



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

Stanley Tate Honored in Boca Raton

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, a dinner was held at the Marriott Hotel in Boca Raton. The evening was hosted by America Connected, a conservative group under the leadership of founder, Margi Helshein, former Vice Chair of the Palm Beach County Republican Party. The event was held to honor Stanley G. Tate, a conservative businessman who is a close friend of President Donald Trump. Mr. Tate owned the popular Studio 54 in New York City and years ago partnered with Donald Trump to build Trump Tower, the crown jewel of the President's high end real estate development in the Big Apple.

In attendance and speaking for Mr. Tate were National Committeeman Peter Feaman and former Palm Beach County Republican Party Chairman Sid Dinerstein, who introduced the long-time Florida resident, businessman extraordinaire, and guest of honor.

Mr. Tate first arrived in Miami, Florida in 1924 when he was one year old, and his primary residence has been there ever since. In his remarks, he said that back then, in the early 1920s, the population of the city of Miami was only 3,000 people, while today it stands at over 3,000,000!

Mr. Tate has given millions of dollars to charities and worthy causes over the years, but there is one he is particularly proud of—The Florida Prepaid College Program. The following is reported on Florida Prepaid:

Mr. Stanley G. Tate was instrumental in the early development of the Florida Prepaid College Program. It was his vision to provide Florida families with an affordable means

to save for their children's future college education. Mr. Tate served tirelessly as Board Chairman from 1987 to 2005. In recognition of Mr. Tate's service, Governor Jeb Bush signed House Bill 263 into law on June 26, 2006, renaming the program the Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program. Mr. Tate's steadfast commitment to his vision remains to this day.

Highlights of Mr. Tate's leadership include:

- More than 58,000 tuition and dormitory contracts were sold in the first year. That same year, Mr. Tate reflected in the program's first Annual Report, "We are embarking upon a path that is revolutionizing how Floridians plan for financing their children's college education."
- In 1989, two years ahead of schedule, Mr. Tate presented the State of Florida a check for \$600,000, repaying a start-up loan made by the Legislature to help launch the program. From this point forward, the program has remained fully self-supporting.
- In 1990, the Florida Legislature created the Stanley Tate Project STARS scholarship program that is administered by the Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Foundation. Project STARS helps low-income students who are at risk of dropping out of school by providing them with the opportunity of a college education.

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- In 1994, investments in the Florida Prepaid College Plan topped \$1 billion.
- In 1998, a new supplemental Prepaid Plan covering mandatory college fees, known as local fees, was introduced to complement existing Prepaid Tuition Plans. Nearly 20,000 customers purchased the new plan in the first year.
- Throughout the first 12 years of operation, Mr. Tate was instrumental in making the Prepaid College Plan more flexible by allowing families to use their plan benefits at any qualified out-of-state college or university; by providing payment waivers to military families and victims of hurricanes; by allowing the transfer of dormitory benefits to community college residential facilities; and by allowing the use of plan benefits at public vocational/technical schools in Florida.
- In 2002, under Mr. Tate’s leadership, the Board created the Florida 529 Savings Plan to provide families another way to save for college tuition, fees, housing and other college expenses. Prepaid College Plan sales exceeded the half-million mark this year.
- With Mr. Tate’s guidance, the Board helped champion the federal legislation that exempts earnings on qualified withdrawals from Florida Prepaid College and Florida 529 Savings Plans from federal income tax.
- Already the largest plan of its kind in the nation, the Prepaid College program set another record in 2005 with one million plans sold. At a ceremony to mark this historic triumph, the Board surprised the Orlando family who purchased the one millionth plan with a Florida Prepaid scholarship. Mr. Tate proudly announced, “Reaching one million plans is an extraordinary accomplishment. Our success is a tribute to Florida families, to Governor Bush and the Florida Legislature, and to all those over the last 17 years who have united to support the program and to make college more affordable. Having now surpassed the one million mark, Florida families have answered loud and clear that providing an affordable college education for their children is a priority for themselves and for the state.”



Attending the event were Mike Barnett, Chair of the Palm Beach County Republican Party, former Chair Sid Dinerstein, Stanley Tate, event organizer Margi Helsenien, and National Committeeman Peter Feaman.

- At the Florida Cabinet meeting on November 8, 2005, Governor Jeb Bush and the Florida Cabinet issued a resolution recognizing Mr. Tate’s exemplary record of professional and dedicated service to the families and children of the state of Florida. As stated in the resolution, “Stanley Tate should be credited for his contributions in providing leadership and guidance to numerous education, charitable and community organizations for the benefit of families and children, championing the establishment of the Florida Prepaid College Program, implementing the 529 Savings Plan and through the Prepaid College Foundation redirecting the lives of thousands of Florida’s children by providing them with the opportunity to achieve their true potential in life.”
- While Mr. Tate served as Chairman of the Board, the Board sold 1,052,080 total contracts, and more than 142,000 children used their plan benefits to attend a college or university. In addition, the Florida Prepaid College Foundation Board awarded more than 21,000 tuition and local fee scholarships, of them 15,472 were awarded to Stanley Tate Project STARS students, helping Florida’s children build a better future through a college education.



The Republican Party of Palm Beach County participated in the Veterans Day Parade in West Palm Beach on Sunday, November 5.

Profiles In Courage

By Sid Dinerstein

October 27, 2017

May 8, 1991. Tap. Tap. Tap. The State Trooper knocked on the hotel room door. A young woman answered and was told: “The Governor would like to see you.” That was flattering. She was just a run of the mill state employee, a clerk earning \$12,000 per year. She was coming to the same conference where the Governor was the keynote speaker. She gladly followed the officer. He opened the door and let her into the Governor’s suite. There he was. No hello. No small talk. He just unzipped his fly, took out his penis and ordered: “Kiss it.” She replied: “I’m not that kind of girl,” and moved to leave. Governor Bill Clinton beat her to the door, blocked her exit and said: “You don’t want to mention this to anybody.” Paula Jones left the room untouched. She wasn’t done yet. She filed a lawsuit seeking damages. She refused to remain silent as the media refused to speak for her. Ultimately, President Clinton paid Paula Jones \$800,000, even though she refused to sign a non-disclosure agreement. She showed up for the Trump/Hillary second debate. She had no money, no power and no fear. The Jones/Clinton case cost him his license to practice law. It also ran up large legal bills, as did the related Monica Lewinsky affair. Harvey Weinstein wrote the checks. Nice!

Here we are twenty-six years later. Paula Jones has never gotten an apology from anyone—not Bill Clinton, not Hillary Clinton, not James Carville (of the trailer park comments), not any of the “women’s” groups nor any of the media. Scores of women have recently spoken out against Harvey Weinstein and other Hollywood predators. Every #MeToo victim took the career, the fame and the money. Paula Jones wanted and got none of that. But she gets to hold her head up high. She is a Profile In Courage.

Fatwa! The first time I read that word it was applied to Salmon Rushdie, author of the *Satanic Verses*. A Fatwa is the Islamic equivalent of an old wild west “Wanted: Dead or Alive” poster. Rushdie literally went into hiding. Then came 9/11, 2001. It changed all of us. Pamela Geller was leading a happy, carefree life in Manhattan. 9/11 changed her more than most. It wasn’t a specific death. It was the realization of how good life in America could be and how hard others were working to destroy that life. Pamela Geller embraced her calling. She created her blog: “Atlas Shrugged,” which quickly became a top thirty go-to site nationally. Her brand: Everything you wanted to know about the new clash of civilizations; Islam vs the West, 365/24/7. She probed the depths of the pro-Islam, anti-American feeling 9/11 unleashed in America. Radical Islam immediately planned a 9/11 Ground Zero mosque. They bought a building that had been hit by the landing gear of one of the ill-fated airliners. To them that made the site holy.

Mayor Bloomberg led the Liberals in signing on to the mosque. He never counted on Pamela Geller. It was grass roots all the way—a DVD (of which I have a signed copy), advertising, petitions, word of mouth. The reason there is no Ground Zero mosque can be summarized in two words: Pamela Geller.

Pamela Geller is a free-speech hawk. Islam does not look kindly upon those who would subject Mohammed to Western style commentary. The right answer should have been Mohammed cartoons in every major newspaper on the same day. Instead our media goes blank. For Pamela Geller it meant a challenge. She organized the Mohammed cartoon contest in Garland, Texas, with the Netherland’s Geert Wilders as her “judge.” Islamic terrorists attacked the event. Bullets flew. Arrests were made. (And the Republican Party of Palm Beach County had to replace Geert Wilders as our Lobsterfest keynote speaker. Geert was unhurt but uninsurable.)

Pamela Geller in banned in the United Kingdom—literally and totally. She has a Fatwa, and just released a book with that title. To the media she is an Islamophobe. She has to fight to run ads and to keep her social media accounts open. She has 24/7 bodyguard protection; all one hundred pounds of her. Pamela Geller is a Profile In Courage.

Paula Jones didn’t ask to be Bill Clinton’s prey. And Pamela Geller didn’t ask for 9/11. We don’t get to pick the crossroads in our lives. We only get to choose our response. Thank you, Paula and Pamela, for being on our side—true Profiles In Courage.



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.

Veterans Day Tribute

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

It is appropriate that in November (Veterans Day month) we pay special tribute to the veterans of the United States of America. In so doing, we will be honoring those individuals who have helped found, maintain, preserve and protect the greatest, freest nation in the world—the greatest freest nation *in the history of the world!* We must recall that until 239 years ago (1776) not only was there no United States of America, there was no country like the United States of America. All nations constituted some form of dictatorship. There were kings, queens, czars, princes, emperors, et al., who made all laws, commanded the people, and decided upon punishments for those who did not comply. It was our very first veterans, those of the War of Independence, along with our Founding Fathers, who brought to fruition what was until then only a dream in the hearts and minds of the world's great thinkers. It was the idea that people could rule themselves, make their own laws, and elect their own representatives.

Successful as our Revolutionary War was, the principles upon which it was fought have been challenged many times since the establishment of our great Republic. On all occasions, during all eras, against all threats, our troops (eventual veterans) have given life and limb to retain what our Founding Fathers had bestowed on us. The first confrontation to our sovereignty came from the ancestors of today's enemies; the Barbary Pirates from the world of Islam. Our success at that time gave rise to the words “. . . to the Shores of Tripoli. . .” in the Marine Hymn. A few years later, in what some people refer to as our “Second War of Independence” (The War of 1812), our veterans were successful, once again, against the superpower of the world, England. Wars in defense of our Canadian border, our western border (against Indian tribes); our south and southwest borders, The Mexican War in particular; and our tragic Civil War (in which we defended the unity of our nation) followed with successes for our veterans.

In our second century as a nation our veterans in the Spanish-American War saved the freedom of our hemi-



Col. Arthur DeRuve (U.S. Army, Ret.)

sphere by defeating Spain and declaring a free Cuba. Shortly thereafter, totalitarianism struck the heart of the free world, and it took the “Doughboys” from America to save Western civilization in World War One. Less than 25 years later it was our GIs who again saved Western civilization, this time against fascism, Nazism and imperialism in World War II. When then faced with world communism, our troops around the globe faced it successfully, resulting in the demise of this “ism” and the Soviet Union.

Today we face what appears to be the greatest threat to our magnificent way of life which our Founding Fathers and veterans have passed on to us through the years. Once again, our troops are serving around the globe in defense of the nobility of that way of life. Jihadism and its threat of a world theocracy is today's enemy. Our troops (tomorrow's veterans) continue to act in the proud tradition inherited from our distinguished past. REMEMBER THEM ALL ON VETERANS DAY!

Talking Points: **A Few Topics to Ponder**

By Larry P. Horist

Have you heard the one about . . . ?

You will love this one. I can already hear all those good folks in fly-over America convulsing in laughter. It is making the rounds of the bubble encapsulated New York City/DC cable news channels. You ready for this? He goes. President Trump's attack on the press is the reason for the low ratings and the public's distrust of the media. LMAO. The only thing funnier than that is the fact that they may actually believe it. The left-wing pro-Democrat bias of the elitist media has been established by objective studies and the subject of criticism for decades. Ready for another whopper? They also say that the fight between Trump and the press was started by Trump. (I will pause until you stop laughing). It seems to me that throughout the campaign and especially after the election, the media folks jumped on Trump, Republicans, conservatives and every American who voted for Trump like a bunch of jackals at a meat market. The only difference between the pre and post-Trump press is the viciousness of the bias.

The Politics of Sexual Seduction

Why Hollywood is now in a frenzy over sexual misbehavior is a bit of a mystery. After all, the bedroom and boardroom shenanigans of Tinsel Town have been widely known for as long as I can remember. Sure, every now and then a personal scandal would pop up like a pimple on the nose of a leading lady, but with little impact on the culture. Suddenly, however, the normally licentious left has their Tommy Hilfiger's in a bunch over l'affaire Weinstein. But instead of a "pimple," Weinstein has set off an entire case of cultural acne with a seemingly never-ending exposure of sexual seduction and abuse. The casting couch which once launched careers is suddenly ending them. Given what is happening in Hollywood, I suspect there are quite a few very nervous people in Washington, D.C.—and in no few state capitals where away-from-home legislatures, lobbyists and ambitious wannabes gather. Like Hollywood, the sexual indiscretions of the ruling class have been an open secret. Seeing the withered nonagenarian Henry Kissinger of today, one might find it difficult to even imagine the roué of his younger years. He explained the sexually overcharged atmosphere of the nation's capital in a simple adage, "Power is the ultimate aphrodisiac."

The Press and Prosecutor

Once again the east coast media cabal is acting like prosecutors in the court of public opinion. In this case, it

involves the investments of Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross. Unlike in a real court, the press has no responsibility to tell the truth or to provide exculpatory evidence—evidence that would suggest the target is innocent. The narrative pushed on CNN and MSNBC is that Ross concealed certain holdings during his confirmation hearing, in which he promised to terminate all his investments. The problem is that he never said he would give up ALL his holdings and he disclosed those he would retain. The press then proffers the notion that his investments establish ties to Russia and a conflict of interest. In fact, Ross is a minority passive investor in companies in which there are also Russian investors. They ominously say Ross' investments are made through separate companies to conceal the business arrangement. In fact, they are subject to public records and not concealed at all. To understand the media spin, one only needs to understand that if you invest in a mutual fund, you are indirectly investing in other companies—much like Ross. In the bigger picture, one needs to understand that since the fall of the Soviet Union, we have developed a love/hate relationship with Russia. In the pre-Putin era, thousands of western businesses developed relationships in Russia. Under Obama, we have them invest in more than 20 percent of our uranium reserves. That is a big business deal absolute with ties to Kremlin. We gave up a portion of our independent space program when we cut a deal to have Russia fly our astronauts to the manned space station. The idea that having relationships with Russia or having meetings with Russian officials is prima facie criminal is just wrong.



The Hypocrisy of Senator Blumenthal

I find it ironic that the media and the Democrats keep using Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal as their ethics watchdog. Whenever he pontificates about the ethical standards of others, we should never forget that in order to gain favor with voters he outright lied about serving in Vietnam. He later confessed to being mistaken. However, one does not mistake serving in Vietnam like one might forget what day they last ate pizza. It is actually a crime called theft of valor. It may not be up there with first-degree mur-

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der, but what kind of hypocritical low life would do that? Oh! I know. Richard Blumenthal.

In Defense of a Never Trumper

Juli Briskman, a government contract worker, was summarily fired from her job after she admitted that she was the cyclist flipping the finger as President Trump’s caravan passed her on the road. One of my basic beliefs that we not only have a right to talk truth to power, we have a right to be downright disrespectful. I felt the same way when a couple was arrested (but not charged) for yelling obscenities at President Clinton. You do not have to agree with what a person says (or gestures) to defend to the death their right to say (or do) such things. If that last statement has an echo of history, you can thank Voltaire, who penned the original version almost 300 years ago. A more important issue is ... where was the Secret Service when Briskman was riding so close to the presidential limousine?

The Virginia Gubernatorial Election

As you read this, the voters in Virginia will be filtering through the polling places to elect their next governor. Their choice is between Democrat Lt. Governor Ralph Northam and Republican Ed Gillespie. According to Democrat pundits, a Northam win will be a great victory—the first sign of the party’s re-emergence out of the shadows of political irrelevancy. Actually, a close win by Northam would have no great meaning for the future. Virginia—thanks to all those Washington bureaucrats living in the northern half of the state—has been pretty much of a blue state. It was carried by Obama twice and even Clinton in 2016. The outgoing governor is a Democrat. Now if Gillespie wins the race



Senator Blumenthal, an ethics watchdog who lied about serving in Vietnam.

that is a BIG blow to the Democrats—losing yet another state executive mansion to the GOP, which already controls two-thirds of the nation’s statehouses.

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Palm Beach County GOP Chair Mike Barnett (above left) addressed the Fall Conference of the Florida Federation of Republican Women in Cocoa Beach on October 28. The keynote speaker was James Golden (aka “Bo Snerdley”), Rush Limbaugh’s call screener, pictured above with Celeste Elich and Linda Johnson.

PBG Citizens: Hands Off Our Term Limits!

By George Blumel

In the [Feb 2016](#) issue of this Newsletter, on page 5 we told the sad story of how Democrats treat their voters. Citizens had to go to court to get justice for the 16,000+ voters who passed 6-year term limits on their City Council. Of course, the voters won and taxpayers had to pay the bill. Read the article [When a 79% Vote Doesn't Count...](#)

Now that the new Council has been elected due to the term-limit law, the Council is considering extending their limit to nine or even 12-year limits—the weakest term limits in Palm Beach County! None of the Council members are giving any consideration to what their constituents overwhelmingly voted for as recently as 2014.

Even Council member Carl Woods, who won his Council seat directly due to the court case that ruled a longtime incumbent was not eligible to run, is turning his back on the voters. Woods supported the term limits when he sought the seat, but now he has it he has changed his tune.

Some speculate that the well-above-average Council pay and benefits, including very generous health care insurance and a pension—the third highest in Palm Beach County, according to the *Palm Beach Post*—has something to do with it.

The City Council heard a report from their hand-picked Charter Review Committee that recommended, among other changes, stretching the council term limits to nine years. A group of Palm Beach Gardens citizens publish [PBG Watch](#) that reported on the meeting and published comments made by citizens, including REC members Sid Dinerstein and Marilyn Parmet, among others you'll recognize. Their comments tell the story of the Council's serving their own personal interests at the expense of the citizens. Read them here: [Proposed Term Limits Weakening Dominates Meeting](#)

These Council members would not be on the Council if wasn't for the term limits law that opened the seats they now occupy. The citizens who got the petitions signed to put the measure on the ballot worked very hard and at great expense both financially and at the time from their lives. Now the well-compensated Council, with an effortless Council vote, wants to put citizens through it all again to benefit themselves. It will not happen *if* the people get to vote again. But the devious Council members have that figured out, too.

With a nearly 80% approval rate of the term limits measure, the Council cannot expect to win an honest vote. For

this reason, they want to put the measure on the low-turnout March ballot instead of the general election ballot in November. In November 2014, 20,000+ votes were cast. Only 7,000 were cast in the March 2014 municipal election. But less than half of that number will vote in March 2018 with nothing else—no elections—on the ballot. This new referendum is a conscious effort to disenfranchise the voters.



The Council acts as if six-year limits are an outrageous imposition on them and their careers. And yet six-year term limits have worked just fine in Boca Raton, Boynton Beach and Delray Beach. In West Palm Beach and Wellington, voters are protected by eight-year limits.

What is so special and irreplaceable about the current lineup of Palm Beach Gardens City Council that makes them feel they deserve the longest, weakest term limits in Palm Beach County?

Palm Beach Gardens citizens are encouraged to let the CSouncil know how they feel using a convenient form at www.termlimits.org/pbg.

If you'll connect to the links offered in this article, you'll get the whole story of how the politicians in the Gardens are behaving—not much different than in many other jurisdictions. Groups like the concerned citizens at [PBG Watch](#) and the other volunteers who care enough to make government work better for all citizens cannot be thanked enough for all they do. Politicians always sound better when running but unless citizens keep after them they often go astray. You see it clearly in the U.S. Congress and in our cities, counties and states. Truly, *“The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.”* —Thomas Jefferson

About PBG Watch

PBG Watch is a coalition of concerned citizens of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, who have come together to observe and report on the decisions of the City Council. We will praise where justified and criticize where warranted. We

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Palm Beach Gardens - Question 2			
47 of 47 Precincts Reporting			
		Percent	Votes
YES		68.21%	13,443
NO		31.79%	6,265
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will also educate and mobilize a response to actions that we feel are not in the best interest of the citizens.

In November 2014, Palm Beach Gardens voters went to the polls to send a decisive message: It's time for term limits! With high turnout, 80 percent of Gardens voters said "yes" to enacting a two-term, six-year total limit on members of the City Council. In a separate ballot question, 68 percent of voters said the new limits should apply retroactively to current council members.

But the City Council—nearly the highest paid in Palm Beach County—don't like the new limits, even though the

measure opened up the seats for them to run for. The Council wants to weaken the term limit and exempt time already served, two moves aimed at serving their own personal interests at the expense of the citizens.

Tell the five members of the Palm Beach Gardens City Council: *Don't touch our term limits!* Complete the form above to send your email. The voters have already decided six years total is enough. <https://www.termlimits.com/pbg>

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A Day With Resurgent in Boca Raton

*By Alan Bergstein
October 28, 2017*

Dear Friends,

Yesterday, Friday, was a momentous day down here in Boca. Dr. Bob Katz and his organization, America Resurgent, sponsored a complete day at the Boca Wyndham Hotel, from 9AM through 6PM with an array of speakers devoted to maintaining the freedoms and liberties we clearly now take for granted in this nation. He presented, among others, a retired Marine Corps general, an Army Major prosecuted for killing Islamist terrorists, a woman Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant, a former CIA official, a premier International Security Policy Analyst, an investigator into our kids' textbooks being filled with lies about the glory of Islam and locals who talked about the our communities falling prey to Islam through the ignorance, cowardice and unwillingness of our (Jewish) religious and lay leaders to speak the truth about the Progressive-Liberal-Islamist threats to their own heritage.

The day flew by just listening to their voices trying to explain the dire future we face for this nation if we continue using the dangerous road map set by our American radical leaders. Their words, experiences and warnings rang the bells of disaster unless we can awaken this country's rank and file citizens to the threat of caving in to the likes of the Hillary-Obama-Soros and their Black Lives Matter terrorist aligned groups that will turn us into another radicalized and defeated Europe.

The website you must go to is www.americaresurgent.org. And give Dr. Robert Katz your thanks for his being a hero by sending out a check to help him continue his messages of patriotism and loyalty to this great land. He deserves more than just verbal plaudits.

Many thanks,
Alan Bergstein



Palm Beach County Trumpers could be seen on Friday, November 10, in Palm Beach Gardens, Boca Raton and Wellington supporting President Trump and celebrating his one year anniversary and showing appreciation to our Veterans. Congressman Brian Mast and Attorney General Pam Bondi joined in the fun in Palm Beach Gardens.

The Political Blame Game

By CS Bennett

Do you ever grow tired of hearing how racist America is, when in fact, the bulk of the racist constituency in America was headquartered in the South, which represented only half of the country? Are you aware that only 5 percent of southern whites owned slaves? Yet, somehow, all white Americans living during that time, get blamed for slavery. Yes, there were Black slave owners, too, but you rarely hear about them. Some Black scholars would argue that they were more benevolent than their white counterparts. So, that makes it all right, I reckon. Personally, I find such talk hard to believe.

Slavery, and racism, is wrong, and ungodly, but it continues to roar its head on the planet. Here, most Americans are tired of the media and its portrayal of Republicans and conservatives. Whenever they get the opportunity, using various outlets, they slander and make up lies about the “Grand Ole Party.” They even go as far as embellishing their own history, which, in reality, is one of shame and outright disgust. They were the true oppressors of Blacks. Republicans were their defenders and liberators.

The Left has been so successful at defining the Right that they have come close to brainwashing a whole generation of new left-wing zombies—your children. Because of their policies, our world is upside down. They put on airs as though they were on the right side of history and those on the right were the disciples of darkness. All the while, they are tearing down statues, changing the names of southern schools, and rewriting American history in an attempt to erase their own nefarious role in it. This will not stand, not if the Almighty has something to do with it.

I watch television and it is basically left-wing propaganda. I watch a movie and it slips in lines that are meant to put Republicans, and conservatives, in a bad light. They are adept at using innuendo and malicious opinion pieces to tarnish the Republican brand and stigmatize those who believe in the founding principles put forth by the Framers. Their talk shows parade a long list of leftists who cannot wait to face the cameras and one-up each other in trashing the GOP and America. They are also quick to showcase scholarly-looking intellectuals to make their claims seem as though they are based on sound scientific principles.

Their pompous arrogance and sanctimonious views gives them a false sense of righteousness and provides them their so-called mandate to spread the gospel of progressivism, which is nothing more than an effort to cover up despair and hopelessness they have dressed up as oppression; that oppression, of course, they lie at the feet of conservatives and Republicans. Yes, blame those on the right. We, as the defenders of the U.S. Constitution and our Bill of Rights, must be ready to rise again, and let our voices be heard. Much like in 2016, we must do battle with these haters of liberty and freedom. As individuals, we must come



together and fight back this notion of collectivism and socialism and banish it from our shores and shiny seas.

In the political novel, *The Conservative Prodigy* by author CS Bennett, our best educated, and conservative, mind, Dr. Raymone Franklin De’Passe is asked to come out of retirement to face down the best political mind the Left can produce, the radical, quick-witted, and diabolical, Dr. Daniel K. Farouk. These two geniuses unleash on one another in a nationally televised debate like hardened gladiators in Rome’s heyday, but this time in the arena of ideas. Today, that debate is more acute than ever. But it is one we must have.

As Dr. De’Passe states with conviction, “*I did not come here to debate. I am here to defend our United States Constitution, our Bill of Rights, and our great republic, as well as our way of life. . .*” Like the little known Radical Republicans of the 1860s, Dr. De’Passe did not take any crap from the Left. He stood toe to toe with them, and looked them in the eyes. With the authority once bestowed upon the Saints, by the Almighty above, he annihilated them with truth and knowledge, and without fear.

Democrats, your past is a tainted one. Your party has yet to apologize for its role in slavery and its support of its militant wing—the KKK. You will have to answer for your sins. White conservatives, you have nothing to feel guilty about. It was your ancestors who liberated my once-enslaved ancestors. That was righteous, a noble thing to do on their part. But, as lovers of freedom, we must continue to engage the other side in this desperate battle of political ideologies and political will, and we must come out victorious. Much like Dr. De’Passe, in my historic-based novel, you must arm yourself with knowledge and truth. We must fight the good fight. America’s survival is at stake. So, give it your best effort. Believe me, nothing less will do. . . .

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Point of View: Reform Tax Code to Help Our Backbone: Small Businesses

With the U.S. economy on the rebound, and a full agenda awaiting Congress this year, small businesses are at a crossroads. On the one hand, Florida's economy is back, practically recovered from the Great Recession, thanks in large part to smart fiscal policy from our elected officials in Tallahassee. On the other hand, small businesses, which comprise about 99 percent of Florida employers, face dramatic hikes in health care and operating costs.

According to a 2012 U.S. Census Bureau report, Florida has the third-highest number of minority-owned small businesses and the second-highest number of African-American businesses. Miami alone has the second-highest proportion of Hispanic-owned businesses in the U.S. We need to promote policies that encourage Florida's minority-owned small businesses to continue this upward trajectory, expanding the free market and adding good jobs.

One thing main street businesses in Florida desperately need is tax reform. The last time Congress passed comprehensive tax reform "Back to the Future" was in theaters, "Careless Whisper" topped the charts and the Chicago Bears won the Super Bowl. Thirty years later, we are still operating on the same, outdated laws. A 21st-century tax code would spur the economy and help Florida's small businesses keep more of their earnings. That's capital that can be used to add stores, increase wages, buy new equipment and keep the business in the family for future generations.

Florida has one of the oldest populations in America, with a median age of 41.2, and we have the largest popula-

tion of senior citizens (18.6 percent age 65+). That means the state is disproportionately affected by the federal estate tax. Fortunately, we don't have a state death tax, which is a big draw for small businesses and retirees. According to a recent George Mason University study, Florida ranks No. 1 in fiscal health in the U.S.

The issue of minimum wage becomes a simple math problem for many Florida small businesses at a time when automation is becoming more affordable.

Sadly, most family-owned businesses don't survive into the second generation. This adversely affects minority-owned businesses, which make up a significant proportion of Florida's economy. Our leaders should listen to small businesses on minimum wage, reform the tax code, eliminate the death tax and let America's free enterprise flourish.

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News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County

News from the Judeo-Christian Republican Club

Just a short report on the October 17 meeting of the Judeo-Christian Republican Club. We had three super speakers, a full house of attendees and a great response this morning from many of them. I've been on the phone all day . . . pleasantly.

Laurie Cardoza-Moore, founder of Proclaiming Justice To The Nations, spoke to us about the positive relations she sees growing between Christians and Jews. She talked about the common threat to us all from Islam. The school systems' bowing down to teach the myths about the humanity of the Koran and how that religion is currently on an equal par, humanity-wise with Christianity and Judaism, is a dangerous myth that is being absorbed by our children trapped in the web of the Progressives who run our schools. She warned us to wake up and speak up about this threat to our Western culture and society. Go to her web site, www.pjtn.org, for further info.

Russell DiPerna, a 9-11 first responder as a NYPD officer, still currently in law enforcement down in South Florida and who recently completed a month plus training at the world famous anti-terror center in Herzliya, Israel, recounted the tragic events of that day in downtown NYC. This phenomenal speaker and communicator is my hero.

Tom Trento spoke about his group's upcoming trip to Israel *with Judge Jeanine Pirro and himself*. If interested, please go to his site on the video for further information.

Our next meeting will be held on November 8th, at 6PM, at the South County Civic Center at 16700 Jog Road in Delray Beach. Another knockout line up of speakers is set to go. Non-members will be charged \$5 for admission, and members are admitted free of charge and have grandstand seats for all of our programs. Send checks of \$25 for a single membership or \$45 per couple to JCRC, P.O. Box 1073, Boca Raton, FL 33429-1073 for free admission for a year, and to help us to get the message out to our community

about the challenges we face and how to counteract and defeat them. We are all in this together.

—Alan Bergstein
President, Judeo-Christian Republican Club
 October 18, 2017

On Wednesday, November 8, 2017, the fourth monthly meeting of the newly-formed Judeo-Christian Republican Club was held at the South County Civic Center in Delray Beach. Despite only being a few months old the club is doing very well, and 22 new members joined at this meeting! I'm happy to report that membership now stands at a dizzying 152 paid supporters! Forgive me for crowing, but how many other Republican clubs can claim this level of support after only 4 months in existence? Obviously we've tapped into a need and desire in the Republican community among conservative Jewish and Christian citizens to join forces to promote Judeo-Christian values that are the very foundation of our republic and are under fire by political forces on the left in America today.

—Tom Mullings
Board Member, Judeo-Christian Republican Club

A terrific meeting last night, at the Judeo-Christian Republican Club of Palm Beach. The meeting featured two great, diehard, conservative Republican speakers: **Col. Mike McCalister** (U.S. Army, Ret.) and **Sid Dinerstein**, former Chair of the Palm Beach County Republican Party. Col. McCalister is a national spokesman for Citizens for Trump. He holds a B.S. in agriculture from Southeast Missouri State University, a Ph.D. in management from the Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is a graduate of The Command and General Staff College, the Army War Col-

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Sid Dinerstein was honored with an award for his community service.



Bill Diamond introduced Sid Dinerstein at the meeting.



Col. Allen West will be the guest speaker at the Dec. 7 meeting.

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lege Defense Strategy Curriculum, and The Air War College; and he has completed the Harvard University Program on Senior Executive Leadership. He served in the Army National Guard, Army Reserve, and on Active Duty for a total of 33 years, between 1971 and 2005, and is also a university instructor. His presentation, “America: One Nation Under God,” is a message on the truths bestowed upon us, that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. His message contains rudimentary quotes and passages from the U.S. Constitution, including the First Amendment (which guarantees Freedom of Religion and rights of the churches), our Christian Bible, and renowned evangelists such as Charles Finney.

Club member **Bill Diamond**, a former New York City Commissioner in the administration of Mayor Rudy Giuliani, introduced Sid as the evening’s keynote speaker. A

fantastic rallying speech was given by Sid before a packed house of 175 members and guests. The club presented Sid with a beautiful plaque that evening, honoring him for his many years of dedicated service to the Republican Party and for his charitable, philanthropic deeds over the years.

A great night was had by all.

The Judeo-Christian Republican Club is extremely proud to announce that **LTC Allen West** (U.S. Army, Ret.) and a former U.S. Congressman for Florida’s 22nd Congressional District, will be an honored guest speaker at our December 7 meeting. The meeting will be held at 6:00 at the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Please plan on attending this general meeting to hear a true American hero and one of the greatest speakers of our times. Of course, members will be admitted free, guests and supporters will be charged a minimal fee of \$5.00 per person.

—*Bill Petraglia, Vice President*
Judeo-Christian Republican Club

The Kings Point Republican Club Met on November 1

Our November 1st meeting was a big success. **Colonel Arthur DeRuve** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, **Gloria Houseman** led us in the singing of our National Anthem. **Peter Cavanagh**, chairman of our nominations committee, read the names of the slate of officers for election at our December meeting and asked for nominations from the floor. Our three speakers gave terrific talks. **Kirk Wolak**’s remarks about the high prevalence of election fraud was very illuminating. **Taniel Shant** told us about the new Syrian, Lebanese, Armenian-American Republican Coalition. **Carla Spaulding**, who is a candidate for Congress in the FL 23rd District, wants to run in 2018 against Debbie Wasserman Shultz. She spoke about her background and why she would be a better public servant. We concluded the meeting by Peter Cavanagh conducting the raffle for the Publix \$25.00 gift card

A good time was had by all.

We hope to see you all at our holiday party, meet and greet, on Wednesday, December 6th, 2017 at 7PM. Doors open at 6:30 in the Ballroom at of the Monaco Clubhouse near the Monaco Blvd, entrance off Jog Road. Don’t forget, this event features refreshments and entertainment, it’s free of charge, and everyone in our Kings Point community is welcome regardless of political persuasion. We do accept and appreciate donations. Please remember that we meet the first Wednesday of each month.

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The Republican Federated Women of South Florida Welcomed Trump Former Campaign Manager Karen Giorno

The Republican Federated Women of South Florida were pleased to welcome President Trump’s former Florida campaign manager **Karen Giorno** at their October 26 meeting. Pictured at right are (left to right): Sue Snowden, Tony Khawam, Karen Giorno, Rosemary O’Mara, and Bill Petraglia. The club’s next meeting will be on Thursday, November 16, at the Boca Country Club, with guest speaker **Col. Arthur DeRuve**, as we honor our nation’s veterans. For information on the club, please contact President Rosemary O’Mara at rosemaryo625@aol.com.



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Property Rights Discussed at October Luncheon of the Republican Club of the Palm Beaches

At the October lunch, **Daniel Peterson**, Director of the Center for Property Rights at the James Madison Institute in Orlando, gave us his view of the legacy of property rights in the U.S., and the forces that threaten them today.

Contrasting the situation that existed in the Soviet Union, where all property was owned by the state and most people lived in apartments, he described our system dating back to the Puritan colony in New England where they considered individuals as “stewards of the land.”

Our system provides five rights associated with property: the freedom to possess property, to enjoy it without interference, to use it for our own purposes, to exclude others from it, and to dispose of it as we see fit.

Threatening these rights are three forces:

First is the “Government Estate”—ownership of land by governments that crowd out private uses. As example, 50% of all the land west of the Mississippi is owned by the federal government, including 83% of the state of Utah. This not only takes the land out of public use, but it starves state and local government of property tax revenue (sometimes offset by PILT—payment in lieu of taxes—where the locals are partially compensated by the federal landowner.)

In Florida, about a third of the state is government owned with 30% in conservation (37% in PBC). The cost of acquisition of these 2.5 million acres was about \$2500 per acre under the P2000 and Florida Forever programs. Added is the cost of maintenance (\$173M per year) and the cost of bonding (\$145M / year).

Another threat is over reaching regulations, particularly things like the EPA’s “Waters of the U.S.,” which attempted to restrict usage of most of the surface water in the country, (including presumably rain puddles in your backyard) and the “Clean Power Plan” which the Obama administration was using to destroy the coal industry and hamstring energy use and production.

The third threat is the bureaucratic maze with its sometimes conflicting permitting requirements from all manner of jurisdictions that makes business creation or even enjoying your own property difficult.

Please join us next month as we salute veterans with Congressman **Brian Mast** on Saturday, November 18th. The usual lunch meeting will be free to all veterans—bring your friends!

—Posted by Fred Scheibl on October 26, 2017

Governor Scott Awards Medals of Appreciation to Veterans at a West Palm Beach Ceremony

On Monday, October 23, Governor Rick Scott handed out medals of appreciation to about 374 Florida veterans. Speaking to a standing-room-only crowd of veterans and their families at the National Guard Armory in West Palm Beach, Governor Scott thanked the veterans for their service and awarded each one the Governor’s Veterans Service Medal. In attendance were Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine, and Coast Guard veterans from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Most of them were wearing their service hats so the veterans could identify other members of their units and reminisce. My husband found four other veterans from his unit, the Army’s 173rd Airborne Brigade, and they got together and commiserated over their service.

When a baby started crying during the Governor’s speech, he stopped his speech and said, “I love grandchildren!” He then proceeded to digress, and told a heartwarming story about his grandson, who wants to grow up and be a paratrooper. Governor Scott recalled that on one occasion, when greeting President Trump on the tarmac at the Orlando airport, the President offered the Governor’s

grandson a tour of Marine One and told him he could sit in the cockpit. The grandson declined, saying that paratroopers sit in the back of the helicopter, and that’s where he wanted to sit!

—Cheryl Mullings



My husband Tom was awarded the Governor’s Veterans Service Medal by Governor Scott.

Letters

NAACP Calls for Abandoning the National Anthem

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/NAACP-star-spangled-banner-national-anthem-12341555.php>

Friends,

The above link informs us that the California branch of the NAACP, its largest and most influential chapter has called for abolishing the National Anthem. It calls an original stanza that nobody knows and never sings, racist and divisive. How many white and black Americans have given their lives in support of our nation, its flag and National Anthem? We sing it proudly proclaiming our freedom and pride in this nation. Their stance against it is stupid and un-American.

But as a Jew, I call on the NAACP to disband, and declare itself null and void because of its overt, unembarrassed stance against Jews. The Black Lives Matter Movement, a violent, anti-American, anti-cop, anti Jewish, anti-Israel gang of thugs which has been heralded and supported by the national NAACP movement is one of its darling groups. Last August, its National President of that major organization, Cornell Williams Brooks stated: "Our relationship with BLM is the same as it is with any civil rights and social justice organization that is standing up for African-Americans," Brooks said. "Across the country, from Minneapolis to Atlanta, the NAACP continues to work with Black Lives Matter contacts." So, in essence, the NAACP stands with BLM in all of its positions.

A bit of history on this phony civil rights group. Jack Greenberg, a Jew, was the guy who put that group on the map. Throughout the years it was Jews who supported them with bucks and brains. Where would this group be without the Jews? And these charlatans are now in league with Islamists and the Al Sharpton crowds. The NAACP shows no loyalty, and current Jews who still support this group show stupidity. A bit of the NAACP's history is below:

May 30, 1909, the Niagara Movement conference took place at New York City's Lower East Side's, Henry Street Settlement House, (A Jewish funded and founded institution) from which an organization of more than 40 individuals emerged, calling itself the National Negro Committee.

The conference resulted in a more viable, influential and diverse organization, where the leadership was predominantly white and heavily Jewish. In fact, at its founding, the NAACP had only one African American on its executive board, DuBois himself, and did not elect a black president until 1975. The Jewish community contributed greatly to the NAACP's founding and continued financing. Jewish historian Howard Sachar writes in his book A History of Jews in America of how, "In 1914, Professor Emeritus Joel

Spingarn of Columbia University became chairman of the NAACP and recruited for its board such Jewish leaders as Jacob Schiff, Jacob Billikopf, and Rabbi Stephen Wise." Early Jewish co-founders included Julius Rosenthal, Lillian Wald, Rabbi Emil G. Hirsch and Wise.

So, dear friends, Jews helped found and fund a group that is now overtly hostile to Jews, cops and America. A good lesson for us all.

—Alan Bergstein
Boca Raton

Update on Federal Case in Broward County

Hello Voter Fraud Fighters:

Nov.10, 2017—The decision in the federal lawsuit Broward County is still waiting on the court to rule. It should be soon unless the Court decides to wait on a Supreme Court case to be decided next year.

You can find out more by reading the following three-part article in the *Christian Science Monitor* by Warren Richey.

Here is a link to Part One: <https://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Politics/2017/1103/Securing-the-vote-Could-Henny-Nelson-age-131-help-Russia-rig-an-election>

Part II deals with the issue of voter registration list maintenance. Part III examines the importance of a voter-verified paper trail and a post-election audit.

Here is the link to Part II: <https://www.csmonitor.com/Daily/2017/20171106/A-necessary-election-tension-preventing-fraud-preserving-rights?src=shared>

Here is the link to Part III: <https://www.csmonitor.com/Daily/2017/20171107/Path-to-ensuring-vote-validity-might-just-be-a-paper-trail?src=shared>

—William "Bill" Skinner, Author
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Grandstanding on Opioid Crisis Not Enough

Republican congressional candidate Kurt Jetta's opportunistic grandstanding on the opioid crisis as reported by the *Palm Beach Post* is a masquerade for his anti-Trump agenda. If Jetta becomes the eventual nominee, he will be a blue-state import from Connecticut with a snowball's chance in Florida of defeating incumbent Rep. Lois Frankel. The recent Virginia gubernatorial race proved that the Bush/

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Rubio establishment candidates not fully embracing our President are being rejected.

Jetta consultant Jacob Perry has latched onto polling data highlighting voter concern about opioid abuse as a priority. This sounds and smells like the success Jetta reportedly has had advising companies who sell consumer packaged goods. However, converting this issue into anti-incumbent fever is beyond wishful thinking.

West Palm Beach may never be converted to true Trump territory even though POTUS has a home here. But the Republican nominee to run for Congress needs to be a White House advocate and Trump teammate of Rick Scott for U.S. Senator. There is no place for a candy-coated carpetbagger like Jetta.

—Tom Vaughn
Boynton Beach



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Trump Leads End Run Around Mainstream Media

By Tom Mullings

Frustrated by the media's year long drumbeat of anti-Trump reporting showing public approval of the President slipping into the upper thirties percentile? Don't be. As usual, the drive-bys are feeding us propaganda deliberately designed to paint a false picture of the actual level of support he enjoys among the American people.

For one thing, "approval rating" polls are, at best, popularity contests that do not reflect how voters would vote if a presidential election were held right now. Secondly, the Dems have got no bench. Hillarious Hillary will be lucky if she doesn't get indicted, and is thru as a viable candidate in American presidential elections. And who else have they got to run? Sens. Pocahontis Warren and Better-Red-Than-Dead Bernie Sanders? Those two would have no chance against Donald Trump in 2020, not with all their baggage.

Then there's the fact that in the President's first year in office the jobs picture has been great. In addition economic output has increased by 3 percent for two straight quarters, even without a tax bill from congress yet, the first time it has achieved that in many years, and, as we all know, most voters ultimately vote their pocket books.

On top of that the president has an unprecedented ability to do an end run around the biased main stream media like no other Republican before him since Ronald Reagan. The drive-bys, still dominate, of course, but Trump is counter-punching effectively with his twitter account. Consider the following recent report: "The President tweets, on average, six times a day. Each tweet averages 98,000 likes or retweets." The famous video clip he tweeted, "showing a Trump character knocking out a CNN character, bearing the hashtag#FraudNewsCNN," was excoriated by the drive-bys, but "was retweeted 365,000 times and garnered close to 600,000 likes.

And there's polling data out there that does a great job of making a sham of that seemingly depressing 38% approval rating figure. Consider the following from a

Politico/Morning Consult poll of 1,900 registered U. S voters conducted October 26–30. It showed:

- 85 percent of those who voted for President Trump say he will complete his term in office; 52 percent of all U.S. voters and 24 percent of those who voted for Hillary Clinton agree.
- 82 percent of Trump voters would vote for him if they "had it to do over"; 79 percent of all voters would vote for their chosen candidate again; 78 percent of Clinton voters would vote for her again.
- 7 percent of Trump voters would vote for someone else if they had a chance; 8 percent of all voters and 8 percent of Clinton voters also would vote for someone else.
- 5 percent of Trump votes would not have voted in 2016 if they had to do it over; 8 percent of all voters and 9 percent of Clinton voters also would not have voted.

Even the two elections won by the Democrats in New Jersey and Virginia gubernatorial races do not reflect the gloomy prospects for Republicans painted by the liberal media. In Virginia Republican Gillespie positioned himself with the establishment never-Trumper crowd and paid the price, while in a deeply blue state like New Jersey, a Republican winning after Christie was termed out was always unlikely and no national trend could be deduced from the Dems victory there no matter what CNN and company try to tell us.

So there's good reasons to cheer about how Republicans are doing as we close in on the completion of the first year of the Trump presidency. Despite fake news from the mainstreamers, Trump is doing well and not losing his base supporters who put him in office. The real concern is with Congress. If it does not get its act together and pass a major tax bill before next year's election the Trump Train could still run off the tracks.



Book Review

***The New Road to Serfdom: A Letter of Warning to America*, by Daniel Hannan. New York: HarperCollins, 2010. Hardcover, 200 pp.**

Years ago I read *The Road to Serfdom* by F. A. Hayak. If you're a dedicated listener of the Rush Limbaugh show you know all about this legendary Medal of Freedom winner and champion of personal and economic freedom.

Decades earlier I devoured Tocqueville's *Democracy in America* and was left with a feeling of awe at his insightful evaluation of our system of government and the American people.

Conservatives revere both men whose opinions on our Founding Fathers and the unique political system they bequeathed us are both timeless and unassailable.

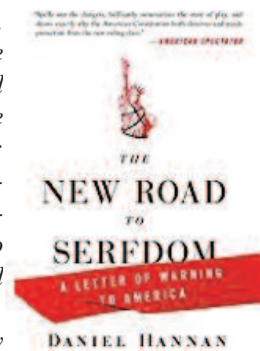
But if I may be so bold, I'd like to nominate another man, in our time, whose stature seems to approach the level of those two giants of history. His name is Daniel Hannan, and he is currently a member of the European Parliament. Like Tocqueville, he has traveled far and wide in the United States and gotten to know its people and its way of democracy. In his book, *The New Road to Serfdom: A Letter of Warning to America*, which was published in 2010, he too sounds alarm bells about the dangers of Socialism and utopian thinkers of all stripes.

He too has a deep and abiding love for America, something rather rare among his fellow European Parliamentarians. He is known as a "modern-day Alexis de Tocqueville," and his words ring with an uncommon eloquence that brought tears to this patriot's eyes, at least. But don't take my word for it. If you have not done so already, digest the following sample of his observations taken from his book. I humbly submit that you're in for a treat:

The diverse Euro-woes identified in this chapter gush from a single spout. All of them are caused, or at least exacerbated, by the phenomenon of large and remote govern-

ment. Other things being equal, big and centralized states are likelier than small and devolved states to: be sclerotic; have more bureaucrats and higher taxes; have soulless and inefficient welfare systems; crowd out non-state actors, from churches to families; and have fatalistic and cynical electorates.

To put it the other way around, the devolution of power stimulates growth, makes administration more democratic, connects citizens to their nation, and allows a flourishing private sphere: the attribute that Tocqueville most admired about America.



Mr. Hannan then goes on to cite chapter and verse as to why European Socialism has been such a dismal failure. His book is a warning to us not to follow in Europe's footsteps, which is where American progressives are leading our country, and then concludes his book with the following plea to all of us here in America:

The eyes of all people are upon you. And if they see you repudiate your past, abandon that which has brought you to greatness, become just another country, they, too, will have lost something.

So let me close with a heartfelt imprecation, from a Briton who loves his country to Americans who still believe in theirs. Honor the genius of your founders. Respect the most sublime constitution devised by human intelligence. Keep faith with the design that has made you independent. Preserve the freedom of the nation to which, by good fortune and God's grace, you are privileged to belong.

—Tom Mullings

MORT's meanderings. . .

**What is seriously wrong today, VETERAN'S DAY,
November 11, 2017, here in the USA?**

One thing is for certain:

The tidal wave of divisiveness that was initiated with the election of the 44th President of this nation, and signaled the beginning of the systematic destruction of all that made the USA the exceptional nation we had become; the disdain for our history; the upheaval of uncivility and the ugliness of self-hate & unpatriotic rhetoric that has swept throughout the mainstream media and the popular social networks across our once beautiful nation—all this stinking garbage is what comprises the totality of Barack Hussein Obama's legacy.

—MORT KUFF © 11-11-2017

P.S. Congratulations Democrats. You won the already blue states of New Jersey and Virginia.

Book Review

Coming Apart: The State of White America, 1960–2010. ISBN: 978-0-307-45342-6. A Book Review by Bill Skinner.

This book was referred to by Newt Gingrich in his new book, *Understanding Trump* (2017), and Charles Murray (BA Harvard and PhD MIT) has been in the news, being protested at Middlebury College in Vermont. Otherwise, I might have skipped it. Now I can understand why this book was Murray's valedictory on the topic of public policy and happiness. And *Coming Apart* aids in understanding how confused the young people were at Middlebury College.

Just Google "Charles Murray and Middlebury College" and look for a *Washington Post* story showing a poster the Middlebury students used in the protest. The poster cites the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) labeling Murray and his co-author as racists and cites some of the data Murray relies upon as being published in a journal which also published some of Hitler's experimental research on black IQs and other comparators. SPLC apparently is playing a role in spreading racist labels against many Christian groups in recent months because some of these groups are suing SPLC. So the *Coming Apart* book is very relevant to understanding the political attacks on freedom of speech and protests that are more and more becoming violent.

Coming Apart is a sociological study based on a little bit of Murray's research and on lots of references to census studies and other researchers' data. Murray has documented in several books starting in the 1980s the stuff that makes America great. He calls the stuff the Founding Virtues and quotes Washington in his Farewell Address: "Virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government." Murray adds, "In their various ways, the founders recognized that if a society is to remain free, *self-government* refers first of all to individual citizens governing their own behavior" (p. 129).

The McGuffey's Readers books in public schools helped teach these norms from the 1830s until the books were rejected in the 20th century. Some people think the virtues taught by these McGuffey lessons are not relevant today. But Murray says: "I take another view. The founders were right. The success of America depended on virtue in the people when the country began and it still does in the twenty-first century. America will remain exceptional only to the extent that its people embody the same qualities that made it work for the first two centuries of its existence. The founding virtues are central to that kind of citizenry. That's why the following chapters use them as a framework for describing the formation of the new lower class" (p. 143).

A book like this has to set a cutoff date as fresh data is produced daily. Murray invites readers to get the 2010 and later census data and make their own comparisons, something I doubt will be accomplished, especially by today's

pampered college students. The book is formatted in three parts, 17 chapters, and lots of charts showing the data from 1960 to 2010. To keep this review short, I will quote a few other passages.

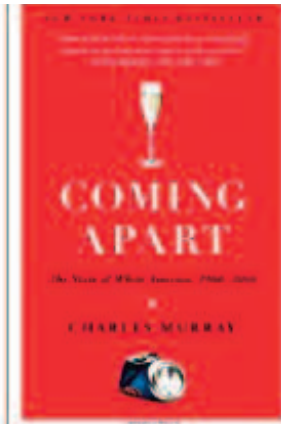
Murray writes: "If nothing else, I hope to convince you of this: The trends of the last half century do not represent just the passing of an outmoded way of life that I have identified with 'the American project.' Rather, the trends signify damage to the heart of American community and the ways in which the great majority of Americans pursue satisfying lives. The trends for the last half century matter a lot. Many of the best and most exceptional qualities of American culture cannot survive unless they are reversed" (p. 235).

Quoting Robert Putnam's (same last name as the Florida Agriculture Commissioner) book, *Bowling Alone* (2000), which he began to write about in 1995, Murray lists eleven parameters of civic decline, including, voting in presidential elections: down 22 percent from 1960 to 1996; worked for a political party: down 42 percent from 1973 to 1994; and served as an officer of some club or organization: down 42 percent from 1973 to 1994.

What is *happiness*? Murray distills it to "*Happiness consists of lasting and justified satisfaction with life as a whole.*" The source of satisfaction involves something important. The source of satisfaction has involved effort, probably over an extended period of time. Finally, Murray says, some level of personal responsibility for the outcome is essential. Everybody will have access to four domains for this happiness, but they may not use them all. The four domains are: Family, Vocation, Faith, and Community. These domains are analyzed.

Murray constructs two residential areas called Fishtown and Belmont. Fishtown is where everyone never got more education than high school. Belmont is where everyone went to college. Incomes are lower in Fishtown; higher in Belmont. He uses these two areas to compare accomplishments through resulting happiness. These areas are across the USA and they are creating new kinds of neighborhoods where people are mostly alike. These areas contain new classes of rich and poor, but the rich and poor are no longer in the same areas.

Murray compares life in Europe with life in the U.S., saying: "The purpose in life is to while away the time



Editor's Postscript

Trump/Russian Fusion Collusion, Delusion, Conclusion

By Tom Mullings

Like many Republicans at present, I'm a little dazed about all this Trump/Russian Collusion business that we've been bombarded with for over a year by the Dems and their drive-by media. This is no laughing matter, so let's get serious and try to make sense of these charges that most progressives and some never-Trumpers have insisted should be the basis of impeachment proceedings to remove the POTUS from the high office he stole during last year's presidential election.

To begin with, here's what we thought we knew, compliments of the bumbling Dems and their media lapdogs who've been screaming it to the rooftops of the Republic and beyond for as far back as our numbed minds can remember:

That Nazi-like POTUS of ours and his bigoted henchmen got together with the head Rooskie himself, Vlad the Impaler, behind closed Trump Tower doors in a colossal collusion cabal that illegally snatched last year's presidential election away from Hillary Clinton. The degree of hatred and vitriol with which they pursued this story filled their supporters with such self-righteous anger that they are now calling for the impeachment of the POTUS in order to right the shamefully imbalanced scales of American justice.

But alas, all these many months later, we're beginning to learn that the Trump colossal Collusion cabal, didn't quite occur the way the Dems and their media darlings have been telling us it did. They seem to have been accurate about one thing, however. There was definitely collusion going on in last year's election alright, it just wasn't Trump and company doing the colluding. It was the Obama Administration, Hillary, Debbie Wasserman Schultz and the DNC who'd

hired the company Fusion GPS to manufacture this collusion delusion confusion.

Man, this stuff has been so bewildering that many of us have for over a year been filled with not only confusion but much illusion about all this collusion delusion by fusion. But happily we seem to be slowly but surely arriving at a just and much needed conclusion. And who, you may ask has ridden to our rescue from all this confusion over the collusion, delusion, by fusion? Well, one of them has been none other than the former head of the DNC herself, Donna Brazille, who claims in her soon-to-be released book that actually it was Hillary and the DNC who were colluding to rig the election with Russian help and undermine the very democratic process itself. If that's not proof enough for the most stalwart of doubting thomases, Sen. Elizabeth "Pocahontis" Warren agreed, echoing Brazille's Clinton/DNC "collusion" charge for the cameras, the only thing missing from her presentation being her head band, eagle feather and moccasins. I have it on good authority that one of the main victims in all this collusion confusion, Sen. Bernie Sanders, is chafing at the bit to weigh in on these latest developments, but has taken his beloved wife on a second honeymoon to Moscow in order to recapture some of the revolutionary spirit of their youth, and cannot be reached for comment for the foreseeable future.

In closing, let's see if we can bring some much-needed relief to the recently-diagnosed collusion, conFUSION, delusion syndrome that so many of us are suffering from these days. First this from the *Washington Times* to help give us further context that might aid in our search for remedies. "Fourteen days before President Trump took the oath of office, the Obama administration's intelligence chiefs made public a unanimous assessment claiming Russian operatives, under orders from President Putin had orchestrated an influence campaign to help Trump win the presidential contest. The CIA, FBI, and NSA challenged the legitimacy of a U.S. presidential victory. The conclusions in the Jan. 6 document were sharp, [but raised] questions about the basis for the evidence and motives of the Obama appointees [Brennan, Comey, Clapper, Michael Rogers] leading the nation's intelligence and law enforcement agen-



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cies. But the document’s core conclusion looks increasingly weak in hindsight. Both Democrats and Republicans now say that Russian efforts were intended not to elect Mr. Trump but to sow chaos in American politics no matter who emerged as the victor.”

So stay tuned, and no smiling please. This is serious stuff the Dems and their drive-bys have been trying to convince us Americans of for months—so serious, in fact, they just

might get a daytime soap out of it, so let me suggest a title. How about: *As the Fusion Collusion Delusion Illusion World Turns?*

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between birth and death as pleasantly as possible, and the purpose of government is to make it as easy as possible to while away the time as pleasantly as possible—the European Syndrome” (p. 284). But the American project is all “about providing the best possible framework for raising a family, supporting yourself, being a good friend and a good neighbor, learning what you can do well and then doing it as well as you can” (p. 284).

Murray says the finances of the welfare state will be considered ridiculous in the next couple of decades. He asks, “how can support be provided in a way that leaves people responsible for the consequences of their actions?—but that question has an answer, as I try to persuade my readers in *In Our Hands*” (p. 302).

In the acknowledgement chapter, Murray says: “. . . The framework created by the American founders, stripped of its acceptance of slavery, is the best possible way to enable people of all kinds to pursue happiness.” Now, ask yourself why college students would not want to hear this message. You may be correct in assuming some evil forces are trying to plant seeds of destruction.

Family, Vocation, Faith and Community are not as high on the list of recommendations of those evil forces as they were in the minds of this nation’s founders.

—William J. Skinner, Sept. 28, 2017



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

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2. Attend REC Meetings
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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.

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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 #

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