cows to three. "With our little Jerseys, we produce six or seven gallons a day. We don't feel we would be endangering people any more if we had ten cows than if we had three."

Kjersti Tackett, a Rigby farmer, agrees. "I can understand them requiring testing. I think that's a good thing. If the quality is there and it's safe to drink, I don't think there should be a limit" on the number of cows.

Brent Olmstead, the lobbyist for Milk Producers of Idaho said the three-cow limit is a negotiated number and that a better number would be zero cows. If someone gets sick from drinking raw milk, it will reflect on the larger pasteurized milk industry. "We'll get blamed for something we didn't do," said Olmstead, and the industry will be out millions of dollars as a result.

Disclaimer: I used to work for the state Department of Agriculture. Having said that, I too wonder about the three-cow restriction. The state of Vermont has come up with a better standard which allows any number of cows but requires vigorous sanitary standards, monitoring and disclosure to the consuming public.

Patten is correct that people have an expectation that they're not going to get sick. It's unreasonable to expect consumers to test their milk when they get it home. Government has a role to play here. But a simpler approach would be for the producer to disclose to the buying public the pros and cons of consuming raw milk. The consumer then assumes the risks. Telling producers that they can have only a very small a number of cows is limiting, arbitrary and unnecessary.

Comment

Buyer Beware is a Must

Submitted by Walt Holton (not verified) on Tue, 02/09/2010 - 10:44.

The Statists dream is that, you as an individual can only live with their permission. As more and more regulation is placed upon the exchange of goods and services, under the disguise of safety, so too do we loose our linkage with actual market conditions. ADM and other Megalo Marts then hold the keys to the market place and not the farmer. This dynamic is a near clone to the Colonial Mercantilism we revolted against in the Revolutionary War.

Additionally, as each farm good is shipped off to a factory to be "made safe", and as the small farmer is broken, we also loose our connection with the land and basic survival. For the time being we in small town Idaho could survive a (God forbid) natural or "man caused" disaster by getting back to the basics (a few of us still remember). The government must STOP getting between the producer and the consumer. The consumer must be allowed to take a risk on a product if indeed he is free.

Beware even the most well meaning government interference. Just as a wild stallion can be gradually led into bondage with rolled oats and a soft hand, so to will the human spirit die to an altruistic Statist



OBAMA SUPPORTS OFFSHORE DRILLING... IN BRAZIL

The Obama administration is financing offshore drilling off the coast of Brazil. According to the Wall Street Journal, Posted by: Meredith Jessup at 9:54 PM, Wednesday, August 19, 2009

The U.S. is going to lend billions of dollars to Brazil's state-owned oil company, Petrobras, to finance exploration of the huge offshore discovery in Brazil's Tupi oil field in the Santos Basin near Rio de Janeiro. Brazil's planning minister confirmed that White House National Security Adviser James Jones met this month with Brazilian officials to talk about the loan.

The oil reserves in Brazil's Tupi oil field are likely to make Brazil one of the world's top oil exporters. In the U.S., however, domestic companies are denied access to rich oil reserves in Alaska and off the East and West Coasts. This leaves us all to wonder: why is Obama in favor of drilling off Brazil's coast, but not our own? And if drilling is so wrong, why in the world are we paying for it?

UPDATE: Bloomberg is reporting an interesting link between Obama's Petrobras deal and billionaire George Soros:

His New York-based hedge-fund firm, Soros Fund Management LLC, sold 22 million U.S.-listed common shares of Petrobras, as the Brazilian oil company is known, according to a filing today with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Soros bought 5.8 million of the company's U.S.-traded preferred shares. Soros is taking advantage of the spread between the two types of U.S.-listed Petrobras shares, said Luis Maizel, president of LM Capital Group LLC, which manages about \$4 billion. The common shares were 21 percent more expensive than preferred today, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. ...

Petrobras preferred shares have also a 10 percent additional dividend, said William Landers, a senior portfolio manager for Latin America at Blackrock Inc. Given that there will most likely never be a change in control in the company, I see no reason to pay a higher price for the common shares." Brazil's government controls Petrobras and has a majority stake of voting shares.

Hmm. Isn't it a strange coincidence that Obama-supporter Soros would reposition himself within Petrobras to receive dividends just days before Obama's \$2 billion in loans and guarantees for the country's offshore drilling operations?

See: <http://www.townhall.com>

IT IS NO WONDER

My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Dependency by Dan Mitchell

If you want to get depressed or angry, the New York Times has an article celebrating the effort by politicians at all levels of government to lure more people into the food stamp program. New York City is running ads in foreign languages asking people to stick their snouts in the public trough. The City is even signing up prisoners when they get out of jail. The state of New York, meanwhile, actually set up quotas for enrolling new recipients. And on the federal level, there apparently is a program that gives states "bonuses" for putting more people on the dole. No wonder one out of every eight Americans is receiving food stamps.

See full article: <http://www.breitbart.com>

TURN OFF THE REALITY SHOW!

The most expensive reality show today is being written, produced and directed by Washington. Everyday, we witness the reality of government intervention; what we can do with our private property, regulating how we do business and who can be in business, what is taught to our children in school, who receives entitlements, when an 'endangered species' takes precedence over person or property, taking a majority of a man's life earnings at death, etc. We are threatened with legislation that denies personal health care rights, what energy source and how much we can use, freedom in the work place and freedom of speech, etc.

A little Unconstitutional government is like a little Cancer. Today, unlimited sources of information fore warn Americans of legislation that threatens founding principles.

It is with courage and knowlege of our constitutional rights that we return to the philosophy that made America strong. Relying on government to solve our problems is why we are in this fiscally futile situation. We must eliminate unconstitutional government programs and remove federal government that is intervening unconstitutionally within our state.

How do we do this? By replacing exisitng ploiticians with those who will ACT to remove existing waste and bureaucracy while protecting the Constituional rights of state and country.



TEA PARTY BOISE MEMBER MEETING

March 13, 2010
4:00 to 6:00 PM
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Monday, February 15, 2010 4:49 PM
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See: <http://www.ssthayn@aol.com>

The threat against the very essence and core of what the United States of America exemplifies, is real. Our Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were written to prohibit political and judicial manipulations that bespeak oppressive i.e. big government. This is a Republic (dictionary: A state in which supreme power is held by the people---). We are a nation suffering a threat from within.

If we, in our home towns, our state and nation, are subjugated by the government, our dollar weakened, property diminished, and spirit depressed, does it not indicate that we must act with stronger resolve and greater passion to dismantle the foes of freedom. Contact your congressmen and senators in Idaho. Let them know how they are doing and what you believe will promote freedom from big government. Invite them to join us at Tea Party Boise. Encourage your friends to do the same.

- CONTINUE TOWN HALL MEETINGS,
- WRITE AND CALL STATE REPRESENTATIVES & SENATORS
- CONTACT THE GOVERNOR
- SUPPORT WITH YOUR REOURCES ORGANIZATIONS THAT IMPACT PUBLIC OPINION.
- VOTE!

SIGN UP AND VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME TO SUPPORT LIBERTY.

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MEGAVOTE

February 1, 2010

In this MegaVote for Idaho's 2nd Congressional District:
Recent Congressional Votes
Recent Senate Votes

Debt Limit Extension - Vote Agreed to (60-39, 1 Not Voting)

The Senate passed this resolution that would raise the federal debt limit to \$13.029 trillion. It now goes to the House for approval.

Sen. Mike Crapo voted NO.

Sen. Jim Risch voted NO.

Confirmation of Ben S. Bernanke to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System - Vote Confirmed (70-30)The Senate confirmed Ben Bernanke for

a second four year term as the Fed Chairman.

Sen. Mike Crapo voted NO.....

Sen. Jim Risch voted NO.....

JUST FOR FUN!



While most Washingtonians took cover during the Blizzard of 2010 (or Snowpocalypse, or Snowmageddon - whatever you want to call it) Sen. James Inhofe's family braved the storm to poke fun at former Vice President Al Gore. The Oklahoma Republican's daughter, Molly Rapert; her husband, Jimmy; and their four children built an igloo - roomy enough to fit several people inside - at Third Street and Independence Avenue Southeast. They officially dedicated the humble abode in honor of global-warming crusader Gore, even posting a cardboard sign on the igloo's roof reading "AL GORE'S NEW HOME" Several people honked to show support. "The funny thing was seeing how many people would stop to pose in front of it," Molly Rapert said.