



Newsletter of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County—August 2019

How Dare You Call Us Racists: To the *Palm Beach Post* and Leftists in General

By *Michael Barnett*
Chairman, Palm Beach County GOP

In the past, we in Palm Beach County’s conservative movement have taken issue with the *Palm Beach Post*’s obvious prejudice against us. We have felt that way for the longest time, but their latest cartoon, depicting a “Trump Train” with a whites-only passenger car, unforgivably crosses the line between thinly-veiled bias and open hostility. By publishing this cartoon, the *Post* has cast a pall of racism upon the Republican Party one time too many. We will not let this outrage us go unanswered. People need to know who Republicans really are.

WE are Republicans. Republicans have a long history of fighting for the freedoms of all Americans, first among them being black Americans. The Republican Party formed with the purpose of freeing black Americans held down in the chains of slavery. America warred with herself—Radical



Palm Beach County GOP Chair Michael Barnett (on left) with Nivia Lucero, Florence Teisch, John Rich, and Mitchell Schwartz.



Republicans against the Old South slave-holding Democrats; 360,000 Americans died to free our countrymen from bondage. Later, Republicans affirmed Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation. After the war, Republicans abolished slavery with passage of the 13 Amendment to the Constitution. Decades later, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, both Republicans, drafted the text of the 19th Amendment, protecting a woman’s right to vote. Republicans in Congress and President Coolidge granted citizenship to Native Americans. Republicans can also claim the very first woman member of the House of Representatives and the first Hispanic United States Senator. Dwight Eisenhower, a Republican, sent in the 82nd Airborne to desegregate Little Rock’s public schools, with much resistance from Democrat Governor Faubus. Republican President George W. Bush appointed the first black Secretaries of State, and another Republican President is currently presid-

How Dare You—continued on next page

How Dare You—continued from previous page

ing over the lowest unemployment for blacks and Hispanics of any period in American history. This Donald Trump is the same man who purchased the Mar-a-Lago property on Palm Beach, which was previously closed to Jews and blacks, and opened the club to everyone.

The history of the Republican Party has been about empowering blacks and minorities. Today we fight enslavement of the mind as we once fought slavery of chains. Republicans embrace what Democrats and their allies in the media fear most—a well-educated, independent-thinking citizenry. Our Republican goal is true economic opportunity and political independence for people of all colors. Dependence on the state and upon the Democratic Party is the goal of those who desperately cling to power. Republicans provide a different way of thinking—we trust in the innate desire of every man and woman to excel in life through hard work with reliance on faith, family, and self, and not upon a cradle-to-grave, all-powerful nanny state.

Now let’s talk local Republicans—no one can credibly claim that the Palm Beach County GOP supports bigotry and racism. Democrats say Republicans fear strong women? Three out of the four Palm Beach County GOP elected officers for the past five years have been strong Republican women. Republicans fear blacks? Our current chair, yours truly, a black man, has led the Palm Beach County GOP since December 2014. The Republican Party is the party of old white men? We have not had a white



Anglo-Saxon Protestant male chair our executive committee since the end of the last century!

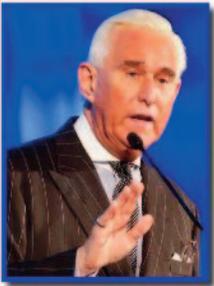
We are Republicans! We are black, Hispanic, Asian, white, male, female, Jewish, Christian, Muslim, gay, and straight . . . we are thoughtful, independent minded, educated, and we don’t necessarily think the way you want us to. We are proud of President Trump and lovers of our country. We reject the soft (and now overt) bigotry of the left and the divisive agenda of the fake news media. The more you attack us for wearing MAGA hats, or call us racists, or slander us on social media, the more people of color you will cause to “walk away” and join our ranks.

So please keep it up; we will vote in big numbers next year. And WE will win, again.

The Republican Party of Palm Beach County
invites you to join us for our
18TH ANNUAL
LOBSTERFEST
August 15th, 2019



Stone Cold Truth



Roger Stone

Sign up : \$165
lobsterfest.gop

6:30 pm

Congressman



Matt Gaetz

The Polo Club of Boca Raton
5400 Champion Boulevard
Boca Raton

Lt Governor



Jeanette Nunez



Congressman



Brian Mast

Political Advertisement Paid for by the Republican Party of Palm Beach County

2020 (Part III)—The Second Wave

By Sid Dinerstein
 siddinerstein@yahoo.com
 July 29, 2019

Tom Steyer for President. “This is America. You get to nominate yourself.” That’s an original soundbite that I have been using for years. This time around twenty-five Democrats have nominated themselves for President. One of them, California Congressman Eric Swalwell, has stayed ahead of the crowd by “denominating” himself (dropping out). If you can name the other twenty-three (I’ve already given you Steyer and Swalwell), you need a new life—one without TV or internet.

But let’s focus on Tom Steyer for now. Tom is a billionaire hedge fund manager. His political brand involves writing large checks for eco-friendly Democrats. He is expected to invest up to one hundred million dollars in the 2020 race. So what happened? Tom looked at the other twenty-four Dems and decided he would rather invest in himself. Voila! Tom is now Mr. Twenty-five. The significance of that decision should not be overlooked. Tom figured out what I figured out less than a month ago: None of the original twenty-four will get the Democrat nomination. Think about it. No killer bees (Biden, Bernie, Beto, Booker or Buttigieg), no Elizabeth Warren, no Kamala Harris, no anyone. But someone’s going to get the nomination. Who’s left? I’m glad you asked.

My list of the “Second Wave” of self-nominations has nine names, including Steyer. This post is an early handicapping of which of them will have the dubious distinction of being beaten and beaten up by President Trump. Let’s go in reverse order of their chances of securing that prize, according to yours truly.

9. Gina Raimondo—Gina who? That’s why you have me, to keep you current. Gina is the reasonably successful Governor of Rhode Island. She’s pro-business, anti-wealthy and riding the Trump wave of economic prosperity. How did she make this list? Recently, Tom Friedman, *New York Times* columnist, gave Gina a plug as someone who should take on President Trump. (Add Friedman to the list of Steyer and me who know that the current twenty-four are not viable.) Gina clearly has kept her head on straight and has made no noises suggesting that she’s interested. If she were she would be way higher than #9.

8. Oprah—An internationally known, one-name, self-made billionaire with high approval ratings is a Dem’s dream come true. But Oprah has always known her brand. One step into the political arena and Oprah would become the lady from Target. Make no mistake about it. If Oprah wants the nomination it’s hers for the asking.

7. Michelle Obama—There are two things you should know about Michelle. Until recently the nomination was hers for the asking but she, like Oprah, did not have the stomach for the bruising of a presidential campaign. Until

recently? Yes. The Mueller Report was awful for the Obama Administration. The FBI’s Inspector General Report will be worse. Michelle is smart to stick to *Vanity Fair* and not the Drudge Report.

6. Tom Steyer—Now it gets interesting. After all, Tom is in; one hundred million dollars in. He’s already railing against the corporate interests whose money dominates our political landscape. I know. He’s laugh-out-loud funny. He’s spending nine figures to complain about too much money in politics. But, hey, look at the upside. What if he’s against Medicare for All and Open Borders? What if he’s a pro-business hedge fund runner? What if he runs ten million dollars of centrist commercials in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina? And what if the top five “Second Wave” prospects don’t get in? It’s an inside straight but it could give Tom the nomination. Winning the Presidency? That’s a column for a (much) later date.

5. Howard Schultz—If you follow my columns you know I already wrote about Howard Schultz, Mr. Starbucks. So I’ll keep it short. If Howard Schultz keeps his pro-America, pro-business, up-from-the-projects themes and runs as a Democrat, he’s a contender. After all, with twenty-four Dems hugging the left field foul line and Schultz roaming free in center field, there is a lot of upside. If he continues to run as an Independent, he’s toast. After all, we already stopped hearing about him.

4. Mark Cuban—Nothing would be more fun than a Trump/Cuban slugfest. These two are smart, media savvy, TV personalities, sports fans and billionaires. Nothing could match their ratings. Trump is President. Cuban wants to be.

3. Andrew Cuomo—Like his father he just can’t pull the trigger. Now could be the time. It’s like getting a do over. The Governor of New York is always a possibility. And he’s not totally off the left cliff. With no one taking charge, you know Governor Cuomo is looking at it.

Now for the top two. One of these is quite likely to be the Dem nominee for 2020. Get ready:

2. Hillary—Nobody wants it more. Nobody thinks she deserves it more. Hillary still thinks the Russians did her in. She knows Donald Trump could never beat someone as smart as she. He’s deplorable and irredeemable. She’s the ultimate victim. I say she’s in.



2020 (Part III)—continued from previous page

1. Michael Bloomberg—The Dems will be begging for the former Mayor to get in. He’s smart, accomplished, another billionaire and a Manhattan Liberal. As Mayor he told New Yorkers how much soda they could drink. As President his Nanny state would be everywhere. And he definitely wants the job. He’s only not in because he understands the difficulty of beating President Trump. But after watching the inept twenty-four he’ll have no choice but to reconsider.

That brings us back to the beginning. The “Second Wave” is inevitable because the First Wave has self-disqualified. You heard it first here. 2020 is looking funner and funner every day.

Sid Dinerstein served as Chairman of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County from 2002 to 2012. A leader with a passion for Republican politics, Sid leads by example, motivating teams and uniting diverse groups to achieve a common goal. With a passion for promoting charter schools, Sid was honored by Inlet Grove Community Charter High School earlier this year as “Charter School Advocate.” He authored Adults Only: For Those Who Love Their Country More Than Their Party in 2007, a book that was a finalist for the 2009 Next Generation Indie Book Awards. Sid has been married to Esther since 1967, and they have two daughters, two sons-in-law and two granddaughters.

Sue Snowden Celebrates a Milestone Birthday!

Against all odds, Mitchell Schwartz and several dozen friends of Sue Snowden were able to pull off a surprise birthday luncheon for Sue at Henry’s in Delray Beach on July 25. Donations from the attendees totaled more than \$800, which will go toward funding interns to staff the Palm Beach County Republican Party’s 2020 campaign offices. We wish Sue many happy returns, and thank her for all her tireless efforts to get Republicans elected.



Rock on Rural Iowa Highway 25: An Amazing Gesture of One Young Man

There is a huge rock near a gravel pit on Highway 25 in rural Iowa. For generations, kids have painted slogans, names, and obscenities on this rock, changing its character many times. A few months back, the rock received its latest paint job, and since then it has been left completely undisturbed. It’s quite an impressive sight. The flag appears to be draped over the rock, but it’s not. It’s actually painted on the rock too. Here’s the artist—Ray “Bubba” Sorensen.



“The Backhoe Chronicles”

*By Peter Feaman
Florida National Committeeman*

Blaming President Trump

AUGUST 5—While the Democrats are eager to blame President Trump for what happened in El Paso, they and the mainstream media are content to ignore the fact that the Dayton shooter was an ardent Democrat/leftist . . . who supported Sens. Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren.

Connor Betts, the Dayton, Ohio mass shooter, was a self-described “leftist,” who wrote that he would happily vote for Democrat Elizabeth Warren, praised Satan, was upset about the 2016 presidential election results, and added, “I want socialism, and I’ll not wait for the idiots to finally come round to understanding.”

Maybe we should think about the changes in our public education system over the past 40 years and the fact that schools are forbidden to teach the foundation of western societies . . . the Ten Commandments, and the concept that there ARE moral absolutes which are necessary in order for a free republic to survive. . . .

“I Am Thankful for President Trump”

AUGUST 2—Excerpts of remarks from RNC Chair Ronna McDaniel at today’s RNC meeting in Charlotte. . .

“Everyday I am thankful for President Trump and Vice President Pence and their leadership. Think of everything they have accomplished in less than three years!

- 6 million new jobs, more than half of them filled by women
- 5 million people off food stamps
- Unemployment hitting record lows, including for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, and women
- 13 regulations eliminated for each new one added, which saves taxpayers \$33 billion.
- 9,000 Opportunity Zones across the country to spur \$100 billion in investments that will help nearly 35 million Americans

And that’s not all!

- Criminal justice reform
- Health care premiums are going down and drug pricing is becoming more transparent
- A stronger, well-funded military
- Greater support for our veterans and their families
- The wall on our southern border is being built
- The federal judiciary is being reshaped at a record pace, and of course . . .
- Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh on the Supreme Court!

I can’t wait to re-elect President Trump in 2020!”

Charlotte RNC Summer Meeting Update

AUGUST 1—Financial Update: The RNC is breaking all kinds of fundraising records, especially with SMALL DOLLAR donations. That means that your hard work in spreading the TRUTH is resonating with hardworking taxpayers throughout these United States.



Data and digital update:

Expanding the Republican voting base is crucial to victory in 2020. For the first time in Republican history the RNC is sending messages throughout social media in Spanish, Mandarin, Korean and other languages. Our message of strong families, economic empowerment, secure borders with LEGAL immigration connects with, not only first generation Americans, but all Americans who understand that the keys to prosperity are freedom, strong families and the power of the individual, not the government.

Facts don’t lie, but those out of power are showing they will say anything to get power back.

When you here the truth you will know it, and the truth will set you free.

“Beating a Dead Horse”

JULY 23—We have all heard of the expression, “Beating a dead horse.”

With the Mueller circus about to begin again, the Democrats are beating a dead hoax . . .

“[T]he report is my testimony. I would not provide information beyond that which is already public in any appearance before Congress.”

That was Robert Mueller two months ago making it abundantly clear at the completion of his report that Congressional testimony would not change anything.

Yet here we are, with Jerry Nadler and Adam Schiff hauling Mueller before Congress tomorrow so Democrats can continue their political smear campaign directed at President Trump instead of actually working on behalf of the American people to secure the border or pass the USMCA.

Reminder of What Mueller Found:

The Mueller Report definitively “did not establish that the [Trump] campaign coordinated or conspired with the Russian government in its election-interference activities” (Department of Justice, 4/18/19).

Backhoe Chronicles—continued on next page

Backhoe Chronicles—continued from previous page

The Special Counsel found there was no “evidence that any U.S. person who coordinated or communicated with the IRA knew that he or she was speaking with Russian nationals engaged in criminal conspiracy” (Department of Justice, 4/18/19).

Then the DOJ, based off the evidence compiled in the Mueller Report, found no evidence of obstruction of justice by the president.

It is beyond clear Democrats want a do over after coming up empty in the wake of Mueller’s 675 day, \$35 million investigation which vindicated President Trump.

So after two and a half years of daily Democrat histrionics, we can be sure that tomorrow will be filled with more grandstanding and lies from Democrats who still have not come to grips with the fact their collusion narrative blew up in their face.

God Help Us

JULY 17—God help us if the open-border Democrats take over the White House. . . .

In an indictment handed down today against 22 MS-13 gang members in California, charging multiple murders using machetes, knives and clubs, where one of the victims had his heart cut out of his chest, it turns out that 19 of the 22 suspects came into the country illegally.

Coincidentally today, the ACLU filed suit against Ron Desantis and the state of Florida for passing a law banning sanctuary cities in the Sunshine State.

There is chaos at the border, illegals commit crimes at a much higher rate than the general population and all the Democrats in Congress want to do is pass a Resolution (against House internal rules, by the way) condemning the President as a racist.

In a press release from the U.S. Attorneys Office in Los Angeles, they described one of the murders, “The victim was dismembered and his body parts were thrown into a canyon after one of the defendants allegedly cut the heart out of the victim’s body.”

Open borders, Medicare for all and the green new deal. . . . God help us if the other side ever gets more political power.

**When You Live by the Sword,
You Die by the Sword . . .**

JULY 11—Nancy Pelosi has never hesitated throughout her career to accuse Republicans of “racism” at every opportunity.

I wonder how it feels when the shoe is on the other foot.

The public spat between Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-NY, and Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif, got a lot nastier yesterday, with the freshman congresswoman suggesting that the speaker is “singling out” her and her colleagues based on their race.

Ocasio-Cortez said to The Washington Post on Wednesday that the “persistent singling out” by the Speaker may be more than “outright disrespectful.”

“But the persistent singling out . . . it got to a point where it was just outright disrespectful . . . the explicit singling out of newly elected women of color.”

Racism—The last thing a Democrat screams when they are out of logic and reason.

Peter Feaman is Florida’s National Committeeman, representing the State of Florida on the Republican National Committee. His “Backhoe Chronicles,” a commentary on draining the swamp, appears on Facebook.

Mort’s Meanderings . . . Martha Raye

Martha Raye was a one of a kind. She was extremely popular for her large mouth and her raucous comedic style in ‘30s and ‘40s films. She was lesser known by the public for her courageous tours of duty in the Vietnam killing fields as a nurse. The Vietnam vets loved her. She never tried to capitalize on her truly heroic service during that conflict.

Side note: In 1946 or 1947, she came to town (Baltimore) with an entourage and my boss at the women’s clothing store where I worked, who knew a lot of celebs, invited Martha Raye and her party to an evening at the Club Charles; I was included. We were all seated at a front-row table, the orchestra started to play and I asked her to dance. I don’t where I got the nerve because, I don’t dance. We were no sooner on the dance floor when I stepped on her toe. She let out a loud shriek and at that instant, I was recognized by the entire audience as the culprit. That ended our dance partnership and I turned 10 shades of purple, all at once. I don’t recall telling this story in all these years; it isn’t the kind of happy tale that one brags about. Come to think of it now, I think this is the last time I’ll relate this disaster.

—MORT KUFF





Summer News from District 89

AUGUST 2—Last month I went on a very meaningful trip to Russia and Poland where I visited the concentration camps of Aushwitz and Berkinau. It was planned long in advance of the legislature passing, and the Governor signing, HB 741: Anti-Semitism this last session, a bill that I was honored to sponsor. But it was especially meaningful to me because in my opinion, Florida had just set a precedent for working to eradicate hate and anti-semitism in our state through our public school system. On my way home I learned about the email exchange with the principal at Spanish River High School and realized we still have much work to do.

There have been many meetings with the Superintendent related to the state legislation that says the Holocaust must be taught in our schools, including with spiritual and educational leaders in our community. Last week I went to Tallahassee and met with Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran and the Executive Director of the Holocaust Education Resources Council, Barbara Goldstein, to ensure that going forward the state oversight is tightened so that this never happens again. Next week I will be meeting again with Superintendent Fennoy and a few others to discuss the 25 year old law that mandated this education and what we can do to make it better, perhaps in the next legislative session. If you have specific questions or suggestions on this subject I would like to hear from you. You can call my office or simply reply to this email.

It's been a busy month in the district, with visits from Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis and Commissioner of Agriculture Nikki Fried. Chief Patronis and I met in Delray Beach to discuss sober homes and insurance issues, two very important and always timely topics in District 89. Commissioner Fried was in Boynton Beach to visit Feeding South Florida to discuss food insecurity and afterwards we packed boxes to deliver to families in need. I enjoyed welcoming our cabinet members to Palm Beach County!

Last month I also I joined Singer Island Commissioner Botel at her quarterly meeting to discuss the Lake Worth Lagoon, visited The Carlisle in Lantana to meet with residents, and had office visits from a number of constituents. I am incredibly grateful for the participation of our commu-



nity and care put forth by other elected officials to have a cooperative partnership in District 89.

I expect August to be another busy month but stay tuned for community events coming up near you!

During the 2019 Session, the Florida Legislature re-authorized our five-day "back-to-school" sales tax holiday so that families can enjoy savings on necessary school supplies.

Today through August 6th no sales tax will be collected on the following purchases:

- Clothing, footwear, and certain accessories selling for \$60 or less per item.
- Certain school supplies selling for \$15 or less per item.
- Personal computers and certain computer-related accessories selling for \$1,000 or less per item, when purchased for noncommercial home or personal use.

For more information on this sales tax holiday and specific items that qualify, please visit the Florida Department of Revenue site.

As always, it is my honor to represent you in the Florida House. If ever I may be of service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Candidates Line Up to Take on Frankel

By George Blumel

Congressional District 21 is shaping up to be an important and extremely interesting election. Already six potential candidates intend to participate in the August 2020 primary to challenge Rep. Lois Frankel. Between now and then we will feature all the candidates here.

We introduced four of them last month. The fifth entry is Aaron Scanlan, Air Force veteran and a police officer in Palm Beach County. The sixth, who was our February speaker at the Republican Club in Atlantis, is Laura Loomer. She promises to add excitement to the race. Her [announcement](#) came at our deadline.

One thing we can happily report now is that Victor Garcia da Rosa, Michael Bluemling, Michael Vilardi, Christian Acosta, and Aaron Scanlan have signed the [U.S. Term Limits pledge](#) to “cosponsor and vote for the U.S. Congress Term Limits amendment of three (3) House terms and two (2) Senate terms. . . .”

Every month we’ll solicit statements from each on specific issues. Their websites will tell a fairly complete story so we’ll just deal with current events, bills and whatever, so that voters can begin to differentiate among them.

This month we asked them to comment on the budget deal with Speaker Pelosi. It would suspend the budget caps for two whole years while raising spending considerably. With no limit on borrowing, another trillion-dollar deficit is expected. This, even though the administration’s tax and regulation cuts have already resulted in record revenues to the treasury. Here are their responses:

Victor Garcia daRosa: *“Having been in business for 34+ years, I am accustomed to operating within a budget which, in its most simplistic form, dictates spending less than you earn and setting aside a portion for a rainy day. As for the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019, I would have voted against it.”* <https://victorgarciadarosaforcongress.com>

Christian Acosta: *“I would not have supported the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019. When you and I take a loan or use the credit card, we understand that the interest will be a burden. We know that the consequences will be immediate and will make our tomorrow more difficult than our today. The government can hide the burdens of debt but it cannot erase them. Our country now pays more than \$480 Billion in interest alone. That is money we could have been using to*

build infrastructure or strengthen social security. When Congress uses deficit spending today, it comes at the cost of ten thousand tomorrows. We must stop kicking the can down the road and learn how to balance the budget.”

www.voteacosta.com



Michael Bluemling’s campaign director, Robert S. Kiger, responded.

“I spoke with Michael and he would have voted against the passage of the 2011 Budget Control Act. It gives too much power and authority to raising spending limits and no clear-cut plan how the costs would be resolved in the future. He is familiar with the House Freedom Caucus and the Republican Study Committee and would join both groups.”

www.bluemlingforcongress.com

Aaron Scanlan *“I am opposed to over-spending our current means. Fiscal responsibility is paramount with the multi trillion-dollar debt.”* www.electscanlan.com

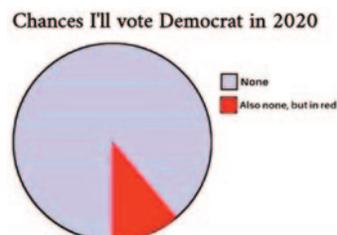
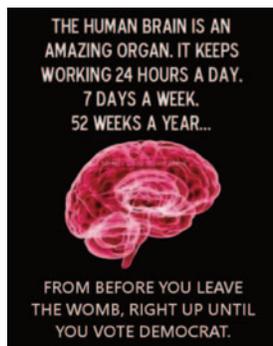
Michael Vilardi: *“Government spending has gotten way out of hand. Controls must be instituted to stop wasteful spending and PORK. As a Congressman I would form a committee to identify government waste, fraud and abuse and Stop it. By 2022 we need a balanced budget at a minimum.”* Website vilardi2020 is under construction.

As expected of a Representative who follows the party line, Rep. Frankel voted to suspend the debt ceiling until July 31, 2021. According to [Heritage Action](#), “. . . this Mnuchin-Pelosi budget deal would be the most fiscally egregious deal in recent years and would create annual deficits on par with President Obama’s.

It passed the House with 65 Republicans voting FOR it. The Senate passed it with only 23 Republicans and five Democrats AGAINST including our Florida Senators Scott and Rubio. Scott [tweeted](#), “We have got to figure out how to live within our means and this deal does just the opposite. . . . There will be a day of reckoning and future generations will pay the price if we stay on this path.”

Some of Frankel’s votes this year are compelling arguments to replace her ASAP. For instance: she voted to not prevent openly transgender individuals serving in the armed forces. Social engineering is more important to Dems than military readiness and unit cohesion. She voted against The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 962), legislation that would require medical care be given to any child who survived a botched abortion. So, what’s the alternative? Obviously, to kill the child.

Rep. Frankel clearly qualifies as one of “the worst of a bad lot” in Congress. Fortunately, we have a few good Republicans willing to replace her. See her [Poster](#).



George Blumel is a husband, father, grandfather; retired entrepreneur; blogger www.posterchildrenfortermlimits.com; political activist—for freedom with responsibility.

Supreme Court Rules Federal Courts Cannot Decide Gerrymandering Cases

by William J. Skinner

The state legislatures in Maryland and North Carolina will be glad to know that only state courts can now decide redistricting cases concerning Federal elections, a decision issued Thursday, June 27, 2019 by the Supreme Court of the United States in *Rucho et al. v. Common Cause et al.*, No. 18–422. Redistricting that favors one political party over another has been a longstanding matter of contention, but the Court declared it has run out of any arguments that it can agree on to assume it has jurisdiction to decide these cases.

The Court Syllabus is a summary of how the Court got the case and its interpretation and is reproduced here as an aid to understanding the decision:

Voters and other plaintiffs in North Carolina and Maryland filed suits challenging their States’ congressional districting maps as unconstitutional partisan gerrymanders. The North Carolina plaintiffs claimed that the State’s districting plan discriminated against Democrats, while the Maryland plaintiffs claimed that their State’s plan discriminated against Republicans. The plaintiffs alleged violations of the First Amendment, the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, the Elections Clause, and Article I, §2. The District Courts in both cases ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, and the defendants appealed directly to this Court.

Held: Partisan gerrymandering claims present political questions beyond the reach of the federal courts. Pp. 6–34.

(a) In these cases, the Court is asked to decide an important question of constitutional law. Before it does so, the Court “must find that the question is presented in a ‘case’ or ‘controversy’ that is . . . ‘of a Judiciary Nature.’” *DaimlerChrysler Corp. v. Cuno*, 547 U.S. 332, 342. While it is “the province and duty of the judicial department to say what the law is,” *Marbury v. Madison*, 1 Cranch 137, 177, sometimes the law is that the Judiciary cannot entertain a claim because it presents a nonjusticiable “political question,” *Baker v. Carr*, 369 U.S. 186, 217. Among the political question cases this Court has identified are those that lack “judicially discoverable and manageable standards for resolving [them].” *Ibid.* This Court’s partisan gerrymandering cases have left unresolved the question whether such claims are claims of *legal* right, resolvable according to *legal* principles, or political questions that must find their resolution elsewhere. See *Gill v. Whitford*, 585 U.S.

____, ____.

FN . Together with No. 18–726, *Lamone et al. v. Benisek et al.*, on appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Maryland

Partisan gerrymandering was known in the Colonies prior to Independence, and the Framers were familiar with it at the time of the drafting and ratification of the Constitution. They addressed the election of Representatives to Congress in the Elections Clause, Art. I, §4, cl. 1, assigning to state legislatures the power to prescribe the “Times, Places and Manner of hold-

ing Elections” for Members of Congress, while giving Congress the power to “make or alter” any such regulations. Congress has regularly exercised its Elections Clause power, including to address partisan gerrymandering. But the Framers did not set aside all electoral issues as questions that only Congress can resolve. In two areas—one-person, one-vote and racial gerrymandering—this Court has held that there is a role for the courts with respect to at least some issues that could arise from a State’s drawing of congressional districts. But the history of partisan gerrymandering is not irrelevant. Aware of electoral districting problems, the Framers chose a characteristic approach, assigning the issue to the state legislatures, expressly checked and balanced by the Federal Congress, with no suggestion that the federal courts had a role to play.



Courts have nonetheless been called upon to resolve a variety of questions surrounding districting. The claim of population inequality among districts in *Baker v. Carr*, for example, could be decided under basic equal protection principles. 369 U. S., at 226. Racial discrimination in districting also raises constitutional issues that can be addressed by the federal courts. See *Gomillion v. Lightfoot*, 364 U.S. 339, 340. Partisan gerrymandering claims have proved far more difficult to adjudicate, in part because “a jurisdiction may engage in constitutional political gerrymandering.” *Hunt v. Cromartie*, 526

U.S. 541, 551. To hold that legislators cannot take their partisan interests into account when drawing district lines would essentially countermand the Framers’ decision to entrust districting to political entities. The “central problem” is “determining when political gerrymandering has gone too far.” *Vieth v. Jubelirer*, 541 U.S. 267, 296 (plurality opinion). Despite considerable efforts in *Gaffney v. Cummings*, 412 U. S. 735, 753; *Davis v. Bandemer*, 478 U. S. 109, 116–117; *Vieth*, 541 U. S., at 272–273; and *League of United Latin American Citizens v. Perry*, 548 U. S. 399, 414 (*LULAC*), this Court’s prior cases have left “unresolved whether . . . claims [of legal right] may be brought in cases involving allegations of partisan gerrymandering,” *Gill*, 585 U.S., at _____. Two “threshold questions” remained: standing, which was addressed in *Gill*, and “whether [such] claims are justiciable.” *Ibid.* Pp. 6–14.

(b) Any standard for resolving partisan gerrymandering claims must be grounded in a “limited and precise rationale” and be “clear, manageable, and politically neutral.” *Vieth*, 541 U. S., at 306–308 (Kennedy, J., concurring in judgment). The question is one of degree: How to “provid[e] a standard for deciding how much partisan dominance is too much.” *LULAC*, 548 U. S., at 420 (opinion of Kennedy, J.). Partisan gerrymandering claims rest on an instinct that groups with a certain level of political support should enjoy a commensurate level of political power

Supreme Court Rules—continued on next page

Supreme Court Rules—continued from previous page

and influence. Such claims invariably sound in a desire for proportional representation, but the Constitution does not require proportional representation, and federal courts are neither equipped nor authorized to apportion political power as a matter of fairness. It is not even clear what fairness looks like in this context. It may mean achieving a greater number of competitive districts by undoing packing and cracking so that supporters of the disadvantaged party have a better shot at electing their preferred candidates. But it could mean engaging in cracking and packing to ensure each party its “appropriate” share of “safe” seats. Or perhaps it should be measured by adherence to “traditional” districting criteria. Deciding among those different visions of fairness poses basic questions that are political, not legal. There are no legal standards discernible in the Constitution for making such judgments. And it is only after determining how to define fairness that one can even begin to answer the determinative question: “How much is too much?”

The fact that the Court can adjudicate one-person, one-vote claims does not mean that partisan gerrymandering claims are justiciable. This Court’s one-person, one-vote cases recognize that each person is entitled to an equal say in the election of representatives. It hardly follows from that principle that a person is entitled to have his political party achieve representation commensurate to its share of statewide support. Vote dilution in the one-person, one-vote cases refers to the idea that each vote must carry equal weight. That requirement does not extend to political parties; it does not mean that each party must be influential in proportion to the number of its supporters. The racial gerrymandering cases are also inapposite: They call for the elimination of a racial classification, but a partisan gerrymandering claim cannot ask for the elimination of partisanship. Pp. 15–21.

(c) None of the proposed “tests” for evaluating partisan gerrymandering claims meets the need for a limited and precise standard that is judicially discernible and manageable. Pp. 22–30.

(1) The Common Cause District Court concluded that all but one of the districts in North Carolina’s 2016 Plan violated the Equal Protection Clause by intentionally diluting the voting strength of Democrats. It applied a three-part test, examining intent, effects, and causation. The District Court’s “predominant intent” prong is borrowed from the test used in racial gerrymandering cases. However, unlike race-based decision making, which is “inherently suspect,” *Miller v. Johnson*, 515 U.S. 900, 915, districting for some level of partisan advantage is not unconstitutional. Determining that lines were drawn on the basis of partisanship does not indicate that districting was constitutionally impermissible. The *Common Cause* District Court also required the plaintiffs to show that vote dilution is “likely to persist” to such a degree that the elected representatives will feel free to ignore the concerns of the supporters of the minority party. Experience proves that accurately predicting electoral outcomes is not simple, and asking judges to predict how a particular districting map will perform in future elections risks basing constitutional holdings on unstable ground outside judicial expertise. The District Court’s third prong—which gave the defendants an opportunity to show that discriminatory effects were due to a “legitimate redistricting objective”—just restates the question asked at the “predominant intent” prong. Pp. 22–25.

(2) The District Courts also found partisan gerrymandering claims justiciable under the First Amendment, coalescing around a basic three-part test: proof of intent to burden individuals based on their voting history or party affiliation, an actual burden on political speech or associational rights, and a causal link between the invidious intent and actual burden. But their analysis offers no “clear” and “manageable” way of distinguishing permissible from impermissible partisan motivation. Pp. 25–27.

(3) Using a State’s own districting criteria as a baseline from which to measure how extreme a partisan gerrymander is would be indeterminate and arbitrary. Doing so would still leave open the question of how much political motivation and effect is too much. Pp. 27–29.

(4) The North Carolina District Court further held that the 2016 Plan violated Article I, §2, and the Elections Clause, Art. I, §4, cl. 1. But the *Vieth* plurality concluded—without objection from any other Justice—that neither §2 nor §4 “provides a judicially enforceable limit on the political considerations that the States and Congress may take into account when districting.” 541 U.S., at 305. Any assertion that partisan gerrymanders violate the core right of voters to choose their representatives is an objection more likely grounded in the Guarantee Clause of Article IV, §4, which “guarantee[s] to every State in [the] Union a Republican Form of Government.” This Court has several times concluded that the Guarantee Clause does not provide the basis for a justiciable claim. See, e.g., *Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Co. v. Oregon*, 223 U.S. 118. Pp. 29–30.

(d) The conclusion that partisan gerrymandering claims are not justiciable neither condones excessive partisan gerrymandering nor condemns complaints about districting to echo into a void. Numerous States are actively addressing the issue through state constitutional amendments and legislation placing power to draw electoral districts in the hands of independent commissions, mandating particular districting criteria for their map-makers, or prohibiting drawing district lines for partisan advantage. The Framers also gave Congress the power to do something about partisan gerrymandering in the Elections Clause. That avenue for reform established by the Framers, and used by Congress in the past, remains open. Pp. 30–34.

318 F. Supp. 3d 777 and 348 F. Supp. 3d 493, vacated and remanded.

ROBERTS, C. J., delivered the opinion of the Court, in which THOMAS, ALITO, GORSUCH, and KAVANAUGH, JJ., joined. KAGAN, J., filed a dissenting opinion, in which GINSBURG, BREYER, and SOTOMAYOR, JJ., joined.

The opinion follows the Synopsis which has no standing as does the opinion. The entire opinion is 72 pages and may be found at: https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/18pdf/18-422_9o11.pdf This case will be a matter of contention in many future gerrymandering cases.

William J. Skinner previously practiced law in Maryland and D.C. He appealed a Maryland redistricting case to the Maryland Court of Appeals which was decided in favor of the political interests of the majority party. The majority party in Maryland continues to be the Democratic Party.

The Odd Quad Squad

By Arthur DeRuve, Col. (Ret.), USAR

We recognize them as a SQUAD because their “colleagues” refer to them as such. We recognize them as a QUAD because there are four of them. We recognize them as ODD because that is the nicest thing we can say about them. In the interest of time and journalistic space I will henceforth refer to them as the OQS. Specifically, the four who comprise the OQS are: Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.), Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.), Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.), and Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.). All are members of Congress’ House of Representatives. All are a disgrace to that body and to our country.

The OQS makes its living by condemning our nation for its greatness, its history, and its accomplishments. It insults our forefathers who founded the freest country ever known to humanity. It demeans them for being white. How sick to trash those who pledged their Lives ,their Fortunes, and their Sacred Honor so that people of all races, religions and nationalities, for the first time ever, could savor the blessings known nowhere else in the world. These four individuals employ the adjective “racist” whenever possible to describe those with whom they disagree on any issue. To them the United States is still a slave state, despite the facts that we fought a Civil War to erase that blot from our otherwise commendable background, and that we have elected non-whites to all levels of authority in our governmental structures including President of the United States.

If the OQS really seeks to weed out hate, bigotry and racism it needs to look no further than its own composition and the party to which it belongs. That party, steeped in its Ku Klux Klan heritage, now turns its attacks on white people and, in particular, Jews. It, à la Maxine Waters, is supportive of those who physically attack Republicans. So, OQS members, I urge you to stop lying to all who have the misfortune of listening to you, and to stop lying to yourselves. It is you and your Democrat Party, with your Social-

ist/Fascist politics, which have impoverished so many people of color with its anti-capitalistic policies.

I wonder if your sight, as well as your intelligence, is in need of rehabilitation.

Do you not see what has happened in countries that practice or practiced your desired procedures for government operations—Venezuela, Cuba, North Korea, Russia, Nazi Germany et al.? Now you want our magnificent country, in its entirety, to turn left down your path to self-destruction? How absurd, how inane! But, then again, in our free society you are free to be both absurd and inane, and being both, can even be elected to the United States Congress. On the other hand, you have the option of relocating to the countries of your heritage, as our great president suggested, or to one of those listed above where your brand of “freedom” is actively practiced!



Col. Arthur DeRuve was commissioned a second lieutenant through the college ROTC program, and after serving with the 2nd Armored Division as a Cold War soldier in Germany, he remained an additional 28 years in the Army’s active reserve, including 11 years as a military liaison officer for West Point. He is a graduate of the Army’s Artillery and Guided Missile School, the Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College and holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from Fordham University and a master’s degree in public administration from New York University. He and his wife Dorothy have been married more than 60 years, and after being “snowbirds” for many years, now reside in Wellington.



*Talking Points:***Medicare for All Means Poor Healthcare for All***By Larry P. Horist*

We have three examples of government provided and managed healthcare in the United States—and none of them are good. In fact, there is a very telling consistency in their weaknesses. They include Medicare, Obamacare, and Veterans care. They are all extremely expensive—whether you pay or Uncle Sam pays (and then tucks the costs in your tax bill).

Democrat presidential candidates are offering a number of supposed solutions to medical healthcare in America. There are a lot of terms being thrown around—Medicare for All, single-payer, Medicare Option or an “improved” Obamacare—but they all avoid providing a lot of detail.

There are two issues that need to be honestly explored when dealing with personal healthcare—the quality of coverage and the cost, which is divided by who pays what. For the most part, the plans being suggested by the candidates are political snake oil. They are full of impossible promises and have little or no connection to reality and, more importantly, past experiences—in America and in other countries.

Looking around the world, we see examples of the promise of healthcare for all. In such authoritarian states as China, Russia and North Korea, healthcare for all has resulted in extremely poor healthcare, crowded waiting rooms, long delays for serious surgery (if available at all) and the general quality of the technology is something you might have seen in America in the 1930s. There is a modicum of higher quality healthcare, but only for the small sliver of upper classes.

American left-wingers even point to Cuba as an example of working universal healthcare. It is unlikely that even the most complimentary of the Cuban system would actually want to be serviced by it. Again, Cuba operates a healthcare system about as old as the cars you see driving around Havana.

Even in nations described as democratic socialist (an oxymoron, to say the least), the level of service is inferior to the United States and people in those nations face long delays for even serious medical services. It is the reason why so many Canadians pay professional consultants to get them into the United States for treatment. Conversely, the number of Americans who intentionally travel to Canada to receive better medical care is essentially zero.

Medicare for All

Against that backdrop, let us consider the most encompassing proposal being advocated in the presidential campaigns—Medicare for All. Senator Bernie Sanders, Senator Kamala Harris and other Democrat candidates have said that they would hope to replace—as in eliminate, van-

quish—all private insurance coverage with one national program that covers 100 percent of American citizens, non-American residents and even illegal aliens.

They have not explained whether the tens of thousands of people who come to America for medical treatment each year would be covered. It is not a stretch to argue that Medicare for All could essentially be worldwide coverage—as long as you come to get treatment in America. In view of the numbers who come here from all around the world for treatment—even heads-of-state—this is not a frivolous concern with a Sanders’ style nationalized health program.

Of course, the essential questions regarding such a grandiose proposal are . . . how much will it cost and is that cost even feasible? The common answer is “soak the rich” and stick it to the corporations. That is utter nonsense. Even if you impose some sort of confiscatory taxes on wealth—and suffer all the unintended and untoward consequences of killing off innovation, job creation and economic growth—the rich—even the super-rich—do not have enough money to cover the trillions of dollars in cost.

Skimming it off from corporate profits has two problems. The vast majority of businesses in America are not mega multinational corporations, but millions of small businesses run by the middle class—and where 80 percent of the jobs are produced. The second problem is that corporations do not pay taxes—as I keep trying to remind people. They pass that cost onto the consumer. So, any tax on corporations is a cost paid by consumers—essentially a regressive tax that hits the middle class and the poor the hardest. Then there is the issue of the quality in healthcare that a person can anticipate if we have Medicare for All.

If the issue is expanding the current Medicare coverage to everyone—tied to the elimination of all private insurance, as some Democrat candidates propose—then America will create a dysfunctional healthcare system befitting third-world nations. Yes, it will be the same for everyone—universally terrible. I can make that assurance because I am on Medicare. It is lousy coverage. The co-pay is 20 percent—and many doctors and dentists will not accept Medicare patients because of price controls and slow pay.

What does this look like in real life? If I had to rely solely on Medicare, my personal burden would have been in excess of \$100,000 at a time when I had a life-threatening health

*Talking Points—continued on next page*

Talking Points—continued from previous page

issue—albeit a totally fixable problem, thank God. Instead, I was responsible for a little over \$5000 because I have private insurance coverage over the top of Medicare. And how much do I pay each month for this super coverage? Zero . . . as in no premium. Eliminate private healthcare and me and millions of Americans get screwed big time.

Medicare Option

Some Democrats oppose Medicare for All that would end private insurance but would create a Medicare OPTION for All—meaning you could drop your private insurance for the government-run option. That may be the easiest scheme to dispense with. Only a fool would choose such a public option if they had a choice. Those unable to secure insurance would have to sign up for lower premiums but with higher—much higher—deductibles.

That is not theory, that is what essentially happened with the oversold Obamacare. When the mandate was still imposed, a young member of my family was forced to sign up for Obamacare. To get a plan he could afford at the time, he had to accept a \$6000 deductible each year. That meant that he had to pay out-of-pocket for such things as a broken finger or a bout of flu.

That is why the crafters of Obamacare had to force the young folks into a plan they did not want and could not—for the most part—use. The idea was to confiscate the money needed to run the program from those least likely to benefit from it. They were all income and very little cost for Obamacare. In more rational times, we would call that a subsidy.

Affordable Care Act/Obamacare

Obamacare was doomed to fail and is doing so. It was unsustainable . . . period. It was enacted on a pile of lies and legislative chicanery. If you read the “Medicare Option” section above, you already know the problems. The only difference is with Obamacare, we have seen the failure.

With the so-called Medicare Option, Democrats are peddling the same snake oil in a new bottle.

Veterans

While many veterans get satisfactory care based on their limited needs, many receive very poor care. There have been endless news stories about the long waits and shoddy diagnoses. This is just another example that seems to prove that government is not capable of efficiently producing high-quality healthcare.

Private Sector Healthcare

In terms of healthcare, Democrats are inviting us to be suckers in the old everything-for-nothing political game. They want us to yet again try their latest brand of snake oil—socialism in a bottle. They claim that nations with so-called universal healthcare provide better medical services than the United States. If we should ever succumb to their enticement and enact one of these universal healthcare schemes, they will be correct. All those other countries WILL have better health services than we the people of America.

So, there ’tis.

*Larry Horist writes Tuesday and Friday commentaries for the Punching Bag Post . . . punchingbagpost.com. This article was posted on July 30, 2019, by Larry Horist, Feature Commentator: **Larry Horist** is a conservative activist with an extensive background in public policy and political issues. Clients of his consulting firm have included such conservative icons as Steve Forbes and Milton Friedman, and he has served as a consultant to the White House under Presidents Nixon and Reagan. He has testified as an expert witness before numerous legislative bodies, including the U.S. Congress and lectured at Harvard University, Northwestern University, Florida Atlantic University, Knox College and Hope College. An award-winning debater, his insightful and sometimes controversial commentaries appear frequently on the editorial pages of newspapers across the nation. He can be reached at lph@thomasandjoyce.com.*

Governor Ron DeSantis Appoints Linda Stoch to the Governor’s Mansion Commission

On July 11, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the appointment of Linda Stoch to the Governor’s Mansion Commission. Linda Stoch, of Palm Beach Gardens, is a retired business owner of Innovative Interiors by Linda. She worked in the interior design field for over 20 years, creating aesthetically pleasing homes for her clients. Stoch received her bachelor’s degree in technical education from Witwatersrand Technical College and her certificate in Interior Decorating from CID International. Linda serves as Events Chair for the Palm Beach County Republican Party, and has been responsible for organizing the Party’s Lincoln Day Dinners, Lobsterfest, and the golf tournament. Her appointment to the Governor’s Mansion Commission is for the remaining four years of a term and is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.



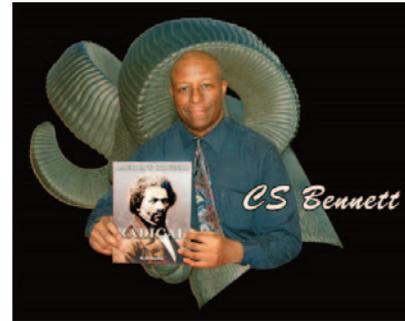
This Is Serious Business

By *CS Bennett*

In a perfect world, it would be quite awesome to live in peace with others. Somewhere in a perfect place in time, it would be great to live in a world void of war. It would be even better to live in a community *sans* poverty, unemployment, and crime. Yes, in a perfect world it would be divine to exist without the craziness that seems to be enveloping us today. Sadly, it is not a perfect world we live in. There exists evil, no doubt, and many are surrounded by it. And with it comes a foulness, and stench, one can relate to raw sewage; in this case, deceit, thievery, envy, covetousness, apathy and murderous thoughts.

Here in the United States, we are suffering from decades of corrupted leadership, crooked and dishonest politicians, and organizations hell bent on bringing this great republic to its knees, and with it, the core values and principles it was founded upon. And they mean business. The hatred for this president and his supporters is unprecedented. Could this be because their con game is being exposed? Could it be because their true intentions are being revealed? Whatever the reason, the *swamp* is feeling truly threatened. Their power and influence, unchecked for decades, are being chipped away by Trump and the courageous Republicans who stand with him.

No, not all Republicans are enamored with the president. They are a part of the same hypocrisy, the same corruption,, and the same good ole boy network that ruined this country for decades. They are the Never Trumpers. They are traitors to the notion, and concept, of fair play, equal justice under



the law, life, liberty and freedom. They are but modern-day oligarchs who have ruled without real opposition, or consequences, until Ronald Reagan, and Donald Trump, showed up on the scene. With Reagan, the left heard the term *check* for the first time. With Trump, they fear the next term will be *checkmate*.

Like tournament chess is serious business, our survival as a nation is serious business. Come 2020, when it really counts, we had better come strong, and we had better come united, and we had better come with our *A* game. I'm telling you, nothing less will do. . . .

Curtis S. Bennett is an author, a national conservative talk radio co-host, and a columnist. He is a decorated Gulf War veteran and served as Vice Chairman of the Putnam County Republican Executive Committee.



Officers

Michael A. Barnett, Chairman
Tami Donnally, Vice Chair
Cheryl Mullings, Secretary
Jane Pike, Treasurer
Joe Budd, State Committeeman
Cindy Tindell, State Committeewoman

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

August 2019 issue of the Newsletter, published monthly by the Republican Party of Palm Beach County. The views and conclusions expressed herein are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the editorial staff, REC Board of Directors, or the Palm Beach County Republican Executive Committee. Letters to the editor are welcomed but should be no longer than 500 words and may be edited for length and content. All submissions are property of their respective authors and may not be reproduced without prior permission of the author. Any comments, questions, or other feedback should be directed to tommullings@comcast.net.

Mission Statement

The Republican Party of Palm Beach County is committed to promoting Republican ideals and principles; recruiting and electing qualified candidates for public office; developing a grassroots organization that will motivate the electorate to vote; and raising the funds necessary to complete these objectives.

www.palmbeach.gop

Mueller Hearing Results . . . We Win!!!

*By Gene Robinson
A Loyal Broward County, Florida, Republican*

I knew it was going to be a Great Day for the GOP on Wednesday, because halfway through the afternoon, former friends of mine who had dropped and disowned me for my proud support of Donald Trump, began to text, call, and e-mail me to say just how embarrassed they were with the congressional hearing involving Special Counsel Robert Mueller. One, a fraternity brother of mine, said, and I quote, “Mueller is a stuttering idiot, who is playing right into the hands of your Republicans.” Boy, it feels so good . . . TO WIN!!

Americans had been waiting with anticipation, much like we wait for a Major Movie premiere, because finally the day had arrived when the Democrats thought they were going to have their “Moment in the Sun,” and begin putting the evil Donald Trump in his “rightful place” . . . **out of the White House!**

The Dems had spent nearly three years and close to \$25 million to find evidence that they could impeach the 45th president of the United States. Now, they were going to have their “best friend,” whose name was on the so-called Russian-Collusion Report, in front of a House committee to tell the world why Donald Trump was an Illegitimate President. Only, as a famous Broadway show was once titled, “A Funny Thing Happened on The Way to The Forum,” and the Democrats looked more like an Illegitimate Party that is on the way toward Extinction.

Robert Mueller was a boring witness who looked “haggard and tired,” and quite often, seemed confused and unorganized as he stumbled and bumbled his way through answering a six-hour barrage of questions. He acted like any high school or college student who had not studied for an exam and was not prepared to answer any of the questions. I even felt sorry for Mueller when Texas GOP Congressman Louis Gohmert hammered the gray-haired man like the Special Counsel was on trial for murder. **It was brutal, and I loved every minute of it!**

I told those ex-friends of mine who were now pleading embarrassment, that they had no one to blame but Democrat leaders themselves who clearly did not think of the negative “optics” of putting a senior citizen, who is threatening senility, in front of a congressional committee, with a hearing on national TV for all the whole country to see. I texted back to one former friend that his Party needs to go to the cemetery, and dig up a few of their dead, and heralded Dem leaders of the past, as their current crop of leaders has . . . **no clue!**



The Democrats are so desperate, that they will try anything to stop the President from winning a second term. But, as Donald Trump said, after the hearing, when speaking to members of the media, “The Democrats are a Mess right now . . . a Total Mess.”

When you take the congressional hearing performance by the Dems, in parading the aging Robert Mueller in front of an entire nation on Wednesday, then add that to the problems that Speaker Nancy Pelosi is having in her ongoing fight with the so-called Squad of Four: Women of Color in the House of Representatives, you have what I would call . . . **a recipe for Democrats losing the next election big time!**

So, keep it up, Democrats. Please do not stop what you are doing, as it makes for must-see TV . . . and a runaway victory for us in 2020!

GOD Bless.

Gene Robinson is President of the Tamarac/Margate/Coconut Creek GOP Club.

POLL WORKERS NEEDED!

The Republican Executive Committee (REC) is working with our Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections, Wendy Sartory Link, to recruit Poll Workers for the upcoming 2020 election cycle.

Anyone interested in getting information to become a Poll Worker should contact Mitchell Schwartz, REC Liaison to the Supervisor of Elections Office for Poll Workers, at elections@palmbeach.gop. An application will be emailed to you.

Be advised that a POLL WORKER is a paid position. Please let your friends know about this opportunity to participate in this community civic function, and pass this along to any person you know who might benefit from this opportunity, regardless of party affiliation.

Club News

Republican Club of the Palm Beaches July 24 Meeting

*By Fred Scheibl
July 26, 2019*

Joe Budd on the 2020 Outlook

Joe Budd, State Committeeman and Trump Club 45 President, gave us a positive rendition of our chances for 2020.

An early Trump supporter, Joe was on board within a couple of weeks of the escalator ride. He noticed that it was the outsider candidates (including Fiorina, Cruz) that were getting most of the attention, and Trump was the best of these. Working as volunteer co-chairman of the campaign in the county, Joe helped his candidate achieve 52% of the vote in the primary and more votes in the general (41%) than Romney, McCain or Bush.

In 2020, it looks like the outsiders have the energy among the Democrats as well, with Biden falling and candidates like Kamala Harris making their mark. Joe expects the eventual candidate to move away from current Democrat leadership. Socialism and massive spending programs, though, are not likely to do well in our center-right country.

He had some advice for our congressional candidates. The only statewide race in 2020 is for President, so that is where the focus and energy will be. Republican candidates need to attach themselves to the Trump agenda and the Trump campaign, otherwise it will be hard for them to raise funds or get noticed. Going it alone is not a smart strategy for next year.

Florida, of course, is very important to a 2020 victory, and we constitute a campaign region by ourselves with a

state chairman already in place. Unlike 2016, this time the RNC and the Trump campaign are joined at the hip and working smoothly together. This is true also of RPOF.

Joe and the Snowdens started Trump Club 45 to keep track of the large group of voters who came out to vote for Trump, maybe as first-time voters. Turnout was 52% better than in 2012 and we want to keep it that way. The club took the PBC Trump email list that we had compiled during the campaign, and more than doubled it. It is now the largest such club (of many) in the country. Unlike chartered Republican clubs, TC45 is independent, and has a fair number of Democrat members. This is a good thing as the support for the President here in PBC is bi-partisan.

Also at the meeting were candidates **Christian Acosta**, running for Lois Frankel’s seat in CD21; **Nick Vessio**, who plans to challenge Brian Mast in a CD18 primary; and **Jim Pruden**, who is exploring a run for CD22 against Ted Deutch.

We also heard from **John Rich**, who gave us an update of what to expect from the training sessions at GOP headquarters this weekend.



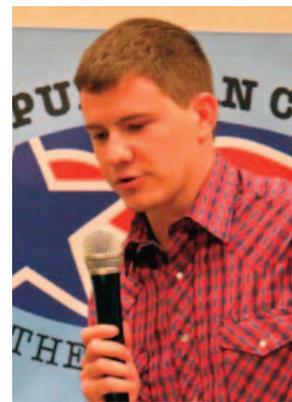
Christian Acosta



Nick Vessio



Jim Pruden



John Rich

Trump Administration Accomplishments

- ▶ Almost 4 million jobs created since election.
- ▶ More Americans are now employed than ever recorded before in our history.
- ▶ We have created more than 400,000 manufacturing jobs since my election.
- ▶ Manufacturing jobs growing at the fastest rate in more than THREE DECADES.
- ▶ Economic growth last quarter hit 4.2 percent.
- ▶ New unemployment claims recently hit a 49-year low.
- ▶ Median household income has hit highest level ever recorded.
- ▶ African-American unemployment has recently achieved the lowest rate ever recorded.
- ▶ Hispanic-American unemployment is at the lowest rate ever recorded.
- ▶ Asian-American unemployment recently achieved the lowest rate ever recorded.
- ▶ Women's unemployment recently reached the lowest rate in 65 years.
- ▶ Youth unemployment has recently hit the lowest rate in nearly half a century.
- ▶ Lowest unemployment rate ever recorded for Americans without a high school diploma.
- ▶ Under my Administration, veterans' unemployment recently reached its lowest rate in nearly 20 years.
- ▶ Almost 3.9 million Americans have been lifted off food stamps since the election.
- ▶ The Pledge to America's Workers has resulted in employers committing to train more than 4 million Americans. We are committed to VOCATIONAL education.
- ▶ 95 percent of U.S. manufacturers are optimistic about the future—the highest ever.
- ▶ Retail sales surged last month, up another 6 percent over last year.
- ▶ Signed the biggest package of tax cuts and reforms in history. After tax cuts, over \$300 billion poured back in to the U.S. in the first quarter alone.
- ▶ As a result of our tax bill, small businesses will have the lowest top marginal tax rate in more than 80 years.
- ▶ Helped win U.S. bid for the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.
- ▶ Helped win U.S.-Mexico-Canada's united bid for 2026 World Cup.
- ▶ Opened ANWR and approved Keystone XL and Dakota Access Pipelines.
- ▶ Record number of regulations eliminated.
- ▶ Enacted regulatory relief for community banks and credit unions.
- ▶ Obamacare individual mandate penalty GONE.
- ▶ My Administration is providing more affordable healthcare options for Americans through association health plans and short-term duration plans.
- ▶ Last month, the FDA approved more affordable generic drugs than ever before in history. And thanks to our efforts, many drug companies are freezing or reversing planned price increases.
- ▶ We reformed the Medicare program to stop hospitals from overcharging low-income seniors on their drugs-saving seniors hundreds of millions of dollars this year alone.
- ▶ Signed Right-To-Try legislation.
- ▶ Secured \$6 billion in NEW funding to fight the opioid epidemic.
- ▶ We have reduced high-dose opioid prescriptions by 16 percent during my first year in office.
- ▶ Signed VA Choice Act and VA Accountability Act, expanded VA telehealth services, walk-in-clinics, and same-day urgent primary and mental health care.
- ▶ Increased our coal exports by 60 percent; U.S. oil production recently reached all-time high.
- ▶ United States is a net natural gas exporter for the first time since 1957.
- ▶ Withdrew the United States from the job-killing Paris Climate Accord.
- ▶ Cancelled the illegal, anti-coal, so-called Clean Power Plan.
- ▶ Secured record \$700 billion in military funding; \$716 billion next year.
- ▶ NATO allies are spending \$69 billion more on defense since 2016.
- ▶ Process has begun to make the Space Force the sixth branch of the Armed Forces.
- ▶ Confirmed more circuit court judges than any other new administration.
- ▶ Confirmed Supreme Court Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh.
- ▶ Withdrew from the horrible, one-sided Iran Deal.
- ▶ Moved U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem.
- ▶ Protecting Americans from terrorists with the Travel Ban, upheld by Supreme Court.
- ▶ Issued Executive Order to keep open Guantanamo Bay.
- ▶ Concluded a historic U.S.-Mexico Trade Deal to replace NAFTA. And negotiations with Canada are underway as we speak.
- ▶ Reached a breakthrough agreement with the E.U. to increase U.S. exports.
- ▶ Imposed tariffs on foreign steel and aluminum to protect our national security.
- ▶ Imposed tariffs on China in response to China's forced technology transfer, intellectual property theft, and their chronically abusive trade practices.
- ▶ Net exports are on track to increase by \$59 billion this year.
- ▶ Improved vetting and screening for refugees, and switched focus to overseas resettlement.
- ▶ We have begun BUILDING THE WALL. Republicans want STRONG BORDERS and NO CRIME. Democrats want OPEN BORDERS which equals MASSIVE CRIME.

Book Review

***Chernobyl: The History of a Nuclear Catastrophe*, by Serhii Plokhy. New York: Basic Books, 2018. Hardcover, 404 pp., index. ISBN #978-1-5416-1798-4.**

Chernobyl: *The History of a Nuclear Catastrophe* is a frightening tale that's bound to send chills of the spines of those who are both pro and anti-nuclear energy. It is a thoroughly researched chronicle of the story of the worst nuclear accident in history, authored by a man eminently qualified to tell the story. Serhil Plokhy is the Mykhailo Hurshevsky Professor of Ukrainian History and director of the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University, who has written many books, including *Lost Kingdom* and *The Gates of Europe*.

There was a recent made-for-TV series about Chernobyl that was quite good, but this book does an even better job of telling the story. It begins, as it should, with the Soviet Communist Party's Congress in 1986, the year of the disaster. Victor Briukhanov, Director of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Station at the time, attended that Congress, as did special visitor, Cuban Communist Dictator Fidel Castro.

In his six-hour keynote speech at the Party Congress, Secretary General Machail Gorbachev spoke of nuclear energy's central role in his policy of *perestroika*, which was the restructuring of the Soviet economy. Anatolii Aleksandrov, president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences and one of the founders of the Soviet nuclear program, also spoke at the Congress and was given the role of being "Gorbachev's wonder weapon for overcoming Soviet economic backwardness." When Aleksandrov spoke at the Congress, the Soviet leader did not interrupt him, knowing full well what he had in mind to right the teetering Soviet economy. He was working closely with Yefim Slavsky, Minister of the top-secret Ministry of Medium Machine Building, and what was born out of their collaboration that would deliver the scientific miracle needed to save the failing Soviet economy, was a new type of nuclear reactor called the RBMK (High Power Channel Reactor), which was like the one at Chernobyl. Aleksandrov confidently bragged to everyone that these new reactors were "safe enough to be installed on Red Square." Four of them were installed at Chernobyl, the fourth in 1983.

There was an urgency at the Party Congress to get these new reactors "up and running" around the country in order to produce this economic miracle as fast as possible, so the operating word there was *uskorenienie* (acceleration), not *perestroika* (re-structuring). Another type of reactor was safer,

but the RBMKs were chosen because they were cheaper and more powerful, and thus more likely to aid in the accelerated five-year plan to straighten out the Soviet economy. There was no containment structure in the RBMK's design; thus the Soviets sacrificed safety in the interest of "acceleration." This need for speed contributed to the disaster, since plant managers knew shutting down the reactor would slow the all important five-year plan and they feared they would be fired.

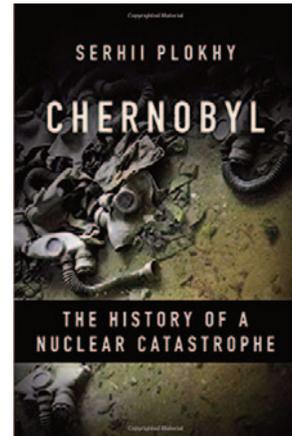
What was revealed more than anything else at Chernobyl was the bankruptcy of the totalitarian Communist system of government in the Soviet Union and its demands for universal secrecy and blind obedience from the public. The Soviet people's demand for accurate information contributed mightily to the "crumbling of the regime of secrecy" and the demise of the Soviet Union a few years later.

To find the culprits of this disaster, scapegoats were created at subsequent trials of the accused, since "How could science be lagging behind in the Soviet Union?" Ukraine, which dropped out of the totalitarian Union in the early '90s, blamed the Soviet Communist Party for Chernobyl, one official claiming that "those who actually caused the disaster became judges of others."

In the aftermath of the disaster, Ukraine struggled to help those affected, devoting 65% of social welfare resources to assist millions of victims of the Chernobyl nuclear accident. Ukraine has kept these plants open and, incredibly, in June of 2017 there was a cyber attack emanating from Russia on Chernobyl radiation monitoring systems!

Western-designed nuclear reactors are built with superior technology and are much safer than their eastern counterparts, but the earth's winds are not hindered by countries' borders, and the ill effects of an unsafe model like the RBMK are felt far and wide. Nonetheless, the technology for reliable, cost-effective nuclear energy with adequate safeguards against sabotage and failure exists in the world today, and if that is what is used to build these things, there is little need for worry over potential disasters like the one that occurred at Chernobyl in Ukraine in 1986.

—Tom Mullings



Book Review

***How Capitalism Saved America: The Untold History of Our Country, From the Pilgrims to the Present*, by Thomas J. DiLorenzo. Three Rivers Press at Crown Publishing, New York, in 2004. ISBN: 1-4000-8331-1, 295 pp. with index. The PBC Public Library has a copy and the book is for sale at bookstores.**

With the 2020 election heating up with debates between left-leaning and socialist candidates vying for the Democratic Party nomination, it is time for Republicans to get a better understanding about capitalism. DiLorenzo's book was published 14 years before the Alan Greenspan and Adrian Wooldridge book, *Capitalism in America*, that I reviewed back in May 2019. DiLorenzo's book is half the size, but twice the punch because he does not hide his position on economics issues. It will be worth the read to see what he thinks.

Thomas DiLorenzo spoke to the Constitution Committee of the United States that used to meet in Palm Beach County. I attended a meeting when he spoke in about 2004 and purchased a copy. DiLorenzo is an "American economics professor at Loyola University Maryland Sellinger School of Business where I recently found his email address—tdilorenzo@loyola.edu. He identifies as an adherent of the Austrian School of Economics. He is a research fellow at The Independent Institute, a senior fellow of the Ludwig von Mises Institute, Board of Advisors member at CFACT, and an associate of the Abbeville Institute. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Virginia Tech." See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_DiLorenzo

The book has an Introduction, 11 chapters, and a Conclusion. Chapter 1 defines Capitalism, Chapter 2 defines Anticapitalism, and Chapter 3 tells how capitalism saved the pilgrims. Karl Marx defined "capitalism." Adam Smith said the essence of capitalism is "Give me that which I want and you shall have this which you want." Politicians and pundits often label events as capitalism when they are anticapitalism. This book is meant to correct such mistakes. DiLorenzo writes, "Intellectual and political demagogues take advantage of [unsuccessful, lazy and the incompetent] this truth and appeal to the hatred and enmity that the less successful feel toward the more successful. This is the basis of the economic class conflict on which generations of American politicians have built their careers by promising to take from 'the rich' and redistribute their wealth to 'the poor'" (p. 41).

One of the defining characteristics of capitalism is private property. Chapter 3 explains how private property saved the pilgrims from starvation after initial false starts as a socialistic commune to settle in the new world.

Jamestown was settled in May 1607 and the word "capitalism" had not yet been invented. The 104 persons who came to live in early Virginia saw all but 38 of their fellow travelers die by the end of the year. There were

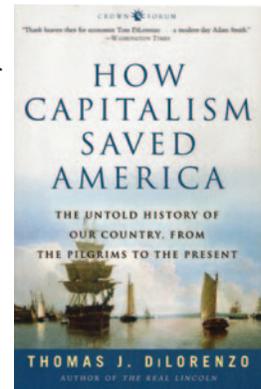
plenty of birds, fish, and other game to eat and the soil was fertile, but these people died of famine. Two years later the Virginia Company sent 500 more to settle Virginia, but 440 of these died within 6 months. One man wrote that the deaths were for "want of providence, industrie, and government, and not the barrenesse and defect of the Countrey, as is generally supposed" (p. 54).

Scholars deduced that the deaths came because the workers' lack of effort and the absence of property. In 1611 the English sent Sir Thomas Dale to serve as "high marshal" of the colony. He noted that most people played games and he identified the problem as being the system of communal ownership of property. He devised a plan to give each man three acres of property and require them to work only one month per year and to contribute to the treasury of the colony a lump sum tax of two and a half barrels of corn (p. 55). This established private property; there was no free riding and the colony began to prosper. People had the incentive to work to obtain wealth.

A similar thing happened where the ship *Mayflower* landed in Massachusetts. Governor Bradford and the investors blamed Plato and Aristotle for advocating collective ownership. New Englanders developed the whale oil industry and this lighted homes for the next 100 years. The middle states developed grains and tobacco, a habit they learned from the native Indians.

Chapter 4 summarizes the tax revolts Americans have participated in starting with the Declaration of Independence, which was a capitalist revolt. King George III wanted to impose British mercantilism on the colonies. Most of our forefathers did not like the way he was doing it. A review of the way Americans dealt with trade restrictions and tariffs might help you better understand the current efforts we are making to free trade with China and other countries today.

Chapter 5 covers the internal improvements (infrastructure) that were pushed by some, including Lincoln and the Republican Party. Corporate welfare started with Alexander Hamilton's *Report on Manufactures* in 1791. Albert Gallatin scoped this out in another report to build infrastructure to get rid of the free-rider problem. Henry Clay and the Whigs supported canals and roads too. Madison warned these expenses were unconstitutional. Read this to learn about what others thought about creating debt for public building projects.



Book Review—continued from previous page

Chapter 6 discusses the myth of how capitalism exploits the poor and enriches the working class. “The quixotic pursuit of economic equality is essentially a revolt against human nature” (p. 103). DiLorenzo says that labor unions can improve conditions for some workers, but at the expense of other, non-union workers (p. 106).

Chapter 7 discusses the truth about J.J. Hill, John D. Rockefeller and Cornelius Vanderbilt who were not mercantilists like the real Robber Barons. Chapter 8 reviews some antitrust myths and quotes Alan Greenspan’s *Antitrust* (1962) as saying the world of antitrust “is a world in which the law is so vague that businessmen have no way of knowing whether specific actions will be declared illegal until they hear the judge’s verdict—after the fact” (p. 134). DiLorenzo says the purpose of antitrust law was the opposite of what was popularly believed (p. 146). Several big cases were examples of this, including *Brown Shoe*, *Alcon*, and *Microsoft*. In 1969 IBM was accused of monopolizing the computer market. *Schwinn Bicycle* was forced to give up its chain of service shops that eventually resulted in bankruptcy. “But for now, the myth persists that monopoly is an intrinsic feature of capitalism that must be controlled and regulated by enlightened antitrust regulation” (p. 155).

Chapter 9 reviews whether capitalism caused the Great Depression, and DiLorenzo sets the record straight again. It did not. The Smoot-Hawley-Hoover Tariff covers 800 items and 59% of goods was explained in two pages, for example. Hoover did about everything wrong, but FDR was even worse. Chapter 10 discusses whether the New Deal crippled capitalism and quotes Newt Gingrich who often praised FDR for getting us out of the Depression, and DiLorenzo says virtually every history book repeats this

notion, “despite readily evidence to the contrary” (p. 179). The Second New Deal made matters worse (p. 196).

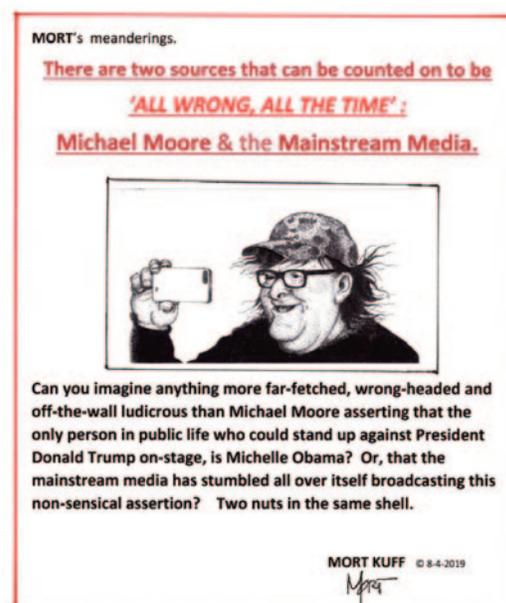
Chapter 11 asks whether capitalism caused the energy crisis. DiLorenzo points out how the energy sector has long been burdened by regulations that handcuffs all industries. The breakup of *Standard Oil* in the courts was one of the first big deals. In 1980 Jimmy Carter finally began the deregulation of energy. California also caused problems with its regulation of electricity.

In the Conclusion, we learn that the war against capitalism is never ending. Importantly, this chapter reminds us that politicians make speeches about how they would help the economy, meaning “capitalism,” but they are capitalism’s worst enemies. “The reality is that most politicians, especially at the federal level, view businesses as cash cows to be plundered for the benefit of their own political careers” (p. 230). For more details, see Fred S. McChesney’s book, *Money for Nothing: Politicians, Rent Extraction, and Political Extortion* (1997).

It is refreshing to see how DiLorenzo calls the situations with stark reality and lets the facts speak for his conclusions. This is what a good economist tries to do. You will profit from reading this book during the 2020 election campaign as it will guide you on several important decisions you will have to make about who gets your vote.

William J. Skinner graduated from the McKinney School of Law at Indiana University in 1965. As a writer for the school’s Law Journal he wrote about antitrust law for pharmacists. During his practice of law in Washington, D.C. and Maryland for 32 years, he had occasion to organize a two-day Symposium on Antitrust Law for Pharmacists in 1990 at a time when the Federal Trade Commission was investigating price fixing and other regulatory issues like those mentioned in this book.

Mort’s Meanderings . . .



Editor's Postscript

The *Hijra* and Our Broken Immigration System

By Tom Mullings

From the earliest beginnings of his campaign to become President of the United States, Donald Trump made the problems with our immigration system a leading issue that he's emphasized ever since. And this issue of lack of border security needed emphasis. The Dems, of course, have claimed that there was no crisis at our nation's borders, but as of late, while acknowledging that there was a problem, have insisted that it's Donald Trump's fault. What follows is one aspect of that problem that gets far too little attention in the public square that we ignore at our peril. The information for this piece was taken from experts in the field such as Ann Corcoran, who has written a great book on the subject entitled *Refugee Resettlement and the Hijra to America*.

According to historians of Islam, the prophet Muhammad left his home city of Mecca in what is now Saudi Arabia, and traveled to the Saudi city of Yathrib (now Medina). He did this in order to conquer new territories for Islamic rule. Ever since, this has been referred to as the *hijra* (migration), and devout jihadists who seek to emulate Muhammad, the "perfect Muslim," use this to justify their desire to conquer new territory. The *hijra* is considered, by virtually all jihadists today, to be the favored means of taking over the rest of the non-Muslim world, and was even put in writing by the Muslim Brotherhood, one of the planet's most sophisticated Islamist organizations. They refer to it as the organization's "civilization jihad" and "As its 1991 strategic plan, *The Explanatory Memorandum on the Goal of the Group in North America*, declares, the Brother's mission in America is to wage civilizational jihad so as to destroy the Western civilization from within." Much like the prophet Muhammad back in the 7th century, these civilizational jihadists' goal is "global submission to shariah (law) and the reestablishment of a caliphate to rule according to it" in the lands of the infidels.

These devout Muslims, who have no intention of assimilating, are being brought to the United States, compliments of our broken immigration system. They are being aided and abetted by leaders of the Democrat Party who favor "open borders" in order to increase their voter rolls throughout the nation and resist efforts to change our refugee and asylum regulations that are allowing these virtual Fifth Columnists to enter our country.

In the interests of not stereotyping, I need to emphasize my unshakable belief that most immigrant Muslims who enter the United States, do not come here to do away with our liberties and Constitution and replace it with Sharia Law, but those that do must be denied entry into our coun-

try. And many enter legally under the Refugee Resettlement Program of the U.S. State Department and the Department of Health and Human Services Act of 1980. "The so-called Somali Christmas Tree bomber was a [legal] refugee whose family was resettled in the Portland, Oregon area, while the Boston Marathon bomber family, often referred to as political refugees, had been granted asylum after arriving here on their own. Both received protection and care under the *Refugee Act of 1980*."



Vernon M. Briggs, Jr., a professor of Economics at Cornell University, refers to our asylum policy, enshrined in the *Refugee Act of 1980*, as our "Achilles Heel," allowing tens of thousands to enter our country.

In 2014, Democrats began demanding that we refer to the "Unaccompanied Alien Children," who started pouring into our Southern border in huge numbers, as "asylum seekers," an absurd designation that makes America the final destination for asylum seekers from virtually everywhere.

Here's a snapshot of what's happening around the country as this "civilization Jihad" stealthily moves into our neighborhoods, according to Ann Corcoran: "Busy with life on a farm in rural Washington County, Maryland, raising children and running a non-profit horse rescue, I became aware of something very unusual at the time. Through one highly publicized event—the closing of a street in Hagerstown, our county seat, by hazmat-suited emergency workers who thought an African refugee living in a poor neighborhood of the city had Ebola—we learned that a 'church' group had been bringing several hundred refugees to the city.

"How is a church group—the Virginia Council of Churches—permitted to drop off refugees in a Maryland City? A large group of the refugees, Meskhetian Turks (Muslims), were being welcomed to Hagerstown by the Islamic Society of Western Maryland and urged to learn Arabic at the Islamic Center. I later heard that they were dispersed to 30 different U.S. states." [!]

The *Refugee Act of 1980* was intended to be a public-private partnership, but the public part has grown while the private part has declined, and guess who has steadily gained control of this program—lefties in the federal govern-

Editor's Postscript—continued on next page

Editor's Postscript—continued from previous page

ment—surprise, surprise. And what did we need it for anyway?

In the years prior to 1980 over 100,000 Vietnamese refugees were admitted and successfully assimilated into the United States, “cared for by churches and other civic groups throughout America on a family-by-family/church-by-church basis.”

Legal immigration and assimilation of those refugees from abroad have been the vital life-blood of America since its inception and continues to serve that purpose today. But uncompromising religious fanatics, an unholy *hijra* of jihadist-minded Muslims, determined to do away with our beloved Constitution and replace it with Sharia law and to

make Americans submit to a foreign, totalitarian Caliphate, is not welcome to our shores and must be resisted with every fiber of our being. As a leading element in that process, someone should send an urgent message to Democrats who favor leaving our borders unsecured and bring into our country quiet jihadists bent on our destruction—wake up and smell the roses!!

Tom Mullings is a decorated Army infantry combat veteran of the Vietnam War, who served as a scout dog handler with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was one of the three original incorporators of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, and is a long-time Republican Executive Committeeman from precinct 5154 in Palm Beach County.





Republican Executive Committee Membership Application

The Republican Executive Committee (also known as the REC) is the governing body of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County. The REC elects the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Party. Members of the REC also approve the Party's constitution; Rules, Policies & Procedures; and budget.

Members of the Republican Executive Committee represent registered Republicans who live in their precinct and serve as the Party's liaison to the Republicans within that precinct. REC members are expected to maintain contact with Republicans living in their precinct and to keep them informed as to what is going on in the Republican Party. This can be done through E-mail or other means like regular mail, phone calls and/or walking your precinct. The REC is the basis for our grassroots efforts and we rely on REC Members to organize and develop their precincts, recruit new volunteers, recruit candidates to fill vacancies on the REC, find sign locations for Republican candidates, register new Republican voters and work to get out the Republican vote in their precincts during elections. The role of committeeman or committeewoman is essential to Republican Party's and our candidates' success in Palm Beach County.

REC Committeeman & Committeewoman Duties and Responsibilities

1. Expected to donate financially to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County
2. Attend REC Meetings
3. Organize your precinct and carry out the policies and programs of the Party within your precinct. Active participation in the various programs of the Party is expected.
4. Serve on a Party Committee.
5. Develop a presence in the broader community by joining a Republican Club; serving on a local board or committee; or monitoring local media for relevant material.

ALL APPLICANTS FOR THE REC MUST BE A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN IN PALM BEACH COUNTY. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REC APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT ALONG WITH A PHOTO COPY OF THE FRONT OF YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD. ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED WITHOUT A COPY OF THE APPLICANT'S VOTER REGISTRATION CARD WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. YOU WILL ALSO NEED THE SIGNATURES BELOW OF TWO CURRENT REC MEMBERS. THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IS 11:00 AM, 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REC MEETING.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail*: _____

* Check here if you DO NOT want your email reported to the Supervisor of Elections thus making it a matter of public record under Florida law. _____

Profession: _____

Precinct #: _____

I am applying for the position of: Committeeman _____ Committeewoman _____

Two Current REC Members' Sponsor Signatures:

1). _____ REC Precinct # _____ 2). _____ REC Precinct # _____

Please return your REC Application to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County Headquarters,
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 500, West Palm Beach 33401 Phone (561) 686-1616



Republican Party of Florida Party Loyalty Oath

I, _____, swear and/or affirm that during my term of
(Name of Member – Please write clearly)

office I will not actively, publicly, or financially support the election of any candidate seeking election against:

- (1) The Republican Party's nominee in a partisan unitary, general, or special election that includes a Republican nominee; or
- (2) A registered Republican in a non-partisan election except that this provision does not apply to judicial races under Chapter 105, Florida Statutes.

I further swear or affirm that, in a contested Republican primary election, I will not support the nomination of one Republican candidate over another in my capacity as a Republican County Executive Committee member unless the Party has voted to endorse under RPOF Rule 8. This provision does not preclude me from supporting in any manner my personal Republican candidate of choice in a contested Republican primary election, provided I do not express such support with public reference to my title or office within the Republican Party of Florida.

Signature of Member

Signature of Witness

County/Precinct #

Date

Office: _____

**(State Committeeman, State Committeewoman; Precinct Committeeman, Precinct Committeewoman;
Alt. Precinct Committeeman, Alt. Precinct Committeewoman)**

Address, as it appears on voter registration

Email

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

CANDIDATE OATH –

Committeemen and Committeewomen

Check applicable one:

- Precinct Committeeman or Committeewoman
- District Committeeman or Committeewoman
- State Committeeman or Committeewoman

OFFICE USE ONLY

Candidate Oath

(Sections 99.021(1)(a) and (2), Florida Statutes)

I, _____

(Print name above as you wish it to appear on the ballot. If your last name consists of two or more names but has no hyphen, check box . (See page 2 - Compound Last Names). No change can be made after the end of qualifying.)

am a candidate for the office of **Committeeman** **Committeewoman**

Precinct/District Number _____ (Not applicable to State Committeemen and State Committeewomen),

I am a qualified elector of _____ County, Florida; I am qualified under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Statement of Party

(Section 99.021(1)(b), Florida Statutes)

I am a member of the _____ Party; I have not been a registered member of any other political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which I seek to qualify; and I have paid the assessment levied against me, if any, as a candidate for said office by the executive committee of the political party, of which I am a member.

Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): _____

Phonetic spelling for audio ballot: Print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot as may be used by persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form): *[Not applicable to write-in candidates.]*

X

()

Signature of Candidate

Telephone Number

Email Address

Address

City

State

ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

Signature of Notary Public

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Personally Known: _____ or Produced Identification: _____

Type of Identification Produced: _____