



Newsletter of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County—July 2017

Political Debate in Palm Beach County: Conservative Republican Alan Bergstein vs. Liberal Democrat Rabbi Barry Silver

On July 5 a political debate was held at an on-site synagogue in Century Village in Boca Raton between Alan Bergstein, a conservative Republican, and Rabbi Barry Silver, a liberal Democrat. The event was sponsored by the Boca Raton Century Village Republican Club, and it turned out to be quite an interesting evening that revealed a lot about the two debaters themselves, the audience in attendance, and which of the two dominant political parties in the country today has a better claim on “civility.”

The place was packed. Hundreds of people attended and extra chairs were added at the last moment, but there were still many who could find standing room only. Judging by the response from that audience to their favored debater’s answers, it seemed like there was about a 60–40 split favoring the Dems among those watching the debate. This was somewhat surprising, given the location of the venue, whose residents are overwhelmingly on the liberal side of the political spectrum.

The evening kicked off with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the announcement that Florence Teisch would sing the National Anthem, much to the chagrin of at least one Democrat in the audience sitting directly behind me, who I overheard saying to his wife in an irritated tone of voice,

“Why do we have to hear *that*?” At one point in the debate, Rabbi Silver, citing a list of things he and his opponent had in common, said that they both “loved America.” I have no reason to doubt the Rabbi’s sincerity when he spoke those words, but perhaps, when preaching politics to his mostly Democrat-dominated flock, he should direct such feelings about love of country to people like the guy who was sitting behind me, whose attitude is much too common in Democrat circles while virtually non-existent among Republicans.

The topic for the debate was “Civility, can we get along?” combined with “The first five months of Trump’s presidency.” Unfortunately civility was not in evidence, on the Dems’ side of this affair, which, true to form, mirrors what has been going on in the country at large since Donald Trump was elected. In the interests of “civility” the president of the Delray Democrat Club was permitted to address the crowd, but unlike his counterpart in the Republican Party who preceded him with friendly words of welcoming cordiality, untainted with political invective, he immediately launched into an anti-Trump tirade and was rightfully cut off from finishing his remarks.

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The debate at Temple Beth Shalom in Boca Raton’s Century Village featured (left to right): Rabbi Barry Silver, moderator Caren Besner, and Alan Bergstein. Photo by Carol Porter.

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The debate was being filmed for the Samantha Bee television show. Evidently, radical Democrat Samantha Bee was tipped off about the debate in Century Village while here in South Florida, and sent a camera crew from New York to tape the event for an August show. Those who came to see the debate were greeted by a sign over the door of the Temple that read: “Filming is taking place. You hereby grant ‘Full Frontal’ the right to photograph you and exploit your likeness, voice and other sounds. . . .”

Moderator Caren Besner did her best to maintain order, but had to repeatedly intervene to stop people from rudely interrupting Alan Bergstein’s remarks. So much for “civility.”

For his part, Alan, in keeping with the evening’s topic of “civility,” was calm, cordial and held his own in the back and forth, delivering logical, effective answers to the moderator’s questions. Rabbi Silver on the other hand, played the part of leader of the “resistance,” almost never addressing his conservative opponent’s positions directly, but rather creating strawmen to knock down instead. For example, when a question was posed about climate change and Alan responded by effectively discrediting the idea of “man-made” global warming as a factor “forcing” the earth’s temperature to rise, the Rabbi ridiculed him for not believing in “global warming,” intentionally leaving out the “Anthropogenic” part of Alan’s position in order to make him appear foolish.

At one point during the evening, a lady handed me a brochure calling for “Medicare for everyone.” Clever gal. Forgive me, but that sounds suspiciously like “Single Payer.”

Former New York educator Alan Bergstein did quite well in the debate, but the debate was not really the story in the evening’s event. The real story was the antics and distinct lack of “civility” on the part of radical Rabbi Silver and his Dems. Prior to the debate, Silver wrote a piece in the *Jewish Journal* that ended with him claiming his aim in the debate was to “*further civil discourse on a topic that is too often uncivil, in honor of the National Day of Civility, celebrated July 11.*” I couldn’t help but to think about those words of the Rabbi as I took in his style of speaking at the debate that had a familiar ring to it. He’d start out speaking in a very soft, slow manner that gradually grew in volume, cleverly working his supporters in the audience into a frenzy. The last time he did it, he concluded the debate by leading his properly-lathered flock of Dems in a decidedly uncivil chant, repeating over and over—IMPEACH! IMPEACH! IMPEACH! His distinct style of speaking reminded me of somebody in history who wore a ridiculous little mustache, whom I’m sure he opposes with all his heart and soul. I won’t tell you who that guy is, but I’ll give you a hint: He wasn’t Charlie Chaplin.

Alan Bergstein ended his remarks by issuing a warning to those on the other side of the aisle who are acting in a most uncivil manner. Such incitement, which recently prompted a Bernie Sanders supporter to grievously wound a Republican congressman at a charity event, could eventually “lead to civil war” if allowed to continue. Alan was right, and leaders like the Rabbi Barry Silver should take his words to heart.

—Tom Mullings

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Palm Beach County GOP Participates in the Haitian American Festival

On Saturday, July 1, the Republican Party of Palm Beach County rented a booth at the Haitian American Festival held at the South Florida Fairgrounds in West Palm Beach. This was the fourth year in a row that the Party has participated in the event, and a good time was had by all! Manning the booth were GOP Chair Michael Barnett, William Joseph, and Tom and Cheryl Mullings.



Moonshot

By Sid Dinerstein

June 24, 2017



It's a moonshot! An audacious, close to impossible idea that nobody attempts because nobody wants to fail. Yet sometimes the imperatives are just too great. George Washington took on the strongest power in the world, and won. Abe Lincoln vowed to preserve a nation that had already split apart prior to his inauguration. FDR knew that failure was not an option in World War II. And JFK literally committed us to the ultimate moonshot.

Well, I've got one: Rebuilding the American Family. More specifically, Rebuilding the American Black Family. We will never be whole again or, in current lingo, we will never Make America Great Again so long as more than 70 percent of black babies are born out of wedlock. Period. Or, as I've been saying for way too long: "There isn't enough money on the planet to save a community without fathers." No more denial: The thug we see on the nightly news seems to always be the same; male, black, young, illiterate and fatherless. Our society is being eaten out from the inside. So much of our crime is concentrated in our urban areas (think Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Baltimore) but the effects are everywhere. Our crime rate is too high by orders of magnitude. Same for our insurance costs; auto, health and homeowners. We see horrific crimes that should be unimaginable. We have infant mortality rates that are unacceptable, almost totally driven by the same demographic. We have drive-by tragedies seemingly on a daily basis.

I want my moonshot. The purpose of this essay is to arouse some public official or ambitious office holder to Rebuild America's Families; to make this the centerpiece of a Presidential, Senatorial or Gubernatorial campaign and to create the governmental infrastructure to move us in the right direction, recognizing that this is a generational, not a two or four year, program. By the time we put a man on the moon President Kennedy was deceased and Presidents Johnson and Nixon had to continue the dream; bipartisan and pro-American. And while I have some general thoughts on ways to move forward, that's not particularly important. We need commissions covering a broad spectrum of public policy opinion to provide goals, direction and money.

My own thoughts may or may not be helpful but I offer some as a way to stimulate your thoughts. My first goal is

modest: Reduce the black out-of-wedlock birthrate from 72 percent to 60percent by 2025. It's doable. It's measurable. And when we succeed at that we will have learned what works so going further will get easier. After all, putting a man on the moon taught us how to take close-up pictures of Jupiter.

I see one overriding condition that will make or break this effort: The controlling organizations must be private. I'm thinking Salvation Army, Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, Gates Foundation, Zuckerberg, etc. No HHS. No teachers union. No political agenda. No broad-brush one-size-fits-all new entitlements to entice the scammers. And observe: I listed the Salvation Army first because faith-based organizations will be essential to this effort. Private charities know how to separate the strivers from the shirkers. The government doesn't even try.

Other thoughts include: Greatly expanding School Choice so that families are empowered to do what they think is best for their kids. Continue the excellent Trump initiative of breaking up the gangs. Healthy families are monopolies. They don't need armed competitors. Turn the welfare system upside down. Reward good behavior. Pay less for out-of-wedlock births and more for two-parent family births. If Lyndon Johnson could use public money to break up the black families we can use a lot less to rebuild them again.

And that gets us back to you, my readers. I want my moonshot to be our moonshot. If you read my posts then you are probably politically active. You rub shoulders with congressmen, senators, even presidents as you exercise your volunteer muscles. Let's start something great. Rebuilding America's Families would be a compelling centerpiece for an upcoming Senatorial or Gubernatorial campaign. We all know people. It's pro American. It's inclusive. It's necessary. And it's right here on earth.

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.

Talking Points

Who are Putin's Friends in High Places?

By Larry P. Horist



The question of American complicity with Russian interference in the 2016 election may be the greatest media-driven disinformation campaign since William Randolph Hearst promoted the Spanish-American War by using his newspaper empire to convince the public that an internal explosion aboard the battleship *USS Maine* in Havana Harbor was an

intentional act of war, prompting the U.S. to enter the Cuban civil war.

The unsubstantiated allegation of “collusion” by the Trump administration is part of every report by the left-leaning New York media, specifically CNN, MSNBC and the largely overrated *New York Times* and *Washington Post*. The media frenzy is nothing less than an attempt to push public opinion against President Trump to the level of a crimeless impeachment.

Observers and pundits on both sides have one common agreement—that Russian President Vladimir Putin is patting himself on the back for sowing chaos in the American political process. And, his strategy is working better now than during the election. But, who are the folks that have been the witting or unwitting agents of Russian mischief?

Most of the media blame has been leveled at President Trump. After all, once it was apparent that Wikileaks (fronting for Russia) had piles of hacked information from the Hillary campaign and the Democratic National Committee (because they refused to listen to the FBI warning), Trump jokingly expressed a hope that the perpetrators would go find all those other emails Hillary had gone to great lengths to destroy on her illegal private server.

For sure, Trump was slow to blame Putin for the hacking, since he was told by the intel community that they were only 95 percent convinced it was the Russians. As a candidate, Trump was not privy to the hard evidence that was provided to President Obama as early as August—more than three months before the election.

The media spun every meeting between Russians and Trump people as proof of some treasonous action. For more than six months, the anti-Trump national news outlets accused him of “colluding” with Putin. They reported that the President was a liar for claiming he had been told three times that he was not under investigation for collusion. Comey belatedly confirmed Trump’s statements. Why Comey would not confirm the facts publicly, as he did with Hillary, until he was under oath and aware of possible tapes,

is a worthy unanswered question. Was it his desire to keep Trump dangling with all those inaccurate news reports?

In claiming some unpatriotic purpose in all the hypothetical stories advanced in the newscasts, certain realities were ignored.

Trump and Russia

Early on in the administration, both Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley issued scathing condemnations of Russia and Putin. These were the official statements of the administration, although they were not reported as such. Unlike Obama, Trump pledged aid and support to the Ukraine and called for Russia to withdraw from that nation, including the occupied Crimean region.

Trump received harsh condemnation from Russia for the bombing of the Syrian airport in retaliation for the chemical attacks on the Syrian civilian population. Trump further pushed back against Russian influence in the Middle East during his unprecedented trip to Saudi Arabia in which he was well received and highly praised by the heads of more than 50 Muslim majority nations (so much for being Islamophobic).

Much to the chagrin of Russia, Trump met with our NATO allies to reaffirm our commitment to the Alliance—as did Tillerson and Vice President Pence—and our support for Article 5, which calls for support for any member nation attacked. The press used the fact that he did not mention Article 5 as a weakening of the commitment, even though the head of NATO confirmed Trump’s unwavering support. Trump’s expressions of support in various meetings was repeatedly confirmed in press conferences by NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg—a rarely reported fact.

With the all-important U.S. backing, Montenegro was added to the alliance, an affront to Putin. Trump also approved of a military exercise in Eastern Europe to give the Baltic nations assurance of our support for their freedom in the face of any Russian aggression.

Trump’s renewed U.S. involvement in the Syrian conflict has resulted in a variety of condemnations and threats from Russia.

Trump has undertaken a two-prong diplomatic policy that is driving a wedge between Russia and China, especially with regard to North Korea.

Most recently, Trump has again garnered condemnation and threats for Russia for his forewarning of retaliation

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against Syria for a potential use of chemical weapons. Through Secretaries of State and Defense, Trump has made it clear that he will not be deterred by bellowing from Putin.

For weeks, the national anti-Trump media has reported his intention to roll back sanctions on Russia. So far, those hours of speculative stories, commentaries and claims by a partisan array of media panelists and “contributors” have proven to be false.

Obama and Russia

Now let us look at the previous administration. President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton began their terms in office by a “reset” of Russian/American relationship. With that silly red reset button, the Obama administration promised to take a much softer approach to Russia—and indeed they did.

Under the Obama administration, we surrendered our successful space program to the Russians. The only way our astronauts could reach the space station was to embarrassingly hitchhike on Russian rockets.

In a deal that seemed to have no benefit to the United States, 20 percent of our uranium reserves was handed over to Russia. To make matters worse, the deal was muddied up by Bill Clinton’s relationship with Russian oligarchs and millions of dollars that flowed from Russian interests into the Clinton Foundation in the appearance of a *quid pro quo*.

Obama joined hands with Russia in an agreement that would provide billions of dollars to Iran without any request to cease their funding of international terrorism and without adequate protection against a future nuclear Iran. This was a deal that gave Russia enhanced influence and power throughout the Middle East.

The major benefactor from the Obama policy of withdrawing from the Middle East and leading from behind was Russia. Putin moved in to fill the vacuum almost as fast as did ISIS. When Russian generals ordered our military forces to stand down in Syria, Obama acquiesced.

When Syrian President Bashar al-Assad promised to eliminate all his chemical weaponry, Obama allowed the despot’s closest ally, Russia, to oversee the project. Later events proved that the Russians never did what was promised—which should have been an obvious problem from the onset. Obama allowed one international war criminal to supervise another international war criminal.

In an open mic mishap, Obama was overheard telling then placeholder Russian President Dmitry Medvedev that he should tell Putin that after the 2012 presidential election, he, Obama, would have more options. In any factual sense, that may be the closest we have seen to any real secret collusion between an American President and Russia. The

comment also suggests that Obama was not being honest with the American people prior to the election and was also well aware that Putin was still the power in Russia.

By all reports, Russian involvement in our elections has been going on for many years without pushback from the Obama administration, resulting in an ever increasing boldness on the part of Putin that reached epic proportions in 2016. It peaked when Obama “choked” after being provided with hard evidence that Putin, himself, had ordered the cyber attack on the American election.

While most of the mainstream media characterized this Russian involvement as an act of war, and MSNBC characterized it as the worst criminal act against the United States in American history, Obama took no action to bring the matter to light or to immediately order retribution. When later asked what he did do at the time, Obama pathetically said, “I told Putin to stop doing it.”

By his own admission, the President of the United States allowed Russians to continue their assault on the election and the Democratic Party for three months to save political face. One can hardly call that defending the Constitution, as the presidential oath compels. In fact, Obama’s inaction was a direct and significant benefit to the Kremlin.

It was only on the last days of his administration that Obama imposed modest sanctions, took back Russian facilities and kicked out a bunch of spies—who could have and should have been expelled months earlier.

Who was friendlier to Russia?

In its avowed attempt to resist and bring down the Trump administration, the left and their allies in the media have done more to give Putin an underserved sense of accomplishment than Trump and his people ever did. Despite the false contentions of much of the media, Trump has done more to push back against Putin in 150-plus days than did the Obama administration in eight full years.

Postscript: And where were all those intel and White House leakers when Obama was giving Putin a free hand in the election? Just asking.

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Eight is Enough! Would someone please tell that to J.W.

By *George Blumel*
July 3, 2017

This is the ludicrous first line in Wikipedia about him—it would be comical if not so critical to our rule of law in Florida:

James W. "J.W." Grant (born September 20, 1982) is a Republican member of the Florida House of Representatives, representing the 64th District, which includes northern Hillsborough County and northern Pinellas County, since 2015, previously serving in the House from 2010 to 2014.

Excuse me? He served from "2010 to 2014" and "since 2015." It is now 2017 and he intends to run again in 2018. On June 30, he actually offered himself to the freshman class as their Speaker of the House in 2022. But after serious objection from some of us informed citizens his colleagues rejected his candidacy. From [U.S. Term Limits report on the event](#) excerpt: "Even though Florida dodged a bullet by avoiding a Grant speakership, the 7th-year time-traveling freshman is still running for re-election in 2018 in violation of his term limits. That is the next battle we must win: getting him out of office completely—whether through activism or the courts."

Here's the ballot summary of the amendment we worked so hard to pass:

Limits terms by prohibiting incumbents who have held the same elective office for the preceding eight years from appearing on the ballot for re-election to that office. Offices covered are: Florida Representative and Senator, Lieutenant Governor, Florida Cabinet, and U.S. Senator and Representative. Terms of office beginning before amendment approval are not counted.

Is this a scam to violate Florida's 8-year term limit passed overwhelmingly—by 77 percent—to modify Article IV of the Florida constitution in 1992? Yes, it is.

The law allows a freshman legislator to not count the years elected to a partial term via special election. The case here is that the re-election of a veteran, incumbent legislator was bungled and a second vote was held a few months later. The election glitch hardly obviates his past consecutive years of service. Yet that is the ridiculous claim being made which, if permitted, will have Rep. Grant in office for 14 consecutive years. A clear violation of the intent of the Eight is Enough law. This cannot stand!

Businessman Phil Handy of Winter Park organized a ballot drive in 1990 for the Amendment to limit legislators to 8 years. I, along with many other volunteers, worked with him to gather the necessary petitions to place the initiative on the ballot in 1992. We got well over the 350,000-minimum valid signed petitions required.

In 2006 the term-limited legislators put an initiative on the ballot to increase the term limit to 12 years. We went to work

to get it taken off the ballot. Citizens responded again as we did in 1990–92: raised money, called the media, wrote letters to the editor, and went out speaking to our fellow citizens—this time to alert voters of this egregious breach of their trust by their own elected reps.

The final straw in that effort was at a meeting in the governor's mansion. Gov. Jeb Bush invited a group of us who were very supportive of his school voucher programs. Speaker Bense was there and I engaged him in a discussion of the 12-year extension. He replied to my disdain that "we'll let the people decide." I told him the people have spoken in favor of eight years by 77 percent. Then, the governor called for our attention and went around the room thanking all who helped in his voucher programs. He closed saying "we couldn't have done it without term limits."

It was removed from the ballot.

So, it is understandable that we who spent so much of our time and money on this essential reform for good government will not let Rep. Grant cheat on the Eight is Enough law.

We'll begin by asking Rep. Grant, "Why put the citizens through the pain and expense of another campaign to keep the 'Eight is Enough' Amendment that citizens worked so hard to achieve, and voted overwhelmingly to pass, into law? And why forever be marked as a politician who tried to cheat the voters' most ardently held desire to limit their public servants to eight consecutive years in a single office?" We're telling him, LOUD AND CLEAR, "Don't run again."

If Grant refuses to act honorably and does run again, the citizenry will again go all-out to preserve our Constitution's Article IV as amended by 77 percent. Its favorability is even higher today.

The effort that helped prevent him from being elected Speaker last Friday is just the beginning.

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News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County

Republican Club of the Palm Beaches Ann Roberts Scholarships Awarded

By Fred Scheibl on June 28, 2017

This year, we were able to fund five young scholars from the Anne Roberts Scholarship Fund—three past recipients who are continuing their studies and two new winners. Eligible applicants must be attending or plan to attend an accredited institution and have and maintain a 3.0 GPA. New applicants also submit a 500-word essay on the importance of a higher education.

The awards were presented by **William M. B. Fleming**, President of Palm Beach Atlantic University. In his remarks, Mr. Fleming contrasted his institution with others which have been in the press lately with riots, shutdowns of conservative speakers and other challenges to diverse thoughts and opinions. PBAU is “not burning,” he said, and there are no “safe speech zones” necessary.

Unlike those schools who feel it necessary to publicly pledge support for “discourse,” at PBAU they embrace those things that make us an exceptional nation. In the “American Free Enterprise Statement” he passed out:

PBAU “confidently affirms the values and institutions that historically have informed American society—religious liberty; traditional Judeo-Christian morality; limited constitutional government; the Rule of Law; personal and political accountability; and capitalism—the system of free enterprise. We believe that America is truly an exceptional nation, which was founded and has flourished under the guiding providential hand of God.”

This year’s new winners are:

Madison Andrews, Palm Beach State University. Madison moved to West Palm Beach from Utah, and now attends Palm Beach State as a sophomore. She is involved in the PBS Art Alliance Club and Student Government Association. In high school she participated in Model United Nations and most recently, has worked with Junior Achievement of the Palm Beaches and Associated General Contractors of America. Her passion is education as the basis of making changes in our country. To quote Madison, “The trouble with learning from experience is that you never quite graduate.” Her vision is to improve America’s education system by ensuring that students learn the pillars of Junior Achievement: financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship.

Jessica Blakely, Belmont University. Jessica, of North Palm Beach, returns to Belmont University in Nashville as a sophomore. While at Kings Academy in WPB, she was also enrolled at Palm Beach Atlantic University with courses in Public Speaking, Business and Algebra. She

studied Spanish in Spain. Among her achievements, she was one of the winners of the PB POST Pathfinder Awards, a President of future Business Leaders, 2nd place winner at the PBA Entrepreneurship Challenge, and she created her own business “Make Up Doctor.” At Belmont, she was elected Congresswoman in the Student Government and participated in Intramural Volleyball. Jessica has volunteered in Haiti Missions, Belle Glade Missions, and Puerto Rico Missions, through the Christ Fellowship Office. Jessica aspires to study for a Doctorate and to work as an economic analyst at the Federal Reserve.

Returning scholars this year are:

Jenna Calderaio, Florida State University. Jenna, from Jupiter and the last of 5 children, enters her Sophomore Year at FSU where she is majoring in Business and Entrepreneurship. She was politically active with the 2015 Sunshine Summit in Orlando, witnessing 14 Presidential candidate presentations. She participates in FSU’s Republican’s Club and is very involved in the Catholic Student Union. Jenna has been selected to work on Missionary Core for the union this upcoming year. She is very active in the pro-life movement, participating in the March for Life this past January. She has plans to join the skeet and trap club and hopes to join the FBI upon graduation. This summer, she has an internship at Congressman Brian Mast’s office and another at Wall Financial Group.

Lauren Staff, University of Florida. Lauren of Palm Beach Gardens, is entering her junior year at UF majoring in telecommunications. She is passionate about sports and aspires to work with ESPN or FOX Sports after she attends UF Law School. Lauren has been a staff writer for the *Florida Alligator* newspaper and also works with ESPN Gainesville radio 95.3. She has been active in Student Government, Honor Society, and Future Business Leaders and she participated in “Support our Troops” of North Palm Beach at Dwyer high school.

Ryan Walker, Stetson Law. Ryan, of Wellington, graduated this year from UF majoring in political science. During his career he has spent time with the campaigns of Rep. Bill Hager, Governor Rick Scott, and Candidate Chuck Clemons of Gainesville. As a REC member in PB County, he was Chair of Western Community Development and worked on the campaigns of Mayor Anne Gerwig of Wellington, and Candidate Howard Coates. He was very active at UF in the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. Ryan will be attending Stetson Law School this fall.



Madison Andrews



Jessic Blakely



Jenna Calderaio



Lauren Staff



Ryan Walker

News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County

Republican Federated Women of South Florida Welcomed Peter Feaman at Their June 29 Meeting

On Thursday, June 29, the Republican Federated Women of South Florida met at the Boca Country Club and welcomed Florida’s Republican National Committeeman **Peter Feaman**. Peter talked about the difficulty Trump is having “draining the swamp,” and discussed his recent trip to Taiwan with the RNC.

In lieu of a summer meeting, the club is planning to host an ice cream social for the resident patients at the VA Hospital’s Community Living Center on July 15.

For information about the club, please contact President **Rosemary O’Mara** at rosemaryo625@aol.com.

Thanks, from the Judeo/Christian Republican Club!

Friends,

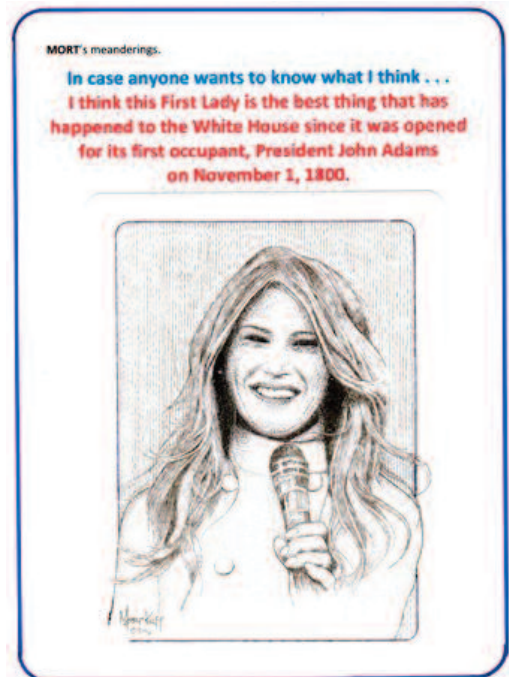
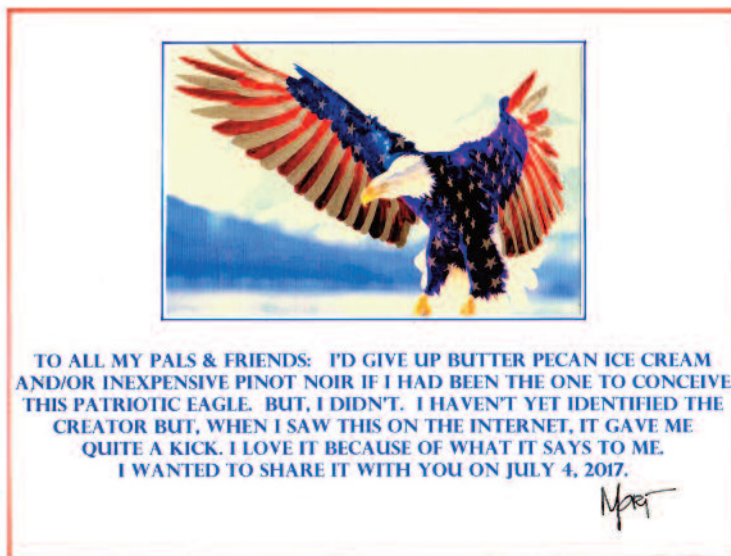
I’d like to reach out to those who attended our second meeting of the Judeo/Christian Republican Club (JCRC) on June 19th. It was, as was the first, an SRO event. And this was accomplished without any advertising or assistance from the media. The *Jewish Journal* and the *Sun-Sentinel* did not show up after being notified of the meeting. Just word of mouth and the desire for people to sit down, listen to great speakers and then have the opportunity to speak at an open microphone to ask questions of the forum and to be with friendly, like-minded citizens did the trick. Muslims, Sikhs, Baha’i or people of any faith are welcomed to our meetings as long as they support the Constitution, the rules of law in our states, show respect for our flag, and denounce any foreign laws either from the UN, EU or from any religious body.

We have an elected board of directors and are now a registered Republican club with all the duties and responsibilities that go with this designation. We have a post office box for communication and will soon have an IRS ID and a bank account in order to start funding the Club. It is hoped that we will continue to have your support and encourage you to bring new members to the group in order to work up to the forthcoming November 2018 elections that will have the governorship, a Senate, and all congressional seats at stake.

Our hope is that this club will continue to grow and support President Trump in his quest to Make America Great Again. We truly need your input and support.

Thanks again,
Alan Bergstein

Mort’s Meanderings





Congressman Brian Mast Gives a Congressional Update

Posted by Fred Scheibl on July 7, 2017

At an event dubbed “A Community Conversation,” District 18 Congressman Brian Mast gave a legislative update to a welcoming and enthusiastic Palm Beach County Tea Party crowd last evening at Abacoa.

Starting with bills he is personally submitting, he described two:

- the “Oath of Exit,” an amendment to be offered on the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act, which asks veterans who are mustering out to pledge support for their fellow veterans and seek help with their own problems.
- the “Veterans Homestead Act,” like the Homestead Act of the 1800’s, would provide land—1 acre per year of service, to veterans to provide them entrepreneurial opportunities.

Although you wouldn’t know it from the mainstream media, the House of Representative has accomplished a lot in their first six months. In particular, Brian talked about:

- Deregulation—there have been 14 Congressional Review Acts signed by the President, rolling back much of the late-term Obama regulatory state
- The REINS Act (Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny), which requires congressional approval of regulations costing more than \$100M
- Repeal of much of the Dodd Frank Financial Reform
- The 6-month budget that provides \$1.5B for the border
- Kate’s Law
- The sanctuary cities bill
- The American Health Care Act, repealing and replacing Obamacare
- The VA Accountability and Whistleblower Act that allows wrongdoers to be fired

Unfortunately, only the Congressional Review Acts have become law—the rest are gathering dust in our dysfunctional Senate. In Brian’s view, the agenda today is driven by group-think and the GOP Senators are a disappointment.

There were many questions submitted on index cards from the audience, including:

- When will Obamacare be repealed? Brian explained that without 60 votes in the Senate (like the Democrats had in 2009), the replacement possibilities are limited. There is much misinformation—Medicaid is not being “cut” just having its growth slowed. Repeal will be a very large tax cut. Whether the Senate acts or not we will have to wait and see.

- Is there going to be a cut to veterans’ benefits in the VA budget—specifically regarding Individual Unemployability (IU)? Brian opposes this provision, which would impact disabled veterans who become eligible for Social Security. (See the sidebar for a further explanation.)
- When will we see tax reform? All of Brian’s Republican colleagues know that 2018 is looming and failure to act on tax reform will be a threat to re-election. He hopes to see something this year.
- If the Senate doesn’t act on Obamacare Repeal, should we just let it fail and the Democrats take the blame? Brian does not think that is a good result for the people affected by it.
- Should our embassy move to Jerusalem? YES—should happen now.

In closing, Brian said he is planning some townhalls during the August recess (assuming the House does not stay in session), one of which will be in Palm Beach County. He asks that all of his supporters show up and bring their friends. A lot of his townhalls in the past few months have been packed with opponents of Brian and the Trump agenda and he could really use our help to show balance.

The next PBCPTP meeting will be at Abacoa on July 31 with Chris Gaubatz who will talk about “Understanding the Threat” of radical Islam in the U.S.

Individual Unemployability

On May 23, the Trump Administration’s Department of Veterans Affairs released the first budget request for Fiscal Year 2018. This budget proposal initially called for terminating Individual Unemployability (IU) benefits to those eligible for Social Security retirement benefits under the rationale that this constitutes a duplication of benefits when in fact, it does not. The Individual Unemployability program supports veterans who cannot find work due to service-connected injuries (injuries sustained while serving our country). Many have been unable to contribute to Social Security as they have been unable to maintain substantially gainful employment due to these injuries. This budget proposal would impact nearly every Vietnam-era veteran whose survival depends on the Individual Unemployability program.

Since the May 23rd proposal, veterans organizations have galvanized opposing such cuts. Congressman Mast is in agreement and would not support cuts to veterans in receipt of Individual Unemployability.

—Andrea Plescia

To the Editor

To all voters,

I am deeply concerned that anyone vote for a Democrat for office at any level. Like Lois F. they move from city councils, to mayor, to state legislator, then U.S. Congress. Lois is a passionate liberal, and will tow the party line to her death. The only one worse is our Senator Bill Nelson, or I should say George Soros Senator, because having the mind of a sea slug, he will always vote on party lines. To meet him is scary—he makes the TV program *Zombies* come to life. He went from state legislature to national. Got a free ride on a space shuttle—the one before the Colombia disaster. A case of a missed opportunity.

The country is in extreme danger of socialists buying our freedom out from under us. The mindless young voters are impressed with the propaganda, and will go for “rainbows and flowers.” We should all know that “progressive” means “socialism,” then when the going gets tough they go to total “state” takeover and use guns to prove their communist agenda. Socialism and communism cannot survive with freedom, or freedom in anything—what we eat, drink, live in, job, speech, EVERYTHING. The elite govern—absolutely. Sadly, our schools from kindergarten through college teach socialist ideology, and never the truth, or anything about our great country. While we still have a majority, seniors must take over the polls. Every single vote is

critical. Soon enough, the mind-controlled youth will take over shortly. If only the RNC had a tenth of the capability of the DNC, and a few more stations like Fox News, Limbaugh, Levin, and Hannity.

Sadly,
Richard Miller

Editor's Note: Richard Miller provided the following bio.

I regularly get your newsletter by email. Thanks. I am a retired civil engineer, living in Atlantis, FL. Got a BS in civil engineering at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA in 1960. Grew up in PA, spent four years in the Air Force, and honorably discharged in 1956, with more than 4 years inactive thereafter. Moved to Florida in 1967. Life-long Democrat until 2016, switched to my real heart party and supported Trump over the top, like no one before. Served as poll watcher in 2016, and still strong on Trump. We saved the country from communism and grand-theft Clinton. My personal opinion is that our country takes the Democrats too casually, and clearly will end up socialist in one or more election. I also take issue with calling the enemy “democratic”—that is the last thing they are. As Rush promoted, they are the democrat party not Democratic Party; hell, they even screw their own members. They won't, but should be changed to the Socialist party, especially with their eying Crazy Bernie as Chairman. I know too many words, but . . . MAGA.

I awoke on the morning of my 62nd birthday (D.O.B. 7/4/55) to realize that I am, and have been, a closet bully my entire adult life. The closet is now open, and I am experiencing exhilaration proudly shared so that others can step out and do the same.

Anyone who currently supports our President at any level or speaks positively about anything he may say or do, is automatically classified as either an ignorant redneck or bully, therefore by default, I claim the latter category.

You cannot be shamed into the closet if you are a true bully. The “bully pulpit” was made for our very existence. Bullies have been re-cast by Hollywood as the ignorant, narcissistic, violent “Biffs” from *Back To The Future*, who had the audacity of watching the Cubs win the World Series.

Bullies are products of the “Baby Boom” generation, when parents could have more than 1.2 kids and mom stayed home to raise them. But mom gave bullies the freedom to “go out and play,” without monitoring their every move. Strength of character and independence was naturally developed. Somewhere along the way, runny-nosed crybabies decided that those with self determination and developing leadership skills needed to be stopped in their tracks. The bully became the villain, and never got to punch that crybaby's nose.

Social Security will never be an “entitlement program” designed to make bullies like me submit and be dependent upon the government. For every three dollars I work for



next year exceeding \$1400 monthly, two dollars will be deducted from my government check. Yet, we bullies are supposed to sit silently by and watch a parade of multi-generational parasites and blood-sucking immigrants game the system at the risk of disdainful criticism.

Respectfully,
Tom Vaughn
Boynton Beach

To the Editor

**President Trump’s Speech in Poland
Was One for the Ages!**

Dear Editor:

Wow! It’s been two days since President Trump delivered what I consider the greatest speech that we’ve heard from an American President in at least 30 years—with no disrespect to my other favorite President, Ronald Reagan—as it truly was a speech for the ages. Trump began strong, built up from there, and finished even stronger as the standing room only crowd embraced him as if he were speaking at one of his rallies in Iowa or Pennsylvania! With so much Trump-bashing going on all around our country from the liberal left and the mainstream media, it’s a shame that these same people did not take the time to write about this masterpiece of a speech, which covered GOD, religious freedom, the sanctity of life, the will of the American people, and the West; the entire Polish history, and, of course, my all-time favorite pope—Saint John Paul II. No, instead of giving Trump a rave review on this 35-minute eye and ear opener, the media decided to cover the protesting and rioting going on outside in Hamburg, as well as how Trump shakes hands with Putin, Merkl, and other world leaders. In the five months that President Trump has been in the White House, he has done more domestically as well as internationally than our former president Barack Obama accom-

plished in his entire eight years. Now, just think if the liberal left and the mainstream media would finally come to their senses and decide to honor America by supporting and promoting Trump instead of attacking his every move and word—the United States would, indeed, be the greatest country in the world and Trump’s ever-famous slogan would come to fruition:

“MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN”

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!!

Willy Guardiola
Christian on a Mission
President of P.B.C. Right to Life League

Editor’s Note: This letter was submitted to the Palm Beach Post. The author has the following comments: “All I can do is pray that the Editor the Managing Editor of the liberal Palm Beach Post have the guts and integrity to publish this heartfelt letter to them. We need more pro-life activists and fellow Trumpers to write to the editor to let them know how we feel about their still one-sided newspaper and how we feel about the liberal left and the mainstream media bashing our bold new President who has accomplished “Yuge” things already in his first five months in the White House. Let us pray! We have a new President now, so we can!”

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Toxicity to Humans from Algae Blooms in Florida

By William J. Skinner

Algae blooms in Lake Okeechobee, St. Lucie River and the Caloosahatchee River have been making the news for years in middle and south Florida. People complain about the smell, dead fish, and the green guacamole goo that covers rocks, sand beaches, and boats tied to docks. The complaints are responded to by Governor Declarations of warnings,¹ court cases up to the 11th Circuit against the operators of the Lake Okeechobee discharges,² and by state and federal research projects to study what is going on. But there is no resolution of the problem within sight for humans who want good health and depend on clean water or for businesses that earn money in fishing, recreation, and tourism.

Algae or cyanobacteria are single cell organisms that have existed for millions of years on earth. The algae at question is called by several names. Governor Scott's Executive Order in 2016 called the algae "microcystis." "Microcystis" is a genus of freshwater cyanobacteria which includes the harmful algal bloom *Microcystis aeruginosa*. The cyanobacteria can produce neurotoxins and hepatotoxins, such as microcystin and cyanopeptolin," according to Wikipedia.com.^{3,4}

Researchers have called one of the toxins found in cyanobacteria blooms, BMAA (Beta-Methylamino-L-alanine).⁵ Other more recently researchers say the toxin is a protein, alpha-Synuclein (α S), formed from norovirus infections in the gut. "But too much α S—such as from multiple or chronic infections—becomes toxic because the system that disposes of α S is overwhelmed, nerves are damaged by the toxic aggregates that form and chronic inflammation ensues. Damage occurs both within the nervous system of the GI tract and the brain," says Michael Zasloff, MD, PhD, professor of surgery and pediatrics at Georgetown University School of Medicine and scientific director of the MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute.⁶ "Zasloff and his colleagues studied biopsy samples, collected at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, from 42 children with upper GI distress. They also looked at another population of 14 MedStar Georgetown University Hospital patients who received an intestinal transplant. This second group had documented cases of infection by Norovirus, a common cause of upper GI infection."⁷

So what happens to the brains of those who have the toxin? To summarize quickly, I will quote Jon Palfreman, a medical documentary maker and Parkinson's Disease patient, whose 2015 book brings up to date the various research strands. He says "There's a scientific consensus that once about 70 percent of dopamine-making cells in the *substantia nigra* die, the clinical symptoms of Parkinson's kick in. If everybody lived to be 120, then everybody would be hit with threshold just by aging. But some individuals hit the threshold earlier and manifest symptoms—many, like me around sixty

years old and some, much earlier. In this case, other sources of cell death—genetic mutations or environmental toxins, for example—are likely involved in the decline in the reservoir of dopamine producing neurons. And as the dopamine cells keep dying, the symptoms associated with Parkinson's get worse and worse."⁸



Neurotoxins are toxic to the nerve system and brain. Hepatotoxins are toxic to the liver. The toxins get into the body by drinking, eating or breathing, maybe swimming in a broader sense. These toxins do not affect everybody. Medical scientists are discovering the route to the brain is from the stomach in some cases. Persons who have given their bodies to medical science for research have toxins in the brain.

In 1999 the Florida legislature passed F.S. 379.2271—Harmful-Algal-Bloom (HAB) Task Force Act⁹ and made an effort to fund some research for a short time. There were no dissenting votes for this bill indicating there was no public disagreement with studying the problem. Congress got involved at some point and made a federal case for research by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.¹⁰ At NOAA you will find HABs occurred all across the United States from the California coast to Lake Erie to New England and Florida. Several other bacteria are implicated in these report studies.

Florida officials assigned research tasks to three agencies—Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the South Florida Water Management District to prepare a report titled, Lake Okeechobee Protection Plan (LOPP). The last such report is dated March 2011.¹¹ This 463 page report has one page on algae blooms covering the period from May 2004 to November 2009. The hurricanes of 2004 and 2005 created HABs.

The report authors claim "This document fulfills the requirement for a three-year update of the Lake Okeechobee Protection Plan (LOPP). It focuses on the progress of the three Coordinating Agencies in reducing phosphorus loads consistent with the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)¹ established for the lake as well as increasing storage to achieve healthier lake levels and reduce harmful discharges to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries. The document provides (1) an introduction detailing the purpose of the LOPP Update, legislative requirements, and a description of the Lake Okeechobee Watershed; (2) an overview of the Lake Okeechobee Protection Program, including a description of its components; (3) information on the current status of Lake Okeechobee; (4) challenges in the water-

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shed; (5) a review of past and current activities with summaries of completed and ongoing projects and activities; and (6) strategies for moving forward to reduce phosphorus loads to the lake and increase storage, including funding requirements over the next three years, and other project planning elements.”¹²

This report appears to be the last LOPP update in this format as new report labels are now being applied to similar group of program reports.

Since the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals did not rule on the merits of the conservation organizations’ claims in its June 19, 2017 decision, although the suit was pending since it was filed in 2012, the organizations are contemplating what to do next. A review of their websites in July 4, 2017 found no mentions of this court decision or any plans for next steps.

The *Palm Beach Post* on July 3, 2017 in an article titled “Scott sees Lake O dike fix as algae solution” by Joel Engelhardt mentioned several points. The article updates Florida Governor Rick Scott’s efforts to obtain federal money to complete repairs to the Lake O dike by 2022 at a cumulative total of \$922 million. Interest groups disagree on whether this expenditure will solve the problems. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers says it must do a two or three year study to determine whether the water level in the dike can be raised if all the work is completed.

Congress appropriated \$765 million for repairs during the Obama years. Still to be done are 35 miles of seepage barrier and eight more culverts. The Florida legislature in May 2017 at a special session appropriated \$50 million for reservoir construction to take the water storage problem off of the Lake O dike. Scott had asked for \$200 million for a 60,000 acre reservoir, but this is shrunk to 17,000 acres with the smaller appropriation. The corporate sugar farmers and several smaller farmers objected to the 60,000 acre project as it would reduce jobs and crops. The current Trump Administration budget has only \$82 million in it now, less than half of the \$200 million per year needed to complete the dike repairs.

What I have tried to place before you for consideration is the serious danger that some of you and your families are facing by living where HABs occur more and more fre-

quently. I provide sources for a variety of important information points on this subject. Water is becoming a critical health and safety problem that cries out for sensible and workable solutions that can be obtained only with great political skill.

Do we have any Republican politicians who can define and accomplish what needs to be done? Will any of them be elected to Congress in 2018? Who are they and when will they file to be on the ballot?

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Politics at a Dangerous Fever Pitch

*By Alan Bergstein
June 28, 2017*

In light of the recent assassination attempt on Republican congressmen at a baseball practice resulting in the severe wounding of Steve Scalise by a Bernie Sanders stalwart and volunteer, you would imagine that the Democrat Party, its leaders and lower echelon shleppers would have the common sense and decency to call for some kind of civility toward their political opponents. No such luck. They seem to be stuck on the principle of attack, attack and attack. And this comes even after calamitous losses at the polls indicating voters were tired of the hate campaigns against Donald Trump, his family, and conservative leaders.

We are still awaiting any comments on the shooting from former President Barack Obama. Ditto from Hillary Clinton, John Kerry and Al Gore. Silence from the leaders of the Left to quell the anger and hatred shared by party members and magnified by the catastrophic loss to Trump and the subsequent defeats in the four follow-up congressional replacement elections. Is there no one to calm the Progressives down? Surely not Hillary Clinton, who in attacking the proposed replacement for ObamaCare stated, "If the Republicans pass this bill, they're the Death Party! Republicans are "killers." This stirs up hate.

New Jersey Democrat politician and strategist James Devine tweeted: "We are in a war with selfish, foolish and narcissistic rich people. Why is it a shock when things turn

violent? #HuntRepublicanCongressmen." That's "hunt," as in, "Go after them!" California Congresswoman Maxine Waters called Trump's cabinet choices, "Scumbags!" After the shooting of Congresswoman Gabby Giffords in 2012, Democrat leader Debbie Schultz blamed the lack of civility on "the growth of the Tea Party movement." Outgoing chair of the California Democrat Party, John Burton, a longtime Democrat leader and lawmaker, recently stood up in the chambers, extended two middle fingers in the air, and with a crowd cheering him on stated, "F--k Donald Trump!" Shouldn't we all now fear an assassination attempt on our president's life?

And what party supports the Black Lives Matter thugs who openly call for the murder of cops? Throw in the Occupy Movement and their hatred for the rich, and we see Progressive support for violence not only in the streets but against conservative politicians and their rank-and-file supporters by those who violently disrupt and shut down town hall meetings and talks on college campuses. We are heading for Middle East style violence in this country unless those in power speak up and out to condemn such behavior. We're pointing our fingers at those who lead the Progressive Left to calm their followers down. We have to return to the days when law and order and common sense rule our country and streets. Or else we all will suffer.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN—4TH OF JULY AND THE ORIGINAL PATRIOTS

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their LIVES, their FORTUNES, and their SACRED HONOR. What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well-educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that, the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid. Remember: freedom is never free!

We thank these early patriots, as well as those patriots now fighting to KEEP our freedom!

It's time we get the word out that patriotism is NOT a sin, and the Fourth of July has more MEANING to it than beer, fireworks, HOT DOGS, and picnics.

The Chosen Republic

By *CS Bennett*

They say that 33¹/₃ percent of the people stand for something, 33¹/₃ percent stand against everything, and 33¹/₃ percent could care less. What makes people in the first group so powerful is that they have conviction for what they believe in and they are not afraid to stand up for what is right. The second group are people of conviction too; however, they are on a misguided path, which makes them dangerous. Those in the third group are intellectually lazy, although they may think very highly of themselves and their opinions. It was people in this first group who wanted to make a stand and face down Great Britain, which resulted in the Revolutionary War. Those in the second group wanted to remain loyal to the crown. Those in the third group had no skin in the game, and did not want any.

Fortunately, for this great republic, the Almighty always put into play ordinary men, and women, to do extraordinary things in times of crisis. There were times when this great republic could have crumbled. But divine intervention stopped all attempts to take this country down the wrong path. During the Revolutionary War, General George Washington led the way to victory in several key battles.

Few were as inspiring as the Battle at Trenton, New Jersey, where his forces went up against the elite forces of the Hessians, who were mercenaries. Morale was low and the colonial forces had suffered defeat after defeat, but Washington did not give up on America, or his men. He took the fight to the Hessians and beat them. And he did it without losing a single soldier. This inspired other American men to join the war effort to defeat the British. This victory also helped to rekindle the fight in the one third of the country that cared and was willing to stand up to the crown.

Then there was the War of 1812 for which America found itself pitted against the British Empire once again. British naval forces had a policy of blockading ships, including American ships, to choke off neutral trade. They would board these ships and forcibly impress thousands of American merchant sailors into their royal navy. During this British invasion, President James Madison and his wife Dolley were forced to flee the White House and Washington DC, as the British forces torched our government buildings. All seemed lost for the Americans. Doom was the prevailing atmosphere. However, a day later, the Hand of the Almighty reached down and stirred the four winds, causing a great storm. Tornadoes spun off from it, and with a fury, battered the British forces. It also put out the fires that had been burning. America would not fall that day.

And then there was the Civil War, which was fought by a courageous president named Abraham Lincoln. Had the South defeated the North, we would be living in two separate Americas today. One without slavery and the other with slavery. But the Almighty was not having any of this slavery business. The war took over 620,000 lives but slavery was



finally rooted out, and Blacks were liberated by patriots known as Republicans.

And then there were the turbulent sixties and seventies, a period full of racial strife and social discord. The other period was the Vietnam War. Both conflicts threatened to tear this nation apart. Again, America was spared from this division, though not the stain of failure by politicians who conducted this war.

And then there was the presidential race of 2016. In the end, it came down to conservatism (Trump) versus socialism (Clinton). The people spoke at the ballot box, and with divine intervention America was spared ruination. My point: there were numerous times in our history where this republic could have failed, been taken over, or destroyed from within, but God Almighty stepped in and said “Back off! You Will Not Touch This Great Republic!” There is no doubt in my mind that Trump had to be the man selected to do what he is doing now . . . and that is take on the Establishment.

While he may not understand it, he was placed in office to preserve and protect this great republic. He has been asked by the people to drain the swamp. And with divine help, that is what he is doing. So what is wrong with the Republican leadership? They have the White House, they control the Senate and the House, and we are about to get a majority on the Supreme Court. And if they’d look back on history, they’d see that the Almighty has had their backs from the beginning days of the Party.

So, I say to these so-called Republican leaders: grow a backbone (Man Up!) and do what you were sent to Washington to do, and that is to protect and preserve this republic and with vigor and conviction. Do your job or find another line of work. It is time to get with the program and stop hindering this president. We cannot afford to allow liberals to take back control of our republic for the establishment of their democracy. It just is not going to happen.

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Opinion: The Trump Era Garner's New Hope for America's Future

The Trump administration has come to represent a stark contrast from the previous administration's ambivalence toward failure

By Ross Mellman

People often ask me, "Why do you support Donald Trump? Why do you think he's been a good president?" These questions are asked and are expected to be answered briefly in a text message or perhaps in a comment section on a Facebook post.

Although, what is often misunderstood is that an analysis of the Trump presidency or of its significance cannot be divulged by pointing to a specific event in time or a compilation of certain statements. Instead, one must step back in time into a deep evaluation of America's slow but certain decline throughout the events of the last decade.

The last eight years were silent witnesses to an unfathomable escalation of hostility both at home and abroad. As silent observers, we've had to bear witness to a demonic plethora of unrelenting terror attacks culminating in the slaughter of innocents. We watched as carnage took place in nightclubs, as children's lives were taken in celebration of a marathon, as families were killed by vehicle-ramming attacks while attending festivals, and the almost daily occurrence of stabbing attacks taking place worldwide.

To the surprise of most, under President Barack Obama's term the country felt a reignited tension caused by a vehement decrease in our country's race relations. The media's irresponsible reporting, as noted in the case of Michael Brown, escalated hostilities and perpetuated the narrative that he was killed with his hands in the air in an act of surrender (as eye witnesses purported). But ultimately this narrative was forensically proven to in fact be a lie.

The press' head-over-heels acceptance of "Hands up, don't shoot" led to riots destroying none other than the communities of the protesters, along with the businesses of helpless bystanders.

After what should have been years of progress toward a singular American culture of mutual respect and love for one another, we experienced a steep divide in our path for wholeness. As a nation still reeling from the horrific Charleston church shooting, we watched in 2016 as five Dallas police officers were assassinated for the crime of working to protect our citizenry. Not long after, we heard of the torture of an autistic boy in Chicago, whose crime this time was simply the color of his skin.

America watched as an irresponsible foreign policy led to chaos and destabilization in Libya, creating an expanding safe haven for terrorist groups. Accordingly, President Obama's unquestioned commitment to withdraw from the Middle East created an insurmountable vacuum in Iraq, which would soon become the home of ISIS terrorists.

Four hundred million in cash was paid in a midnight flight to Iran, the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, in what history will come to remember as one of the most

inept examples of foreign policy. Not long after, another \$1.7 billion was sent over. God forbid that money went toward helping homeless veterans.

Worst of all in the spectrum of foreign policy, the world watched as President Obama allowed Assad's maniacal regime to cross the mystical "red line" and use chemical weapons as they annihilated their own people, creating the largest humanitarian catastrophe since World War II.

But the greatest betrayal did not come as misguided policy. Instead, it came as the unrelenting quest of the Democratic Party to defend and deny the presence of broken policy. The left refused to recognize radical Islam as the driving force of terrorism, refused to enforce immigration laws which could have prevented the deaths of innocent Americans such as Kate Steinle, refused to fix a failing Obamacare and refused to put the interest of the American people first.

Candidate Trump wholly envisioned the direct opposite of the direction the Democrats had chosen for this country. He represented the embracement of upholding the laws of our land and the importance of respecting law enforcement. He stood as a divergence from the path of globalism that was devoted to the shipping of our jobs to other nations. He represented a contrast from the weak and misguided foreign policy that created an unbelievable migrant crisis along with the breathing room and space for terrorists to prosper.

Most important of all was Trump's ability to speak the truth on the issues that faced our country and the fact that he did not cower in the face of political correctness.

As president, Trump has marked a staunch contrast between himself and the previous administration's incessant indecisiveness in decision making abroad. President Trump's swift and decisive strike on the Syrian airfield could not have been more contrasting from President Obama's Red Line debacle.

Obama's refusal to act when Assad gassed women and children sent a clear message to the world of American weakness. In contrast, Trump's strong but measured strike sent a stern message to the world's purveyors of evil that the United States will no longer sit idle as civilians are killed in chemical attacks.

Such a message reaffirms our commitment to both our allies and to our unrelenting pursuit of a safer, more prosperous world. It was this commitment that toppled the Third Reich and brought an end to the Cold War. Our unrelenting fight to end evil must continue. Such a commitment has been further represented by stronger sanctions enacted against North Korea and Iran, and an increase in the amount of funds allocated to our military.

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It is also important to note that President Trump has made decisive efforts to end wasteful military spending, best exhibited by his accelerated negotiations toward the F-35 jet fighter program that saved taxpayers \$700 million.

Domestically we've seen national security initiatives designed specifically to put the interests of the American people first. Without a single inch of the wall on the Southern border being built, illegal immigration has decreased 60 percent since Trump's inauguration. Accordingly, initiatives toward ending sanctuary city funding and increased vetting for foreign nationals are currently underway.

President Trump's candor toward terrorism and commitment to revamp an inadequate vetting system for foreign nationals denoted much change from both his predecessor and from comparative European nations. Unlike the Democrats, President Trump has learned from the mistakes of Europe, whose open door policies have allowed for quick jihadist infiltration (as recently demonstrated by the appalling attack at an Ariana Grande concert). Wittingly, Trump has refused to join the foolish European nations in their commitment to open borders and the heightened risk of terrorism that such a policy brings.

On the subject of jobs and trade, Trump epitomized the end of our country's commitment to globalism when he signed an executive order on January 23, withdrawing our country from the Trans-Pacific Partnership. This partnership made it more attractive to move industry abroad, where cheaper labor is available and where our country is no longer allowed to create the tariffs necessary to punish companies for leaving. No longer does the development of other nations take priority over the advancement of our own.

Exuberant enthusiasm in American industry, best exhibited by a record-breaking stock market, led to 473,000 jobs created in the first two months of the Trump presidency. We have additionally seen four executive orders directly dedicated to helping minorities and women achieve further economic prosperity today and in the future.

While some may retort that the Trump presidency has been embroiled in controversy regarding ties with Russia, let us not forget that to this day, there has been not one piece of empirical evidence purporting any efforts on behalf of the Trump campaign to collude with Russia. Instead, what we have is an ongoing investigation, started by a superfluous flow of elites in Washington whose minds have already been made up without conclusive results. Trump's strongest

critics are so hell bent on his destruction that they'll purvey any sensationalist story, regardless of the fact that no definitive evidence has been uncovered.

Let us not forget that Democrats do not want change. They have proven that they do not want to fix a failing Obamacare, a coverage that is enormously expensive to attain and provides insufficient medical coverage. Nor do they want to fix a broken immigration system, which allows for the promulgation of sanctuary cities whose policies have undoubtedly led to the deaths of innocent Americans. Nor do they have what it takes to protect our youth in cities like Chicago, which has been run by Democrats for 84 years and has one of the worst murder rates in the country.

And of course, they have no intention of looking out for the jobs of our forgotten men and women. For if they did, then perhaps they wouldn't have suffered such a crushing defeat in the 2016 election. The time for real change has come.

The Trump Era is upon us!

No longer does our president cower and pay ransom to state sponsors of terrorism.

No longer does our president's executive branch disobey immigration laws to pander to illegal aliens while risking the safety of our citizens.

No longer does our president sit idle as Assad massacres the Syrian people.

No longer does our president turn his back on our allies in an act of appeasement.

No longer does our president's executive branch take to the defense of criminals before defending our law enforcement.

No longer does our President wait helplessly as our jobs are shipped to foreign nations.

We will not know today, or tomorrow, or in a few years time whether the Trump presidency shall be one that will be cherished or admonished. History shall be the ultimate judge of such a question.

But no matter what the outcome may be, Trump has taught us all one thing: that even when everyone in the entire room disagrees with you, you do not have to be afraid to stand up for what you believe in.

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Book Review

***Dark Territory: The Secret History of Cyber War*, by Fred Kaplan. New York: Simon and Schuster, 2016. Hardcover, 338 pp.**

After dinner one night at Camp David in June of 1983, President Ronald Reagan watched *Wargames*, a movie about a teenager who accidentally hacks into the main computer at the North American Aerospace Defense Command and nearly triggers a global thermo-nuclear war. After seeing the film, Reagan turned to his Chairman of the Joint Chiefs and asked, “Could something like this really happen?” A week later the general got back to the President, telling him, “Mr. President, the problem is much worse than you think.” Fifteen months later, Reagan’s question resulted in a confidential national security decision directive, NSDD-145 (National Policy on Telecommunications and Automated Information Systems Security) which “proved to be a prescient document.” This chain of events represents the first time that a President of the United States or a White House directive discussed what would eventually be referred to as “cyber warfare.”

That’s what this book is about, and it is both a fascinating and scary topic. The author, Fred Kaplan is the national-security columnist for Slate. He’s a former Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for the *Boston Globe*, and obtained a PhD from MIT. If conservatives can get past who he now works for, his book is well worth reading.

The word “cyber” was coined from William Gibson’s 1984 science fiction novel, *Neuromancer*, a murder mystery set in the virtual realm of “cyberspace.” In the years to come, people in high places charged with worrying about security threats to our country, who had been primarily concerned with Weapons of Mass Destruction, now had a new threat to deal with that was also extremely worrisome: Weapons of Mass Disruption. In October of 1997, a presidential commission on critical infrastructure protection released a report that stated the following: “Just as the terrible long-range weapons of the Nuclear Age made us all think differently about security in the last half of the twentieth century, the electronic technology of the Information Age challenges us to invent new ways of protecting ourselves now. We must learn to negotiate a new geography, where borders are irrelevant and distances meaningless, where an enemy may be able to harm the vital systems we depend on without confronting our military power.”

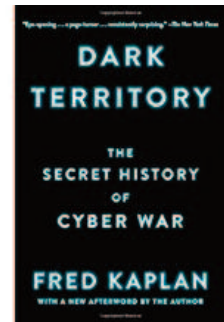
From that year on everything changed, and a growing awareness took shape in the U.S. government about the threat we faced in the cyber world and a new word was born—hacking. And guess who the first *nation-state* hacking American military networks turned out to be—Russia! That’s right, much to the surprise of Democrats, the Russians were hacking into everything hackable decades before they colluded with Donald Trump to steal last year’s elec-

tion from poor old Hillary. The story the author tells about their earlier hacking is amusing. An American delegation, including four FBI officials, was sent to Moscow to confront the Russians about their cyber intrusions along with the proof that identified them as the culprits. This was during the era right after the breakup of the Soviet Union, when the reform-minded Boris Yelsin was President. Evidently, when confronted with irrefutable evidence, the general at the Russian Defense Ministry, “who served as the group’s liaison” hadn’t gotten the memo from the higher ups and commented angrily, “those mother****s in intelligence.” Then he actually showed the American delegation “the [Russian] logs” on the files the Americans had brought with them. But shortly after that, the American delegation was abruptly sent back home and the cooperative general was never seen again.

From the Russians the author moves on to China, and their attempts at hacking have upped the ante considerably. Unlike anyone else, the Chinese “are engaging not just in espionage and battlefield preparation, but also in the theft of trade secrets, intellectual property, and cash.” They appear to be stealing everything that isn’t nailed down and their cyber theft efforts are relentless and sophisticated and on an “unprecedented scale.” From defense contractor Lockheed Martin alone they have made off with “tens of millions of documents on the company’s F-35 Joint Strike Stealth Fighter” which aided, no doubt in building their own F-35 knockoff.

In this book you expand your cyber awareness and learn new terms of the trade such as hacking, patching, Computer Network Defense (CND), Computer Network Attack (CNA), and Computer Network Exploitation (CNE). The latter term, CNE, involves “the use of computers to *exploit* the vulnerabilities of an adversary’s networks—to get inside those networks in order to gain more intelligence about them and mark its weak points . . . and prepare the battlefield for an offensive in the event of war.” The really scary part about all of this CNE stuff, according to the author, is “how late in the game” it occurred to the leaders of our government “that enemies abroad would not hesitate to engage in” Computer Network exploitation.

Computer technology has been a revolutionary development that has enriched all of our lives, but we should all keep in mind, as Dr. Kaplan warns in closing, that with regard to the cyber world, “We are all wandering in dark territory, most of us only recently, and even now dimly, aware of it.”



—Tom Mullings

Editor's Postscript

Fake News and the Biased Liberal Media: Dems' Eight-Hundred-Pound Gorilla

By Tom Mullings

Make no mistake about it, our democratic republic and freedom of the press is being significantly undermined by overwhelming liberal media bias. When I say liberal media bias I'm referring to the full spectrum of information available to the American public that includes the TV networks, print media, public schools, universities, and the entertainment industry. All of these sources of news and education are dominated by leftists who see to it that what Americans hear and learn is slanted toward the left-wing political class's point of view. Numerous polls have supported this contention, repeatedly demonstrating that as many as 75 percent of those in these ranks are of the political left. Last October, a Center for Public Integrity poll found that 96 percent of political donations from journalists went to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in the 2016 election. And the public knows it too, and has slowly been coming around to that point of view, as evidenced by a Quinnipiac University survey that showed that 55 percent of likely voters believed that "the press was against Mr. Trump." Last March a Harvard University poll indicated "that 80 percent of print and broadcast coverage about" the president "was negative during his first 100 days in office." Conservatives are skewered when charging press bias and lack of a level playing field, but what else are they to conclude given these consistent polling findings and the overwhelming number of negative stories about Republicans.

Is there a conspiracy against conservative Republicans in the media? Who knows, but it is hard not to come to the conclusion that people are being intentionally picked for these plum jobs based on their left-leaning political views, given the overwhelming numbers of them, and a growing number of Americans believe this. According to investigative journalist Sharyl Attkisson, "They're convinced that the truth is being hidden from them on a massive scale. That someone is manipulating what they see on the news and online. Conspiring to hide select facts and advance particular narratives." Watching CNN or MSNBC for any length of time makes it hard to argue with Ms. Attkisson's claims. Liberal media-bias has been going on for a very long time, but it has reached new levels of demonization with the election of President Donald Trump. These days, if the President wanted to accurately reflect the drive-by's view of him, he would be walking around with a swastika band on one arm, a KKK band on the other, and three sixes tattooed into his forehead. Not even during the Nixon Administration has it been as one sided as it is now. Still, some Republicans mindlessly heap the lion's share of blame on the President for his relationship with the fourth estate. Freshman Senator

Ben Sasse from Nebraska thinks "that the president is using his social media prowess to lead America down a dangerous path." But White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders disagrees, telling Fox News that "This is a president who fights fire with fire and certainly will not allow himself to be bullied by a liberal media and the liberal elites within the media or Hollywood or anywhere else." She's right, of course, and the good Senator from Nebraska sounds more like a freshman in junior high school than the U.S. Congress. "Voters believe most reporters are out to get him [and] just four percent think most reporters are biased in Trump's favor," Rasmussen observed this week.



For his part, the President is doing an end run around the drive-by's biased filtering of what he's got to say by going straight to the American people with his Twitter feed, which tens of millions access daily, and the novelty of his approach is driving the arrogant media moguls mad. They call him "a dictator" and have compared him to North Korea's Kim Jong-un. Trump has been unrelenting in his criticism of these purveyors of "fake news" and never-ending parade of biased news reports, and I for one applaud him for it. It's about time a conservative American president started publicly blasting the "media" for the unbalanced playing field they've created when it comes to reporting on the political scene in America, educating our children, and informing the public. They're undermining the very press freedom they claim to defend with their left-wing domination of these institutions, so tweet on, Mr. President and let the critics howl all they want. It troubles me that among those critics are people I've long admired, like Charles Krauthammer, but I don't believe they fully appreciate how much harm that overwhelming liberal bias has done to the conservative cause in America. It's the 800 pound gorilla in the Dem's corner and it is killing us.

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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 the registered Republicans who live in their precinct. They serve as the Party's liaison to the Republicans in their precinct. REC members are expected to maintain contact with the Republicans living in your 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 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. THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING REC APPLICATIONS IS 11:00 AM, 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REC MEETING.

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Address: _____

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

E-mail: _____

Profession: _____ Precinct #: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

I am applying for the position of:



Committeeman



Committeewoman

Please return your REC Application to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County Headquarters,
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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: _____

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OATH OF CANDIDATE (Section 99.021, Florida Statutes)

I, _____
(PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT * -- NAME MAY NOT BE CHANGED AFTER THE END OF QUALIFYING)

am a candidate for the office of Precinct Committeeman Committeewoman Precinct Number _____,

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.

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

* Please print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot for persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form):

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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.

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Signature of Candidate	Telephone Number	Email Address	
Address	City	State	ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

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

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