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DACA

*By Sid Dinerstein
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Ronald Reagan got it wrong! President Reagan promised us in 1986 that if we gave amnesty to illegal immigrants one time we would never worry about that issue again. The bill was called the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, also known as the Simpson-Mazzoli Act. Basically this law knowingly provided amnesty for up to four million (mostly Latin) illegals in exchange for setting up rigid employment barriers to deter future illegals. (My own company did a lot of hiring at that time. And every one of those mostly American born, young Northern New Jersey Catholic women had to prove their citizenship before we hired them.) But President Reagan missed two major points. The first is the Dinerstein Iron Law of Immigration: “Amnesty Begets Illegals.” So while North America was hearing: “no more illegals,” Latin America was hearing: “Amnesty today. Amnesty tomorrow.” The second major point that President Reagan missed was: Barack Obama.

President Obama was different. He was the first American President who had open contempt for our Founding Fathers, our Constitution, and our “exceptionalism.” He had a first-rate political mind. He knew that no Democrat President could ever be impeached. He knew that a Democrat President could have sex in the Oval Office, lie about it under oath and not get a single House or Senate Democrat to vote for Impeachment. He had nothing to lose. He also knew that the Democrat Party was hemorrhaging voters, like the families of my Catholic employees, and if the Democrats were to keep winning they would have to import new voters—their kind of voters, poorly educated, low skilled, Socialist by birth, and with little or no sense of American “exceptionalism.”

For a while President Obama would remind the public that that he is not a king and comprehensive immigration reform is a topic for Congress, a place the Democrats had overwhelming control of during President Obama’s first two years. Then he changed his mind, personally deciding that “it’s good to be

the king,” as the Disney people taught us, and he could grant future citizenship to everyone he wanted. Voila: DACA—the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. With a stroke of one pen President Obama gave us a reported 800,000 future citizens, presumably Democrats, while being cheered on by congressional Democrats who were thrilled to give up their Constitutional prerogatives for such a “kingly” act.



The DACA spin was that these future citizens were brought or sent to our country by their parents and are here through no fault of their own. The reality? Not exactly. The average “Dreamer” is twenty-three years old. The oldest? Thirty-six. When the program was enacted in 2012 the age limit wasn’t 16 or 18 or even 21. It was 31! Dream on.

But President Obama also miscalculated. He never thought Donald Trump would be the next President. But with Hilary promising to end all the energy jobs and Trump promising to end illegal immigration, President Obama’s executive orders started looking like very thin gruel. It remains to be seen how much immigration reform comes to pass. Will we ever get the wall? Who knows. But we do know that illegal immigration is down 70 percent, gang arrests are up, and voter fraud is being taken seriously. And mostly we know that immigration reform will be taken up by Congress, and if something happens it will because Congress passed it and the President signed it. Our Constitution is a beautiful thing.

So what should the legislation do for the Dreamers? As little as possible. And here’s why:

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1. Because “Amnesty Begets Illegals.” The more amnesty the greater the future illegal surge.
2. Because illegals are often victims of the human trafficking industry, coyotes extorting large sums of money from their families.
3. Because people die on the way North.
4. Because the sole purpose is to add Democrats.
5. Because there are law-abiding people in Latin America who actually registered at our embassies to be LEGAL immigrants. They should come first.
6. Because illegals commit crimes at an above average rate. I know because we are not allowed to report crime by citizenship status. If illegals were less likely to commit

crimes we would always report by citizenship status and it would be on page 1.

7. Because any amnesty will be greatly expanded by the next Democrat President. Citizenship for all, not just Dreamers. President Obama “accidentally” put tens of thousands of illegals on a supposedly non-existent path to citizenship.
8. Because illegal immigration breaks up families, leaving some behind while the younger males are sent North. Keep them united in their homeland.
9. Because, last but not most important, the Constitution of the United States of America is the law of the land. President Obama’s open contempt for our rule of law is a sin for which he should never be forgiven.

Let the legislating begin. I’ll be back!

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Special Honor Flight To Washington, D.C.

By Tom Mullings

Last Saturday morning I got up at 2:30 AM, showered and drove to pick up Mr. Burton Tucker, a Korean War-era veteran, at his assisted living apartment not far from my home in Boca Raton. I drove him to the airport in Ft. Lauderdale, where we were scheduled to catch an early morning flight to Washington, D.C. This was a special Honor Flight to take Mr. Burton to the Nation's Capital to honor him for his service to our country. It was a last hurrah for these special veterans of the "Greatest Generation" and I am very proud to have served one these wonderful sailors, soldiers, airman and marines whose bravery against tyranny knew no bounds.

This flight was designated as "special" because it was only the second flight whose "Elite" guardians were all invited Vietnam Veterans, and I was one of them.

There were around 150 of us on the flight, so the plane was packed and all of us were in good cheer and filled with excitement in anticipation of the day in Washington, despite the fact that none of us had gotten much sleep during the preceding night. We landed at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, and buses took us to D.C. Our first stop was to see the Changing of the Guard at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, and it was quite an experience. Inexplicably, despite being born in D.C., growing up in the metropolitan area, and having a grandfather buried at Arlington Cemetery, I had never wit-

nessed the solemn ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and it was truly a wonderful event that all should experience if ever they get the chance. There was a large crowd on hand to see the ceremony when we arrived, but we "elite guardians" were directed to wheel our "Honor Chairs" with our revered vets into the front row of onlookers. The military contingent who guarded the tomb are a special group unto themselves. Their physical appearance and the way they carried themselves strongly suggested the extreme care that went into the process of selection for these special jobs, and one felt a sense of awe at the precision and reverence that was required in their assignments. These disciplined members of our military are not permitted to overtly acknowledge or speak to those of us who come to see them perform their sacred duties, but they have a subtle way of honoring those who have served our nation in war. As they passed by us, they scuffed their feet on the pavement in salute, and I quietly pointed this out to Mr. Tucker.

Arlington Cemetery in Virginia is such a special place. Directly across from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier are the graves of WW II Medal of Honor recipient Audie Murphy and the crew of the Space Shuttle Challenger. Many of the nation's military heroes are buried there as well, and the place is truly hallowed American ground.

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Me and Burton Tucker visiting the Korean War Memorial.

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From Arlington, the buses took us to our last stop on the Mall in downtown Washington, where we spent several hours touring the WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Memorials. There to meet us and spend the rest of the day with Mr. Tucker and I were my two brothers, Gary and Mark, who live in suburban Maryland.

As I said, I was born in D.C., so I've been to the three war memorials many times, but still I took great pleasure in watching Mr. Tucker's reaction upon seeing the Korean War Memorial. It indeed has to be a most impressive sight, especially for vets of that era in American history. Try to picture in your mind the following: Larger than life-size, realistically-rendered sculptures of a squad of American infantry on patrol with their M-1 and Browning Automatic Rifles, walking among well-cropped juniper bushes that stay green throughout the year. Overlooking this most impressive sight is an equally impressive wall with scenes from the war popping out of the dark, highly polished surface like ghosts from the conflict telling their story to passing visitors.

On the plane on the way back to South Florida, the Honor Flight organizers had a most appropriate treat for us, and I want to thank my wife, Cheryl, who helped make this such a welcomed end to a wonderful day. Each of us, Honored Vets and Elite Guardians alike, got their fair share of letters in the "Mail Call" that ensued, and I'm sure all involved took delight in the reading.

As we taxied from the runway after landing in Fort Lauderdale, fire trucks lined up to douse our passing plane



My brother Mark joined us at the Mall.

with spray from their water cannons in salute, a fitting ending to a wonderful day to honor a special generation of Americans to whom we owe so much.

In closing I'd just like to express my gratitude to Mr. Burton Tucker for affording me the honor of serving him during his special day in our Nation's Capitol. I salute you, Sir, for your service our country and for setting such a fine example for all of us to follow.



World War II and Korean War Veterans with their Vietnam Veteran Elite Guardians visiting the World War II Memorial.

Talking Points: **Puerto Rico—Another False Narrative by the Press**

By Larry P. Horist

Another false narrative, this time about U.S. support to Puerto Rico.

(First a necessary disclaimer. I have been long critical of the Trump personality and there are policies and actions with which I do not agree. However, every time I wish to cover those matters, the left-wing press does something so outrageous, dishonest, biased and unethical that it takes precedence over my desire to take up those other issues. And here we go again.)

Watching the various news outlets, one can see the latest anti-Trump false narrative being rolled out strategically by the east coast media enterprises. Never in all the decades that I have followed the news as a professional requirement have I witnessed a more pronounced, prolonged and provocative display of partisan bias. Any event of the day that can be twisted and amplified into a negative narrative dominates the reporting hour after hour. If you turn to CNN or MSNBC at any time, the odds are you will tune into a negative story about the President.

Just as Trump has a hardcore base that endorses his every action and statement, you can rest assured that the left wing media has a hardcore base that eagerly awaits their latest manipulated media attacks on the President like hungry chicklings awaiting the next delivery of regurgitated gruel from the mouth of the parent. Fortunately, the low ratings of these shows (which are never considered reportable news) suggest that the broader public is not as gullible as they might believe.

The latest false narrative has to do with the relief effort for Puerto Rico in the wake of hurricane Maria. Make no mistake, the storyline was in the can, as they say, even as the raging winds were still demolishing much of the island nation's hold on civilization. The narrative was first presented as an ominous movie like teaser: "Is Maria and Puerto Rico Trump's Katrina?" These words simultaneously emanated from the lips of hosts, panelists and partisan pundits across the port bearing media even before any facts were known. This was to be the narrative to be advanced—facts be damned.

It would seem that the media saw this as their desperate last chance to smear the Trump administration over disaster handling—especially in view of the high praise federal officials, including the President, received in the aftermath of Harvey and Irma.

The federal response was so effective for Harvey and Irma that the Trump-hating media was left reporting (erroneously) about the First Lady's footwear when visiting the Harvey devastation and the timing of President Trump's visit to the disaster zones. In the latter case, he was criticized for allegedly interfering with relief efforts by even

going and criticized for not going soon enough.

To sell a bogus narrative on Puerto Rico, CNN and MSMBC had to go beyond the gray boundaries of biased news coverage to outright propaganda peddling. I do not use that term loosely or gratuitously but by accepted definition. The first definition of propaganda is, "information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote or publicize a particular political cause or point of view." That is exactly what is produced by the east coast establishment media every day.

As a backdrop, we have to understand that this is the third catastrophic hurricane to hit American soil in less than one month—placing unprecedented strains on both public and private sector American relief resources. In terms of destructive havoc, Maria bested her earlier siblings. Further complicating relief efforts was the fact that Puerto Rico is an island, making ingress and egress much more difficult. Still, the Trump administration and the nation rose to the challenge in both pre-hurricane preparation and post-hurricane relief.

Despite these malicious efforts to negatively mischaracterize the response, the Trump administration was initially praised for its response. To the east coast elite member of the Fourth Estate, this could not be allowed to happen a third time. To prevent that, they unleashed every sleazy reporting tactic available in the bowels of their reporting arsenals. They mislead by selective use of exaggerated information or simply lied by implication. They presented panelist and political sycophants who made misleading and often totally false statements.

They reported the heart-wrenching stories of Maria victims saying that they were not getting the relief they needed as quickly as they needed it. Of course they were not. It would have been totally impossible to get all they needed instantly. There will be levels of deprivation for many months. In these interviews, the media mavens in New York were shamelessly using and abusing these misfortune people to produce political propaganda.

The morning line-up of Allison and Chris on CNN and Mika and Joe on MSNBC were the four horsemen for the Trump political apocalypse narrative—basing their reports on preconceived prejudices. They criticized Trump for not enabling more ships to reach the devastated island, ignoring



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the fact that destruction to port facilities limited the number of ships that could go in and out. They ignored the fact that without power, the relief cargo had to be off-loaded by hand. They criticized Trump for not waving the 1922 Jones Act—a law that limits foreign ships from transferring goods between U.S. ports—even though the Puerto Rican ports could not handle more ships at the time. They kept reporting how thousands of containers were awaiting offshore without explaining the fact that those containers did not carry relief supplies, but commercial products such as television sets. They persisted in their false reports even after relief officials explained the facts.

Out of thin air, they postulated that more relief workers should have been sent sooner. Think of the illogic of prematurely sending more and more people into a situation where there is already insufficient food, water, toilets, gasoline or medical supplies.

They claimed that the military should have been sent in sooner, ignoring the fact the military was on the scene even before Maria unleashed her fury. The assigning of Army General Jeff Buchanan nine days after Maria was not a delayed response but the normal procedure as the land-based Army took over from the sea-based Navy. Although this was specifically explained by Buchanan in a morning interview, the false interpretation continued to spread throughout the media. In other words, the reports of slow military response were , , , shall we say . . . fake news.

Flipping from channel to channel throughout several days, one would come to believe that the script for every host and panelist was penned by the same author. In one instance a talking head on one show literally completed the sentence begun on a previous channel.

In their eagerness to attack the President, the news media were more than willing to misrepresent and malign the outstanding services of the many government agencies and private relief organizations that were doing a remarkable job in the face of unprecedented challenges.

Perhaps the nadir of media shamelessness is seen in their effort to intertwine the Puerto Rican false narrative with the larger false narrative of Oval Office racism.

Rather than plagiarize his good work, I would like to devote a portion of my commentary to a well-written editorial in the Washington Times by my longtime friend, David Keene, the newspaper's editor-at-large. He wrote:

There are folks who will believe almost anything negative about the current administration, but to relive their past success, liberals are simply lying. The administration's response to the humanitarian crisis that struck Puerto Rico has been quick and massive. Within days, FEMA and the Defense Department had more than 10,000 logistics experts on the island, supplies and food were being flown in, and mainland experts were working to re-establish communications with areas cut off by the storm.



David included a virtually unreported quote from the New Progressive Party (Democrat) Governor Ricardo Rossello, who said “We are very grateful for the administration. They have responded quickly. The president has been very attentive to the situation, personally calling me several times. FEMA and the FEMA director have been here in Puerto Rico twice. As a matter of fact, they were here with us today, making sure that all the resources in FEMA were working in conjunction with the central government. We have been working together. We have been getting results.”

San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulín Cruz, who was goaded into a sideshow squabble with Trump by CNN, was initially effusive in her praise for the work of FEMA and the military. In fact, even in the midst of tempest over tweets, she remained complimentary of the work of the administration officials—a segment of her interview that was dropped from reports that only focused on her solicited criticism of the President.

Fortunately, this latest media false narrative will likely flutter and fade as the facts of the recovery flow in—just as such past concocted narratives did in the past. As in Harvey and Irma, the federal response has been outstanding. The progress in restoring electricity and water has been faster than predicted. Supplies are being shipped in on a massive scale.

In bygone days, such slanted reporting was called “yellow journalism.” It is a term that is not heard very much today—but perhaps it needs to be resurrected as an appropriate appellation for what the east coast media folks currently call news.

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Repeal Taxes and Regulations—Not NAFTA

By George Blumel

As I write this in the last week of September, the U.S. is in renegotiation of the North American Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with Canada and Mexico. Candidate Donald Trump said that NAFTA was “*the worst trade deal maybe ever signed anywhere.*”

Apparently, he got that idea by noticing that many companies were buying from Mexico and Canada instead of manufacturing and assembling here in the U.S. He did not get it from the details and actual results of the trade agreement which has been highly beneficial to all three countries.

NAFTA has given a boost to our economy. The Heritage Foundation reports that since it took effect in 1994, U.S. manufacturing output has risen by more than 80 percent and 30 million new jobs created.

President Trump has had to modify his approach to NAFTA as he learned more about it. His superficial assumption that a trade deficit with another country meant we were losers was clarified and discounted by his advisors, top economists Steve Moore and Larry Kudlow, et al. And from the father of modern economics:

“Nothing, however, can be more absurd than this whole doctrine of the balance of trade. When two places trade with one another, this doctrine supposes that, if the balance be even, neither of them either loses or gains; but if it leans in any degree to one side, that one of them loses and the other gains in proportion to its declension from the exact equilibrium. Both suppositions are false. Trade which, without force or constraint, is naturally and regularly carried on between any two places is always advantageous.” —Adam Smith

Bryan Riley, The Heritage Foundation’s trade expert, wrote, “. . . in international commerce, the United States will have deficits in some areas and surpluses in others. But one thing is certain. When all transactions—including investment flows—are accounted for, U.S. transactions with Canada and Mexico balance. There is no deficit.”

When NAFTA took effect in 1994, it created a more open playing field among the partners who were no longer incumbered by as many tariffs. Today, agricultural goods and manufactured products flow fairly freely across the borders amounting to over \$1 trillion a year. It is the second-largest trade bloc in the world, second only to the European Union.

When politicians are involved in the negotiations, there are imperfections. The Teamsters had to get their favors in the pact and Big Sugar got protections along with other “deals” for favored groups. There are exceptions for protectionist measures for each of the partners. On balance, however,

NAFTA is highly beneficial to all three countries but it can be improved and updated. Renegotiation is an opportunity to eliminate the protectionist barriers and address services markets which were not anticipated at the time—like the barriers in telecommunications and online trade.



President Trump is taking the serious steps necessary to make our manufacturers more competitive in the global economy by slashing regulations and red tape. Onerous counter-productive bureaucratic regulations are impeding growth. Look at the Environmental Protection Agency’s ridiculous mandates. It takes years to get a simple approval to build a project given their elaborate, so-called, “impact studies.”

Then there’s the high—and complicated—tax burden impeding growth. Trump has called for a reduction in the corporate rate from the highest in the world to a more competitive figure. And he has pushed for a reduction (why not elimination?) of the unfair tax on profits earned in other countries for which taxes were already paid in those jurisdictions—from 35% to 15%. That represents trillions of dollars that would be reinvested here to invigorate our economy.

The worst single characteristic of our federal government that stifles the economy and limits our liberty is its massive size. It’s numerous departments, agencies, grants, uncontrolled welfare get in the way of private sector growth. And much of it is clearly unconstitutional. For example, why is there a federal Department of Education? Where is it authorized in the constitution? Under the Commerce Clause? Really?! All three parts of our federal government ignore, to some degree, the 10th Amendment in the growth of the Leviathan.

We can agree with the president and (most of) the Republicans in Congress that lower taxes and fewer regulations are desperately needed. How about less spending? In our home and business budgets those two—income and spending—must be balanced but not in fedgov! Spending reform is largely stifled by careerists in government, especially in congress. What to do about them?

Surprise—we limit their terms! The process for accomplishing same is provided for in **Article V of the U.S. Constitution**. There are two active organizations on the case: please check sites for details www.TermLimits.org and www.conventionofstates.com/.

Article V offers two methods to propose amendments to the Constitution:

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Politically Correct “Madness”

By Alan Bergstein
October 3, 2017

A street in the Manhattan Beach section of Brooklyn was named after an Austin Corbin who actually owned the area in the late 1800's and was a renowned anti-Semite who banned Jews from living there.

Like primitive man's obsession with a comet's trail streaking across the heavens, the madness of Political Correctness has captivated the attention of this country's progressives to the point that their mindless attempts to correct any social injustices they deem hurtful to them are perceived as absolutely necessary to retain our future existence as a nation. They are blinded by the need to clean house of all the memories of what they consider at any given moment as past hatred against a specified group. And the key is that they consider themselves the final judges on such matters.

So, let's take a gander at the madness now growing by leaps and bounds in South Florida's Broward County, an area of over 2,200 square miles, with a population of over 2 million and growing at more than 10 percent a year. It boasts the city of Fort Lauderdale, an international airport and ocean beaches to die for. Its namesake was a guy named Napoleon Bonaparte Broward, who served as the state's governor from 1905 to 1908. And that's the rub. Some of Gov. Broward's writings dating back to his years in office that called for blacks to have their own separate and independent nation within the United States were discovered in some ancient archive in September and now a growing movement has popped up to remove a statue of his that sits in front of the county's courthouse.

To throw a bit of fuel to the slowly simmering fire of political correctness, the black Mayor of County, Barbara Sharief, was quoted in the Sun-Sentinel as follows: “We need to decide as a community what we are going to do about these daily reminders of a painful history of segregation and repression.” She then added that she would be open to discussions about renaming the county if it's what people wanted to do. There you go! Pandora's box in Broward County has now been opened up. Just the thought of renaming countless buildings, changing maps, birth certificates, letterheads and a million other official



Austin Corbin

do-overs is absolutely mind boggling. Logic is not in this equation.

But this sort of lunacy has been evidenced in our own backyard. Going back about 10 years ago, it was discovered that Corbin Place, a street in the Manhattan Beach section of Brooklyn, was named after an Austin Corbin who actually owned the area in the late 1800's and was a renowned anti-Semite who banned Jews from living there. Manhattan Beach is now practically all Jewish with homes ranging in price upwards of over one million dollars on the street named for him. He also served as the Secretary of the American Society for the Suppression of Jews. The furor over changing the name of the street died out after the residents of that block found other things to worry about.

We call on all sane Americans to concentrate on keeping this nation together and to cease and desist from our mishigoss which seems to want to pull us apart and to have face offs pitting one race against another, ethnicity against ethnicity and class against class. Let's be proud of where we are and accept and protect the history of this great nation that provides us all with the liberty and freedom to speak our minds, even though we may sometimes appear to have lost the latter.

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1. Congress can propose amendments to the Constitution at any time if 2/3 of both houses of Congress agree.
2. A Convention of States can propose amendments if 2/3 of states submit applications for such a convention.

These applications must deal with the same issue.

U.S. Term Limits is a strict single-issue effort while the **Convention of States** defines the single issue more broadly as limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal government.

Hillary Clinton came out strongly against the efforts of these patriotic organizations to bypass Congress to effect reforms such as term limits and balanced budgets. I can't think of a stronger endorsement for these efforts than HILLIARY's opposition to them.

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We Must Preserve Our History

By *CS Bennett*

It is no surprise to me that the left is stirring the pot of hatred and defiance when it comes to subject matters related to American history. They cannot even be truthful about their own nefarious role in this country's perilous days when slavery reared its ugly head. So entwined is their involvement in the institution of slavery that they have set about erasing their handiwork in it. Generations from now, when the question is asked about their party's role in slavery, Democrats hope their party will be able to say, where's the proof of our involvement? There's nothing in the history books, or anything carved in stone statues to implicate us. So, where is your proof that we were involved?

Actually, Democrats started erasing their role in slavery, slowly and methodically, by taking over our educational system in the early 1900s. He who controls the message controls the masses, one must remember. Over time, they began to revise our history and their shameful place in it. On the Democrat Party's website, they boldly claim that they have been on the frontlines, the past 200 years, fighting for the rights of minorities and the downtrodden. At the very least, they are being disingenuous. At best, they are outright liars.

Here is the truth. Democrats have fought every Civil Rights bill Republicans authored and presented before the main body of Congress for a vote. They have also made it a point to define their opposition and in a bad light, meaning the Republican Party, who never fought back in modern times. Now they want to remove any statue that reminds people of the Confederacy and Southern Heritage, both terms synonymous with the worst of the Democrat Party, as it relates to that party's historical oppression of Blacks.

Their sudden outrage is one of intolerance, and more insidiously at its core, one of revisionism. When talking history, one must take the bad with the good. You cannot speak of Germany, or France, historically without mentioning, or referencing, Adolf Hitler or Napoleon Bonaparte. One cannot speak of the Bible without bringing up Satan. One cannot truly define the doctrine of Islam, without bringing up jihad, beheadings, the Crusades and religious oppression brought to others in the name of Islam.

Most Americans pass by these statues every day without giving them any thought. But suddenly, because a small group of revisionists want to tear them down, we must rid ourselves of that part of our history and American heritage. As a Black American, these statues were never a threat to me. If anything, a good write up about why these men were fighting, rather than just focusing on their military exploits, in the dark days of slavery, would have gone a long way in letting me, and others, learn who the real perpetrators of this social injustice truly were.

All of us have taken history courses at some time in our educational experience, but never once was I taught about the true oppressors (southern Democrats) of Blacks during



slavery or their liberators (Republicans). But then again, liberals have controlled the flow of information being taught and what was being taught, and their aim has always been to conceal, even erase, their role in slavery. It would have profited all Americans to have such statues remain, to include a write up, and a historical educational background about who were the good guys and who were the bad guys in all of this.

From the history classes I took in government-run schools, it was never defined, or established, about which political party supported slavery and what political party opposed. It is not even talked about. Black leaders are to blame, too. How can we talk about slavery and the Civil War during Black History Month and never mention the roles both parties played in it? And it is never mentioned that once liberated, the black community voted Republican.

Put this blatant omission back into the history classes and I grant you, children will begin to start looking at the Democrats with a better understanding of what it is that party stands for. People tend to make better choices, and decisions, when they have the best information at hand. Republicans are going to have to reclaim the educational system and restore truth to the curriculum. We do this, and we cripple the propaganda machine of the left big time. We are also in a better position to restore America to its greatness. . . .

As for the Democrats . . . they will have to answer for their sins. This was the party that wanted to remove God from their platform. This is the party that educated all the athletes you see kneeling during the Pledge of Allegiance. Yes, they will have to face the wrath of the Almighty for what they are trying to do to this president and this nation. Their downfall will continue in 2018, that I can assure you. And you will be instrumental in their demise if only you vote yes for freedom and no for socialism. Yes, let freedom ring. . . .

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News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County

Republican Club of the Palm Beaches Professor James Todd's Views on the Upcoming Supreme Court Term

By Fred Scheibl, September 28, 2017

The Supreme Court begins its next term on Monday, the thirteenth presided over by Chief Justice John Roberts. What can we expect?

Our speaker yesterday, **PBAU Professor James Todd**, who specializes in American governmental institutions and constitutional law, gave us his perspective.

Professor Todd listed the three areas that he is watching—the actions of new Justice Neil Gorsuch, a set of interesting cases they are likely to take up, and the possibility of resignations in the near future.

Justice Gorsuch, who took office in April and participated in the end of the last session has had an auspicious start. As promised by President Trump, he is very much in the mold of Antonin Scalia—a very conservative jurist. For those cases in which he participated, Judge Gorsuch staked out the most conservative positions, even going so far as to write his own opinion when he thought the majority did not go far enough.

On the travel ban case for example, while the court mostly removed the lower court injunction pending review in the fall, but modified the ban to allow for exceptions, Judge Gorsuch (along with Clarence Thomas) opined that the executive was not to be second guessed by the judiciary on matters of national security. He also strongly affirmed the principal of religious liberty in the Missouri playground case—where a religious school was denied government funding for safety improvements by a lower court. The upcoming session should be interesting to watch.

Upcoming cases that Professor Todd thought would be addressed by the court include:

- **The revised travel ban**, after it makes its way through the lower court challenges. (The October hearing was canceled since the original ban ended and a modified one has been introduced that addresses some of the initial objections).

- **Partisan gerrymandering**—do partisan state legislatures have the right to define districts so as to advantage a particular party. He expects that the court may conclude that there is no constitutional issue here—it is all politics and should be addressed at the ballot box rather than the courtroom.

- **The Colorado “wedding cake” case**—does religious liberty allow a baker to refuse to make a cake for a gay wedding when in conflict with local anti-discrimination laws. The justice to watch in this case is Anthony Kennedy, who has typically been supportive of gay rights in other cases.

- **Gender segregated bathrooms**

- **The Maryland AR-15 ban**

- **The right to privacy in cell phone records.** The court has already decided that a warrant is needed to search the contents of a cell phone, but not the records maintained by the carrier.

Should school boards be allowed to have a prayer at their meetings? Although the courts have ruled that governmental bodies (eg. city councils) may include a prayer, this issue turns on whether a school board is special because it is part of a school system (where prayer is precluded).

On the issue of retirements, Professor Todd lists the most likely in order as Anthony Kennedy (coming up on his 30th anniversary next year), Ruth Bader Ginsberg (at 84, the oldest justice, but would be loath to let Donald Trump pick her successor), Clarence Thomas, and Steven Breyer.

Please join us for the next meeting on October 25 for Daniel Peterson, Director of the Center for Property Rights of the James Madison Institute.



Republican Federated Women of South Florida Welcomed Cmdr. Kenneth Bingham on September 28

The Republican Federated Women of South Florida welcomed **Cmdr. Kenneth Bingham** (U.S. Navy, Ret.) at their September 28 meeting. Cmdr. Bingham had a 22-year career as a Navy fighter pilot flying the F-4 and F-14, and after retiring from the Navy he started a second career, and established the Boca Raton Community High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. The Unit has earned hundreds of awards, including two national championships. After retiring for a second time, he became a yoga instructor for Connected Warriors, whose mission is “to support, improve, and facilitate the well-being of veterans, service members, and their families in communities nationwide and overseas by providing Trauma-Conscious Yoga Therapy at no charge.”

Please join the RFW of South Florida at their October 26 meeting, with special guest **Karen Giorno**, a senior advisor to the Trump campaign.



Letters

Culpability Re-examined

By Robert Dubman
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culpable: meriting condemnation or blame

If Black Lives Matter is targeting its message to white America, it is sorely misdirected. The statistics of violence against African Americans by white America is dwarfed compared to black violence against African Americans. If those facts are taken into account, what else can be used to justify the anger, hate and violence that is being witnessed? Perhaps it is the history of slavery that is so commonly resurrected by certain blacks and guilt ridden progressive whites to support their agenda. If so, that is an issue that needs to be explored!

Slavery in America was the result of a for-profit slave trade fostered by white ship owners. Overlooked is the source of those slaves?

History does not record white Americans going to Africa to war on Africans for the purpose of capturing prisoners for use as slaves. Fundamental to the slave trade, and without which it could not have existed, were black Africans (and sometimes Arabs) who held out their fellow blacks as slaves for selling to slave traders.

Abhorrent as was the slave trade and its consequence (slavery in America), the initiation of American slavery must be laid directly to black Africans against their own. Absent black African participation, slavery could not have gotten a toehold in America. However, having knowledge of that history does not excuse slavery. What it does is to acknowledge the fact that American slavery was not one sided, and that it is now high time to end the non-productive habit of assigning guilt to one side.

Current biased racial anger is especially egregious when based upon guilt insinuations that are attributed to present-day society, i.e., a society, white or black, who had no involvement in slavery. Using historical guilt of generations long past only serves to divide Americans from each other. Every generation, as it matures, needs to accept its own responsibility for the society to which it aspires.

If historical events are to be used to justify current anger, such an examination of history must include black African culpability in the practice of slavery as the foundation for slavery in America. Groups who continue to resurrect and dwell in the past carry a hate burden that should be marginalized and not be imposed on those who want to live in an inclusive American society.

Finally, let it be remembered that slavery in America did not end spontaneously. How many Black Lives Matter protestors are aware that more than 250,000 white families lost their sons in ridding America of slavery?

Lobsterfest Article in Newsletter

From: Barbara Rosenzweig
To: Tom Mullings

Tom, I have to tell you that I thought the event at the Polo Club was just terrific, but I did not appreciate opening the newsletter and finding the top picture to be Adam Putnam. I am waiting for Ron De Santis to declare his candidacy for governor, which everyone seems to know is coming, so I didn't appreciate your pushing Adam Putnam for governor by placing his picture at the top of the newsletter.

From: Tom Mullings
To: Barbara Rosenzweig

Hello Barbara,

Thank you for your letter and I respect your opinion, but you're mistaken. The placement of Adam's picture on the front page of the lead story was not meant as an endorsement for governor and I disagree that its placement there make it appear that that is the case as you suggest. I am far from deciding who I favor for governor at this point. For one thing it's much too early and there may be others who throw their hats into the ring. By the way you may favor De Santis for the job, but even though speculation has it that he will be a candidate, he has not officially announced.

Secondly, your criticism makes me wonder if you read the lead story. The whole thrust of the piece was my observation that James O'Keefe stole the limelight from the politicians at Lobsterfest and I'm convinced that was the case. In the piece I didn't endorse anybody for governor or even mention that Putnam was running.

By the way, I've always admired Congressman De Santis and may yet vote for him to be our next governor.

Sincerely,
Tom

From: Barbara Rosenzweig
To: Tom Mullings

Tom, you are right. I didn't read the article because I went to lobsterfest and I agree with you completely that James O'Keefe was absolutely outstanding. I have been looking forward to the release of his video he was talking about but don't know where it will play with youtube filtering out anything they don't like. Keep me and everyone informed if you discover when and where it will show.

I just don't like Adam Putnam, and I haven't liked him for a few years. I like Ron De Santis a lot and I really hope he will run. Putnam and his crew are working hard to stop him.

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Exposing Super Voters

By William J. Skinner
October 6, 2017

Concerned Voter: The following document will update the status of *ACRU v. Snipes*, a federal case to get Snipes to clean the voter registration files in Broward County. If it works there, perhaps it will remind other Florida Supervisors of Election to follow federal and Florida law and clean up all of the files in the other 66 counties.

This case is a massive undertaking for the American Civil Rights Union (ACRU) and the Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF). There are costs involved for depositions and transcripts. There are costs involved for the preparation of motions and responses. There are costs for paying lawyers.

There are many issues worthy of support. Protecting the integrity of the vote is high on my list. An illegal vote cancels your vote! If we do not protect the vote there is not much reason to protect gun rights, property rights, or anything else. The rule of law will soon be gone if we let this case starve and die.

Fortunately, both ACRU and PILF are 501(c)3 organizations and donors can deduct contributions as charitable giving on your 1040 filing with IRS. I am giving you their actual office addresses (not their fundraising office where checks are listed for deposit and nobody reads the mail) and websites if you want to give them some help.

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Exposing Super Voters

Who are the super voters? What kind of people are they? What makes them different from regular voters? Should they be exposed for what they do? Should they be protected and used as examples of how to vote more efficiently for their favorite candidates or constitutional referendums? After all, is it not more efficient to take advantage of voting for your candidate in two or three states rather than in just one? Elections come and go, but the candidates get older and not all keep running, so how do super voters make the most of each election?

This short memo will describe the problem, tell you a little about what has been done to correct the problem, what the impediments are to getting the legislature and courts involved, and propose a new angle for stopping this assault on basic political speech and voting procedures in our republican democracy as was intended by the founders of the USA.

The Problem

I have been following super voters registered in New York State and in Florida since 2006. I have reported many of these people to Florida Supervisors of Election in South

Florida. To my knowledge no SOE has removed any super voter from the Florida voter rolls in South Florida. Likewise, no super voter has been prosecuted in South Florida for voting the same election in New York and Florida or in New Jersey and Florida. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has not confirmed by investigation whether or not each of the super voters I have reported actually voted in two states when these were referred to the agency by the Florida Division of Elections.



Certainly these multi-state voters must be considered super voters. These people show up on the voter rolls in two states as being registered to vote by first name, middle initial or name, last name and birthdate. When the same person is on the New York or New Jersey (any other state as well) voter rolls and the Florida voter rolls, this makes them a super voter, especially if they exercised their vote in both states in the same election. Even if in a different kind of election, say a city election in New York and a state-wide election in Florida, they have likely committed a crime of “false swearing” in Florida, because they voted in New York and Florida, swearing to both states that they reside in one or the other of these states.

I have never seen a voter registration form that allows the signer to state he/she lives in both states simultaneously. I have never seen a voter registration that says the voter can be registered in more than one state just in case he/she misses one election they can always vote in the second or third state.

Super voters are people who do everything possible to elect their candidate. They believe they are entitled to register and vote more than once in the same election. They do not often brag about this, but their pride gets the best of them sometimes. Two examples: 1) after I exposed 60 two-state voters in 2006, a former mayor of a city in Palm Beach County telephoned me to thank me for exposing these voters. He told me he was at his community pool and overheard three guys bragging to each other about voting in two and three states; and 2) a person attending a political fund raiser party in 2016 in Palm Beach County told me a fellow was bragging about being registered in two states and who stated it was perfectly legal, because he was an expert, to be registered in more than one place, as long as you did not vote in more than one place. He was one of the “just-in-case” he forgot to vote guys.

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What Has Been Done

Ten years ago, the Palm Beach County SOE would not move against multi-state voters, except to refer the complaints to the State Attorney. Ten years ago, the FDLE would not fully investigate reported cases of multi-state voters, and told the filer of the complaints one excuse and told the *Palm Beach Post* reporter a different story. I had to ask FDLE to complete giving the information it claimed to have given the State Attorney in another Public Document Request. Ten years ago, the Palm Beach County State Attorney ruled that the 2006 election the New York/Florida dually registered voters did not vote for the same candidates in both states and declined prosecution of anything, including false swearing. Other State Attorneys in Florida did and do prosecute voters for false swearing.

In the 2016 elections, I worked with a computer database expert to develop lists of NY/FL registered voters in the Presidential Primary and General Elections. New York was not able to develop its voting lists for a couple of months after the primary election (some counties had not entered the voting histories on time, but the state still was able to report the state winners; how this could be is not understood) and this prevented us from preparing the voting lists until August.

Our voter roll comparisons were Emailed in August 2016 with a letter forming the basis of a Public Documents Request to provide a copy of any report developed utilizing the two lists that were sent. This time the two files were sent to multiple Email addresses at each of the SOEs for Broward County, Miami-Dade County, and Palm Beach County. Only Palm Beach County acknowledged receipt of the Email and two Excel files. One Excel file contained more than 21,000 names and addresses of individual registered voters in the three South Florida Counties. The second file contained the names and addresses of those who voted in both elections. These files contained other identifying information, but no social security numbers or driver license numbers were in the lists when provided by NY/FL election offices.

A second Email was sent in September 2016 to the three SOEs asking if they received the August Email and whether they got the attached files. Again, Palm Beach County responded in a few days; Broward and Miami-Dade did not. Remember, multiple Email addresses for each county were used.

The General Election came and you know the result. In January 2017, I read in the *Palm Beach Post* that Susan Bucher had received a list of New York registered voters and had looked at it. Bucher had not at that point provided any reports she may have developed with the information provided in August and offered again in September. We also encountered another delay in the New York Elections Office being able to send us a list of registered voters with voting history of the General election because two counties were not supplying their voting histories. The election was eventually certified with ball point changes.

But the *Post* article prompted me to send a third Email to the South Florida SOEs. This time I included the text of F.S. 98.075 which in summary says if the SOE does not use the data it received from several sources and “other sources” to clean the voter rolls, that the Florida Division of Elections can use the data to clean the rolls. Then the statute provides for several categories of criminal violations by the SOE for not doing the voter roll cleaning.

Again, a response was received from Palm Beach County. This time an automatic computer response was received from Miami-Dade, but that was never acknowledged with a file number assignment as the automatic response promised. Broward County SOE office finally woke up and telephone me. But by late 2016, I learned that the American Civil Rights Union had filed a voter rolls cleaning lawsuit in Federal Court against Brenda Snipes and I had offered the data and testimony to them if they wanted it.

At no time up to September 23, 2017 had any of the South Florida SOEs told me they used the data for any reports.

Impediments to Legislative and Court Actions

The legislature did amend the election laws after the 2006 effort to specify more duties to the SOEs. Several federal court decisions were working their way through the District and Circuit Courts. But legislative changes were made to the laws of cleaning voter registration laws. SOEs were given easy to read, easy to understand instructions or face the consequences, but by 2016 they seemed to have not seen these or acted on them.

ACRU v Snipes was filed in the Southern District of Florida in June 2016. It is expected to be completed, including motions for costs and attorneys’ fees, sometime in the summer or spring of 2018, about a 22 to 24 months gestation period. The trial transcripts were filed with the Court on September 20, 2017 and the attorneys in that case have to file proposed Conclusions of Fact and Law over the next few weeks. Then the Court will take some time to conclude its orders. Then appeals. On and on.

Since Federal elections are every 24 months in November, any court resolution of voter roll cleaning must be started 36 to 48 months earlier in order to affect a targeted election. This court time is an entirely unreasonable length of time and a real impediment to clean elections.

A New Angle to Stop Super Voters

What this new proposal does is open the input to SOE offices from the average voter, an honest participant who paid attention in high school civics class or American history class, who knows the basic voting rights and wants to help. It multiplies the reporting of double voters to SOE offices, puts the onus of taking court action on the super voter, makes the super voter personally responsible for accepting their selfish position of voting in more than one state, and builds a case against the SOEs for not following

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state law to ascertain what the multi-voter did and why they did it before deciding whether or not to remove those super voters from the voter rolls.

Basic Idea

Start with citizen activist researchers developing a list of two state registered voters and a list of those registered voters who voted in two states in the same election. There can be variants of this depending on what the researchers want to expose. Next place the two lists on a website for download and research by anyone invited to use the lists. The website would include instructions about what to report to SOEs, the contact information about how to tell the SOE about the super voters, and information about how a non-profit legal firm will assist in legal defense of anyone using the lists and reporting the information to SOEs.

This should amplify and multiply the number of activists reporting to SOEs and if the users follow-up with SOEs until a response is provided about what the SOE did about the super voters reported, this should provide citizens with enough information to challenge or support the SOE's retention in office at the next election.

This new method could shorten the time of the exposure and removal of hard headed super voters from the Florida voting rolls.

Add Ons

The Florida legislature could develop a civil fine system for SOEs to use in due process hearings held under F.S. 98-075 with the suspected voter. This would allow the SOE to assess a fine, say \$500.00 per infraction, and provide where the money is to be paid and used by the county or state. Per-

haps this would encourage SOEs to hold hearings and make decisions about the super voters sole registration place of residence.

Citizens reporting to SOEs using the data on the website would be given immunity from prosecution and civil suit protection. Those who prepared the data from the state supplied information would be given immunity from prosecution and civil suit protection. Getting this process out of court is important because of the need to clean the rolls to prevent injustice to voters.

All of this could be done by a special state office since the county SOEs and State Attorneys in South Florida (maybe other counties as well) appear to want no part of it. To understand this situation better, read my book and sign up for an Email copy of the court order:

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My recent blog site—One Bite At A Time—covers several recent national issues.

Signed copies of the softback book are available from the author for \$25.00, which includes postage and handling. Send checks and money orders payable to Muscatatuck Publishers, Inc., P. O. Box 741261, Boynton Beach, FL 33474-1261.

This book was endorsed by Peter Feaman, Esq.; J. Christian Adams, Esq.; Thomas R. Spencer, Esq.; Larry P. Arnn, PhD.; and Susan A. Carleson. So far the proceeds of this book have supported the Republican Party, Public Interest Legal Foundation, Republican National Lawyers Association, Hillsdale College, American Civil Rights Union, True the Vote; and Judicial Watch.



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Book Review

***Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference*, by David J. Garrow. New York: HarperCollins, 1986. Softcover, 800 pp.**

This book was first published in 1986 and author David J. Garrow won a Pulitzer Prize for it. After reading it I believe the prestigious award bestowed on him in Stockholm was well deserved. *Bearing the Cross* is a balanced portrait of Martin Luther King, Jr., shining a spotlight on the real man behind the myth, revealing his flaws as well as his strengths, and along the way producing the definitive work on the great civil rights leader, who led his people and his country out of the darkness of the Jim Crow era of segregation.

The author tells a fascinating story that begins on December 1, 1955 on a bus in Alabama, where Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat to a white person as blacks were required to do by law. Mrs. Parks was polite and did not resist arrest when police were called. As it turned out, this was the case that civil rights leaders in Montgomery had been looking for. In a similar case back in March, the person involved had resisted arrest and been “charged with assault and battery as well as violating city and state segregation statutes.” In addition, she was a pregnant unmarried woman, and it was felt that she was “neither an ideal candidate for symbolizing the abuse heaped upon black passengers nor a good litigant for a test suit certain to generate great pressures and publicity.” For those reasons, Black leaders chose not to pursue the case. With regard to Rosa Parks, however, both the technical legal conditions of the bus incident and arrest and Mrs. Parks behavior and character were indeed “ideal.” This was the kind of case with which leaders could boycott the bus line and take all the way to the Supreme Court, and the rest, as they say, is history.

At a church meeting, those in attendance chose Martin Luther King, Jr., to lead them. He was only 26 years old and filled with worries about how to “reconcile militancy and moderation.” In what was to come, he called for non-violence and said “The great glory of American democracy is the right to protest for right.” In the bus boycott, demonstrations and marches and court cases to come, his home was bombed, he was knifed in the chest, and he and his colleagues were assaulted and shot at, but always he remained the calming voice, restraining everyone and keeping their eyes on the prize. “We are not trying to improve the Negro of Montgomery, but the whole of Montgomery,” he told them. “This is not a war between the white and the Negro, but a conflict between justice and injustice. We must have compassion for those who hate us.”

During these turbulent years the FBI had King under surveillance. The reason for this was justifiable. Two of King’s leading advisers were communists, and in a meeting with John F. Kennedy, the President told him he must get rid of

them, advising, “You must not lose your cause [because] of friendship and loyalty carried too far.” King agreed to do so, and made it look like he had, but behind the scenes he continued to seek the counsel of his old friend and confidant, Stanley Levinson.

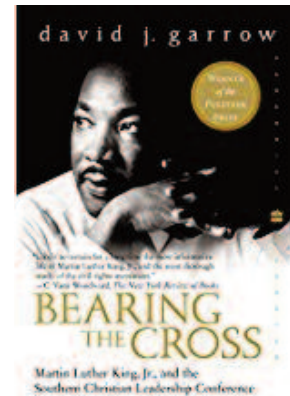
In his politics, Dr. King was a man of the left and shared leftists views of economics and the world. His wife Coretta remembered him saying that “It’s so unfair that a small percentage of the population could control all the wealth and there should be a more equitable distribution. My old man is a capitalist, but I don’t believe in capitalism as practiced in the United States.” Later his father said of him, “He seems to be drifting away from the basics of capitalism and Western democracy that I felt very strongly about.”

There has never been any evidence that shows that the Soviets were working through Levinson to whisper in King’s ear and try to influence him on issues of the day, nor that “his closeness to Levinson was motivated by adherence to the Soviet Union or the American communist party.” But King ultimately did start speaking out publicly against the Vietnam War, and the positions he staked out mirrored those of the Soviets and their North Vietnamese allies, and it was Levinson who was advising Dr. King on these matters and urging him to be more vocal.

The FBI wiretaps also revealed that MLK was having numerous affairs and constantly cheating on his wife. When he learned of the existence of the tapes, the reverend grew deeply depressed out of fear that such revelations about a man of the cloth would irreparably damage the movement, and was challenged to end the affairs by other black leaders. Under tremendous constant pressure, King declined to do so, angrily telling them “I’m away [from home] 27 out of 30 days a month. F——’s a form of anxiety reduction!”

Having the last word on her husband’s straying, and certainly the most eloquent, his wife Coretta, upon finding and listening to one of the tapes, said, “I never would have mentioned them [questions about fidelity] to Martin. I just never would have burdened him with something so trivial. . . . All that other business just didn’t have a place in the very high level relationship we enjoyed.”

Later, JFK endorsed the famous march on the Mall in Washington DC, and was much relieved to learn that communists did not succeed in infiltrating the marchers. Hun-



Book Review

The Black Swan: The impact of the Highly Improbable.
Book Review by William J. Skinner

This is not the kind of book I would normally pick up and read. Newt Gingrich mentioned it in his new book, *Understanding Trump*, so my interest was aroused. I discovered the Palm Beach County Library had one copy each of the first (2007) and second (2010) edition, and obtained the second to see what the book contained about politics, Trump and Florida. I am glad I learned about this 444-page softback, including the 71 pages of Postscript Essays, chapter notes, bibliography, and index, because it may help to round out my thinking big with all the minutia I am programmed to read.

Nassim Nicholas Taleb's ancestral home was the Greek Orthodox village of Amioun, in northern Lebanon, and he was born in 1960. Talib was educated at the University of Paris, Paris Dauphine University, University of Pennsylvania, and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. At the time the second edition was published, Talib was a Distinguished Professor at New York University's Polytechnic Institute. His official biography on the web says: "Taleb's works focuses on mathematical, philosophical, and practical problems with risk and probability, as well as on the properties of systems that can handle disorder. He spent 21 years as a derivatives trader and, after closing 650,000 option transactions and examining 200,000 risk reports, he changed careers in 2006 to become a scholar, mathematical researcher and philosophical essayist."

Taleb is in the thinking business. The idea of Black Swan was first mentioned by Sextus Empiricus in his medical writings made probably in Alexandria in around 100 CE (p. 204). The Black Swan is an outlier or impossibility to most people because they assume or believe all swans are white. Believe me there is a lot more to it than this. Find out in the book. This author has written down every thought he has ever had about his wonderings. Taleb may be writing random thoughts with parenthetical phrases to make sure he tells the reader any exceptions. The book contains 19 chapters, many of which are around 10 pages in length, so you will be moving from theory to theory. A simple message is to forget the bell curve and forget the standard deviation because they can be meaningless.

But let me tell you five thoughts why Gingrich might have thought of Taleb's book when he wrote about Trump. This will also tell you more about the book.

Taleb made a prediction after the 1987 stock market crash when Harry Markowitz and William Sharpe were awarded the Nobel Prize for developing the Modern Portfolio Theory, when he wrote: "In a world in which these who get the Nobel, anything can happen. Anyone can become president" (p. 277). Trump became president in a black swan event few expected.

Point two is that Donald Trump graduated from the Wharton School as did Taleb. This bit is not in the book, but I know it anyway.

Point three is that Taleb says Edward Lorenz, MIT meteorologist, discussed the butterfly effect as being when a butterfly moves its wings in India this could be responsible for a hurricane in New York two years later (p. 179). At least this is a question of probability. This is the Florida connection to Taleb's thinking.

Fourth, Taleb says a few times in the book that militarily trained people think about risks differently than otherwise educated individuals. Trump graduated from a five-year military prep school before going to Wharton.

Despite these coincidences, there is no doubt in my mind that Taleb was not thinking about Donald Trump when he wrote this book. Taleb was thinking about knowing the unknowns and determining probabilities of what will happen next in multiple contexts. A couple more glimpses of Taleb's subject matter follow.

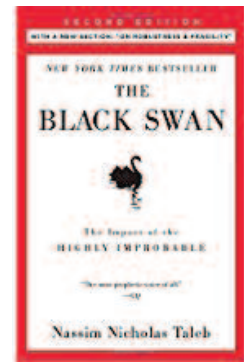
"What to Remember

"Remember this: the Gaussian-bell curve variations face a headwind that makes probabilities drop at a faster and faster rate as you move away from the mean, while 'scalables,' or Mandelbrotian variations, do not have such a restriction. That's pretty much most of what you need to know" (p. 234). Taleb dedicated this book to Benoit Mandelbrot.

Taleb wrote it took him close to a decade and a half to find a real thinker, "the man who made many swans gray: Mandelbrot—the great Benoit Mandelbrot" (p. 252).

Yogi Berra is quoted at p.136 as saying, "It is tough to make predictions, especially about the future."

The Black Swan and *Foiled by Randomness* are only two of Taleb's books, but they are in print in 31 languages as of 2010. *The Black Swan* is ISBN: 978-0-8129-7381-5.



Editor's Postscript

Disrespecting our Flag, Country and Vets in the NFL: How Did They Lose Their Way?

By Tom Mullings

"This is a dog-whistle about racism."

—Ben Stein

I'm still angry at the players, coaches and owners in the National Football League for disrespecting our flag in recent weeks. Owners should tell them show respect or you're off the team. How dare these ignorant fools. Their stated reasons for doing so have shifted lately as blowback from the public intensified, but the following was at the heart of their reasons for protesting no matter what they try to tell us now. They were in solidarity with quarterback Colin Kaepernick who I've seen wearing t-shirts with the likeness of Cuban Communists Fidel Castro and Che Guevara emblazoned across the front! And they were also mad at Trump for criticizing the NBA's Steph Curry for declining an invitation to the White House and disrespecting the office of the presidency. Chris Wallace characterized this as the President picking a fight with the NBA, but that's obviously nonsense. The president reacts to an insult to the office and himself and he's the instigator? Yea, right, Wallace.

And then there's the Redskins Josh Norman speaking out on "the tyranny of the POTUS" while he supports a guy who apparently admires the "tyranny" in communist Cuba! And by the way, Kaepernick is upset because he supports the Black Lives Matter movement, which is part of the



Taking a knee in disrespect at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery

Democrat-instigated war on police propaganda that has absolutely no basis in truth whatsoever. Statistics over the past five or six years show the police having killed a few hundred blacks in the line of duty nationally, most of which were justifiable shootings, while black on black murders in the country are in the tens of thousands! There's a war going on in the nation's inner cities alright, but the victims are not being killed by rogue cops. This is the result of gang and drug warfare over money, turf and power in areas controlled by Democrats. The War on Police is designed to divert the public's attention away from these inconvenient truths about what is really destroying inner city neighborhoods.



And speaking of the Democrats, why is it that so many of them support such efforts, while most conservative Republicans would never even think to protest during the National Anthem? Where did such thinking come from? I am no mind reader and do not possess an advanced degree in psychoanalysis, but here's why I believe that it is so:

- That's what you can expect when people are taught the attitude "What's so great about America?"
- That's what you can expect when citizens are taught that the term "American exceptionalism" means Americans thinking they are better than everyone else instead of what it really means.
- That's what you can expect when people are taught that America is primarily a racist nation, and minorities are taught to feel endlessly victimized no matter how much progress is made in race relations in the country.
- That's what you can expect when people are taught that rogue cops are the rule not the exception among the nation's police departments.
- That's what you can expect when people are taught that America's role in the world is primarily one of imperial conquest and exploitation, and it is fitting and proper for our leaders to tour the world endlessly apologizing for our despicable behavior.
- Last but not least, that's what you can expect when people are taught that America is not great because America

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is bad, instead of “America is great because America is good,” as de Toqueville so eloquently observed upon his visit in the 18th century.

In essence, Democrat teachers—be they in schools, the entertainment industry, or politics—are teaching our people to be unpatriotic and anti-American, and the spoiled fruit of their plantings is at present smelling up the NFL.

Here’s something else that needs to be said as to what is motivating these people to express such callous disregard for our flag. There are at least some who did so around the league because they felt intimidated by teammates. I believe their ranks include my Washington Redskins GM Bruce Allen. Most of these people knew what they were doing was disrespectful to our flag and our vets who have suffered in our nation’s wars, including myself, who took a round from an AK-47 in the gut. As a lifelong Redskins fan I’m especially ashamed of Allen, and I suspect somewhere, his father, beloved former Redskins head coach George Allen Sr. (RIP) is ashamed too.

In an earlier story in this issue, I gave my thoughts about my role as an “Elite Guardian” in the Honor Flight Program that I was privileged to be a part of last Saturday. As I reported in the piece, early that morning our plane landed

at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, and buses took us to our first stop outside D.C. to see the Changing of the Guard at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. I was born in D.C., and as the buses made their way along the old Baltimore-Washington Parkway, memories flooded back from my boyhood and early adult years. The Parkway was the same route I traveled many times to go to see my beloved Washington Redskins, and as we passed by the site of old Robert F. Kennedy Stadium I pointed it out to Mr. Burton Tucker, the honored Korean War Veteran I was serving, still very proud of my team at age 70. Little did I know that the next day my pride would be wounded so grievously by the players and management I heretofore so admired. Still, nothing could interfere with the joy I felt in seeing the pleased look on Mr. Tucker’s face as thousands of people honored him throughout that wonderful day, but I do have one regret. If I could do the day over again I would have remained silent about the fact that I’m a Redskins fan.

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dreds of thousands of people participated in the march, 25 percent of them white. During the speeches, two Kennedy aides stood by, “ready to pull the plug if anything went wrong.” Many don’t know this, but Dr. King had a prepared speech ready to deliver, when at the last moment an idea occurred to him to use the “I have a dream” remarks he made on a previous occasion. In 1960, at age 35, he became the youngest man to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

This was a great book, telling a wonderful American story with a triumphant American ending. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a flawed man, but also a good and deeply religious man. He took to heart the pacifist teachings of Jesus

Christ and the non-violent methods of India’s Mahatma Ghandi, while writing a new chapter in the cause begun by Abraham Lincoln in the Civil War and as I read the book, two songs, *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* and *Onward Christian Soldiers*, kept playing over and over in my head. As I’ve said before in these pages, with all his contradictions and failings, Dr. Martin Luther King was a truly great man who did more than anyone to end the era of racial segregation, and richly deserves his place in the pantheon of American heroes. Read this wonderful book and find out why.

—Tom Mullings



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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

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,
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 210, West Palm Beach 33401 or fax (561) 686-1898. Phone (561) 686-1616



Republican Party of Florida Party Loyalty Oath

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

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

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

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

Signature of Member

Signature of Witness

County/Precinct #

Date

Office: _____

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

Address, as it appears on voter registration

Email

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

**CANDIDATE OATH -
PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN AND
COMMITTEEWOMEN**

OFFICE USE ONLY

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):

STATEMENT OF PARTY (Section 99.021, Florida Statutes)

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

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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** _____.

Personally Known: _____ or

Produced Identification: _____

Type of Identification Produced:

Signature of Notary Public
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public
