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Every Vote Counts!

By Mike Caruso
State Representative, District 89

On Tuesday, November 20th I was sworn in to represent District 89 in the Florida House of Representatives. I will spend the next two years working hard to represent the residents of District 89 and Palm Beach County in Tallahassee as we continue to keep moving Florida in the right direction.

Our victory just two days before after a long and arduous recount process was proof that every vote counts! I want to thank all of you for your support—especially those of you who spent countless hours at the Supervisor of Election’s Warehouse participating in the recount process. It was exhausting—but we got to win the election twice—once on election night and again on November 18th!

Please feel free to reach out to my legislative office at anytime. My email is Mike.Caruso@myflorida.house.gov and our phone number is (561) 470-6607. My staff and I are here to assist you in any way we can.



Happy Holidays



In Memory of President George H. W. Bush A Message from Chairman Michael Barnett

We at the Republican Party of Palm Beach County are heartbroken and saddened to learn of the passing of the 41st President of United States. He served his country in many ways before ascending to the presidency, and we honor his stellar leadership during difficult times. We wish his family the best and send them our thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathies. May George Herbert Walker Bush Rest In Peace.



Whatever It Takes

*By Sid Dinerstein
November 27, 2018*

“My father voted Republican his whole life until the day he died. After that he voted straight Democrat.” So said a Chicago acquaintance when discussing voter fraud. Democratic pols unanimously swear that there is no such thing as voter fraud. Republican pols swear that voter fraud is an integral part of the Democrats’ victory plan. How can they both be right? Here’s how: I have no problem agreeing that there is no coordinated top down scheme to steal votes for Democrats. Indeed my thesis is that that’s not how it works. The Democrats are not in the tight knit conspiracy business. They’re in the loose knit “Whatever It Takes” business. None of the bad actors know each other. All of the bad actors know that their bad actions are appreciated, and maybe even rewarded at election and appointment times.

Indeed, the only places on the planet one can vote without showing a photo I.D. are in those states where Democrats block voter security legislation. There is only one reason to oppose photo I.D.s—a desire to cheat. No more. No less. Until the Democrats join with the rest of the country in support of photo I.D. laws they will continue to earn the skepticism of the whole country.

Let’s run through an apparent hodgepodge of voting anomalies and see if they fit the “Whatever It Takes” paradigm:

- There is a common belief that an illegal immigrant in California can purchase a three-pack of identification in California for approximately \$300. What’s in the three-pack? A driver’s license, a social security card and a voter registration card. Whatever It Takes.
- In 2007 we in Palm Beach County matched lists of voters in New York and Palm Beach County by First Name, Last Name and Date of Birth. (Thank you, Bill Skinner). The Florida Department of Law Enforcement found twenty people deserving of indictment for voting in two elections on the same date, (presumably at least once by Absentee Ballot). The State Attorney, Democrat Barry Krischer, refused to indict on the grounds that as a non-presidential election (2006) these double voters could not have voted for the same person twice, (but could have voted for two Congressmen). Whatever It Takes.
- During the 2016 Presidential campaign we learned from Wikileaks that Hilary staffers “helped” pollsters construct their models in such a way as to show an insurmountable Hilary lead. The objective here was to demoralize and suppress the Republican vote. Whatever It Takes.

In South Florida we found a myriad of unusual vote counting activities in the two “laughingstock” counties, Broward and Palm Beach. These included the following:

- The number of registered voters in Broward exceeds the number of adults of voting age. Whatever It Takes.
- In 2012, in violation of State law, the Palm Beach and Broward Supervisors of Elections kept the Early Voting polls open to give Black voters another “Souls to the Polls” opportunity to vote. Whatever It Takes.
- Broward Supervisor Brenda Snipes found 80,000 ballots after the counting was closed and reported. Whatever It Takes.
- Broward Supervisor Brenda Snipes claimed that all criticism directed at her was driven by “racism.” Whatever It Takes.
- Broward Supervisor Brenda Snipes intentionally “mixed” no match signature ballots with regular ballots to get those “no match” ballots counted. Whatever It Takes.
- Broward Supervisor Brenda Snipes “missed” the recount deadline by two minutes thereby depriving candidate Rick Scott of 779 votes. Whatever It Takes.
- Palm Beach County Supervisor Susan Bucher gave disputed votes to her staff for “intent” determination rather than to the Canvassing Board, as the law requires. Whatever It Takes.
- Palm Beach County Supervisor Susan Bucher had her staff copy damaged ballots rather than giving them to the Canvassing Board, as the law requires. Whatever It Takes.



Don’t Republicans cheat? Probably. But the aggregate of Republican cheating would look like a speeding infraction compared to the Democrats’ vehicular homicide calmity. The sacred trust of voting should not be just another political cat and mouse “gotcha” game.

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.

Poster Children for Term Limits

By George Blumel
November 27, 2018

Democrat politician, Jerrold L. “Jerry” Nadler, has been the U.S. Representative (currently in New York’s 10th district) since 1992—14 terms, so far. Before that, he was in the New York State Assembly from 1977 to 1992. Now that the Democrats have achieved a majority in the House, Nadler’s seniority gives him the chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee which has jurisdiction over matters relating to the administration of justice in federal courts, administrative bodies, and law enforcement agencies. A powerful position.

The *New York Post*: **Jerry Nadler’s agenda: ankle-biting Trump.** “We will be holding people accountable,” Nadler is warning as his moment in the national spotlight finally arrives. And there’s no mistaking that moving to impeach President Trump tops his list. With people like Jerry Nadler leading the charge, don’t expect them to play it smart, either.

Rabbi Shmuel Boteach: The Pathetic Partnership of Jerry Nadler and Iran. “When it came time to protect the United States, America’s Arab allies and the State of Israel against the threat posed by Iran, Rep. Jerrold Nadler chose party loyalty over the national interest.”

Nadler said that protecting the Mueller investigation is his top “oversight” priority and gun control is one of his top legislative priorities.

Nadler said Trump’s recent temporary appointment of Matthew Whitaker as Acting Attorney General is not legal because the Senate has not given its advice and consent. “But I’ll go further—his appointment is simply part of an attack on the investigation by Robert Mueller, the special counsel. It’s part of a pattern of interference by the president and part of a pattern of obstruction.” Ask him how that is and you’ll not get an answer.

As part of the pro-abortion lobby, he is already plotting to impeach Justice Kavanaugh before his seat on the Supreme Court is warm. **Nadler was overheard on an Amtrak train to D.C. talking about investigating Kavanaugh and accusing him of perjury.**

Nadler is a long-time member of the Democratic Socialists of America [DSA]. It is the largest socialist organization in the United States and the principal U.S. affiliate of the **Socialist International**. The DSA attained new visibility with the election of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, also in New

York. Indoctrination in academia, along with the supporting programming of the so-called Mainstream Media, are having a leftist effect on millennials. History of the world is not taught much anymore, so this generation does not have knowledge of the disastrous effect of socialist experiments. A Harvard University survey found that **51 percent of respondents** between the ages of 18 and 29 no longer say they support capitalism.

Socialism has never been successful in any country. The Soviet Union was a huge failure and who wants to live in North Korea, Cuba, or Venezuela? As Charles W. Calomiris of the Manhattan Institute wrote recently. “Socialism is a false promise, an ideological opium that repressive elites use to retain and expand power. Capitalism, in contrast, is seen as the force that has lifted over a billion people out of poverty worldwide since 1990.” See **Socialism: The Opiate of the Corrupt and Ignorant.**

How does Nadler’s embrace of socialism influence his voting record which affects all the rest of us? Let’s ask the National Taxpayers Union. **NTU** reports that Nadler’s score is significantly below average and qualifies for a grade of “F.” This failing grade places the member in the “Big Spender” category. Socialists believe that governments should make decisions on how citizens’ money is spent.

The bigger the government the more inefficiency and waste, right? Let’s go to another non-partisan rating service, Citizens Against Government Waste **CAGW**, for how they rate Nadler on that measure. He gets a “D: Hostile to Taxpayers.”

Socialists don’t like free-market businesses, but **The Club for Growth** knows that a free market economy produces prosperity and generates taxes for government operations. The Club rates Nadler’s lifetime score at 4% of a 100%—at the bottom of congressional support of the economy.

Heritage Action is the policy advocacy affiliate of the conservative Heritage Foundation, a polar-opposite of a socialist organization. As expected, it rates Nadler 8% of 100%.

Sufficient to say that Nadler’s long tenure has not been beneficial to our country and a clear drag on the economy and fedgov spending resulting in a huge national debt. See the <http://www.usdebtclock.org/> it has much useful information that socialists ignore at *our* peril.

Too bad for the country but Nadler is not alone in the new Congress—there are about 70 socialist members who will be heading major committees including two recent **Posters**, Adam Schiff and Maxine Waters. Folks, we need term limits on Congress now more than ever! See U.S. Term Limits new weekly podcasts for what is being done on that issue: **No Uncertain Terms.**



Socialist Ankle-Biter-in-Chief Jerry Nadler

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Remember Them All on Veterans Day

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 west-

ern 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 hemisphere 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 twenty-five years later it was our GIs who again saved western civilization; this time against fascism, naziism, and imperialism in World War Two. 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:

Trump Scores in Argentina

Much like the Republican primaries, he can, at will, make himself the center of attention

By Larry P. Horist

Even as the #NeverTrump media picks at minutia to continue to spin stories to fill their pipeline of negative news narratives, the President has come out of the G20 summit in Argentina with some commendable outcomes. Tremendous wins.

The Trump/Xi tête-à-tête was not only the most important face-to-face discussion in Argentina, it may be the most important negotiation between the world’s two most important economies and the most powerful military forces—Russia notwithstanding—since President Nixon broke through the Bamboo Curtain in 1972.

China is a tough nut to crack. Establishment apologists have suggested that Trump should have gratuitously delayed the next round of tariffs, due to be imposed in January, as a positive “gesture” despite the fact that such unilateral gestures have been ignored for decades. Trump does not believe in one-sided “gestures” which have no specific benefits to the United States. For Trump, a deal means they give up something tangible and we will give up something tangible in response. A deal has to have changes on both sides—and that is exactly what Trump got from Xi.

Trump will now delay imposing future tariffs on China because China has agreed to bring some balance to the current trade imbalance by purchasing tons goods from America AND Xi has agreed to establish a negotiating platform to resolved other significant issues with a relatively short—90-day—deadline for agreement.

It is also noteworthy that the two nations have agreed to the issues to be resolved. This was not some open-ended agreement to sit around a conference in a diplomatic circle-jerk. Among the issues to be decided in order to avoid those Trump tariffs next March are intellectual property protection, cyber hacking, cyber theft and additional tariff reduc-

tions. They will also focus on our best option for export to China—agricultural products.

Score this round for Trump.

There was another great accomplishment in Argentina.

Trump used the G20 occasion to sign the initial documents replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with NAFTA II—a deal with greater benefits for the United States. The photo op of Trump seated between President Enrique Peña Nieto of Mexico and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of Canada was a symbolic refutation of months of specious reporting that Trump had alienated Nieto and Trudeau to the point where no agreement could be reached. Au contraire. It was all smiles and handshakes as the three put their signatures to the new agreement.

Once again, Trump proved himself to be the consummate—if not the prettiest—negotiator/deal-maker. He is a kickboxer in the political ring where the entrenched establishment has clung to the politer Marquis of Queensbury Rules—imposed only on our side. In terms of international diplomacy, both allies and adversaries have been taking advantage of the United States’ generosity and weakness, respectively.

So far Trump has been winning these tariff confrontations for two reasons. First, he is tenacious. Trump does not give much in negotiations without getting what he wants. In the annals of presidential history, it is hard to find a president who is a tougher negotiator than Trump since Reagan—and more accomplished.



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These so-called trade wars—which they are not—have provided another positive result for Trump—one that seems to have been unnoticed in the public sphere. As long as I can recall, labor and the political left have united in fighting FOR tariffs because they believe they protect American jobs—which they do not. Since these folks are in knee-jerk mode to oppose anything Trump says or does, the left is talking up free-trade and OPPOSITION to his tariffs. They are now talking like they just got out of an Americans for Prosperity seminar. Since the Trump tariffs will fall like autumn leaves as those other nations adopt fairer and freer trade policies with the United States, the left may be in the sad position of having to argue against itself. They have been hoisted on their own petard.

Finally, what did not happen in Argentina is relevant.

After Russian military ships attacked Ukrainian vessels and took hostages, Trump terminated his formal negotiating meeting with Vladimir Putin. Ironically, members of the same press and their pandering panelists—who called Trump out for meeting with Putin in Helsinki (and Kim Jong-un in Singapore)—criticized the President for NOT meeting with Putin to confront him on the Russian Ukrainian aggression. One does not have to ponder the question for too long to surmise what the press would have said if Trump DID meet with Putin.

Those who keep peddling the theory-as-news that Trump is being blackmailed by Putin should remember that Trump sent military armaments to the Ukrainians—something President Obama refused to do. He did not sell the Ruskies our uranium—something Obama did. Despite his nice com-

ments about Putin, no president since Reagan has been tougher on Moscow. In terms of his relationship with Putin, Trump is in the tradition of boxer Mohammad Ali who once said, “float like a butterfly, but sting like a bee.”

Unfortunately, the death of President Bush “41” has given the press an excuse to avoid coverage of the positive outcomes of the G20 meeting in South America. They could have. After all, they are filling their schedule with repetitious remembrances virtually 24 hours a day. Certainly, the blockbuster breaking news out of Argentina could have been provided a bit more time and attention. But that does not happen in the #NeverTrump news industry.

Regardless, the G20 meeting has been a “yuge” success for Trump and America—the latest of many.

So, there ’tis.

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Happy Holidays from Embassy Santo Domingo!!



Ambassador Robin Bernstein and Richard Bernstein

Today's Civil War

By *CS Bennett*

The original American Civil War had its origins in one's views, opinions, and lifestyle in a region south of the Mason-Dixie Line, and in the lifestyle of the one north of it, both magnified by their two acute, and diverse, views on slavery. At some point in time, the South decided to secede from the Union and form their own country within a country. One man decided that this division was a threat to the survival of the Union and to the United States Constitution, on which this great nation was founded. So, he made it clear to all that this divide would not stand. The statuesque man was none other than Abraham Lincoln. As a result of his resolve and his goal of keeping the Union together, a major war ensued. It was a war which was fought on battlefields all across the country.

Here in contemporary times, we find ourselves smack in the midst of another American Civil War, this one philosophical in nature. However, this battlefield is played out in our courts, our communities, the media, and in our government-run schools, colleges and universities. One side is about preserving our U.S. Constitution, our Bill of Rights, our values and traditions, and our way of life. This side is also about protecting and preserving our individuality and our capitalist-based economic system. The other side is about fundamentally changing our U.S. Constitution, gutting out our Bill of Rights, and redefining our values and traditions, often in a perverse way. In addition to these things, this side is about collectivism and is generally anti-capitalist.

The conflict between the sides has been percolating for over three decades. In 2009, things came to a head with the swearing in of President Barack Hussein Obama. For eight years, the schism within the United States grew until it resulted in a major crack, and then an actual fission of earthquake proportion. Half of the country, after eight years of high unemployment, racial tensions, social justice and so-called economic justice, a legion of citizens rebelled. They were true patriots—lovers of freedom and liberty. When the opportunity presented itself, in 2016, they elected President Donald Trump. With the announcement of his campaign, the battle for the survival of America was enjoined.

Much like a knife, used for cutting food, in the hands of a madman, it can be used to draw blood, even kill. But it is not the knife that is the problem, it is the hand that holds and guides that knife. Similarly, we have people in public office who are using their power and influence to dismantle and reshape this great republic. It is the people, not the system, that is flawed, I contend. For this country to survive and thrive, we must remove these malcontents, and traitors, from office. It is imperative that we reclaim our educational system. We do this, along with repopulating other corrupted progressive entities—such as the mainstream media, entertainment, and the sciences—with great conservative minds, and we win the battle. This is how our military wins battles.



They remove bad players, reclaim territory, and replace leadership.

Sadly, many Republicans refuse to believe that we are in a civil war with those on the other side of the aisle. They are still playing some gentleman's game where all sides are civil and courteous and polite and all parties have the best of intentions. I would advise them to open their eyes and review a few YouTube videos and see how unhinged, and violent, the Left has become. It is beyond scary. Yet, we would sit back and allow people like this to be elected into office and have power and dominion over us. We should never forget what our first Civil War was all about and why Lincoln went to great lengths to preserve the Union. Today, it is President Donald Trump who is doing his best to right this ship. But he needs our support, and when all is said and done, he is but one man.

We, as a people, have to decide that there is a line the Left should never cross. That crossing of the line came when we allowed the election of Barack Hussein Obama. Some on our side voted for him because of the historical significance of it. The result was that Republicans who voted for a slice of American history, rather than for preserving America's history, placed this great republic on a perilous path for eight years. Thankfully, there were enough of us who realized that we were in a war, for we took up the fight and made a stand. We elected Trump. Now, all that is left is to truly defeat them and do it like we mean business. Yes, do it like Almighty God Himself commanded us to.

If we become lax again and allow our adversaries to gain more ground, this republic is through. And so are our liberties and freedoms, and our way of life. We are fighters at heart. Let's stand up for Lady Liberty and fight back. Frankly, this is more than doing our civic duty, it is about fighting for our very survival. It will be a while before the dust settles. We can only hope that Trump will decide to run for another four-year term. His would be a tough act to follow.

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Venezuela—The Lost Paradise—Chapter 3/3

By Steve Leonard

The long-term objective of Hugo Chavez was to anchor his socialist party in power in Venezuela in such a way as to never again run the risk of losing power. With his oil wealth, he could spread his socialist message and methodology around the world.

The same methods and techniques utilized by Chavez and his cronies to subjugate the Venezuelans are being deployed in many countries around the world—with the same objectives.

Education—history before the 1992 coup attempts have all but disappeared from schoolbooks. Students have no idea about their previous history and are being taught the socialist revolution is the way.

Religion—religion came under attack once the priests started talking against the regime. Since that time, morality as taught by the different religions are being replaced by socialist credos. By degrading moral values, they have left a gaping hole to be filled in with socialism.

Judicial System—by changing all the judges in the country to judges that are with the regime, the regime has created a two-tiered judicial system—one for the party members and one for all others. With full control of the judicial system, the regime can manipulate laws without ever having to legislate.

Health Services—a country once respected for their medical services now cannot provide basic services or provide much needed medicines. Many doctors have left for greener pastures. Even cleaning supplies are in short supply. Emergency surgery can take days to happen. If you are in a serious accident, the chances are good that you will not survive.

Security Forces—all local and national police forces are now under the control of the regime. The military forces have converted their objective of defending the nation from external aggression to defending the regime against the opposition. The intelligence and police forces are now used to spy on the citizens and bring up false charges against any opposition leader that calls them out. The same intelligence forces are also the ones responsible for all the arrests and tortures.

Private Property—there are now laws on the books which confiscate all private property for the good of the state. Currently you cannot sell your house or your car for at least two years without special permission. Is it still private property? This taking is of course without compensation.

Legislation—the National Assembly has become nothing except a forum to hold empty debates and then, by virtually unanimous vote, approve legislation sent to them by bureaucrats or by the President. There is no balance of power. The assembly has abdicated its power to legislate, although that is its stated purpose.

Liberty—the concept of individual liberty is being submergded in national collectivism. The individual is not impor-

tant but the collective is. Every day there is less and less liberty and more and more socialism and collectivism.

Election Shenanigans—through such activities as not allowing verification of voter rolls, non-transparent auditing of election results, utilizing electronic voting machines which have been proven to be very easily manipulated, adding votes or disappearing votes at their leisure, creating polling stations that are not on the official lists, moving voters from one polling station to another 20 kms. away at the last moment, just to name a few, have rendered voting in Venezuela an exercise in futility. The results are pre-ordained. Once Venezuelans lost the power to bring about change via the electoral process, they became irrelevant.

Social Destruction—the regime has gone about pitting one group against another. Charges of racism, homophobia, class warfare, special privileges, etc., have created a sense of victimhood against those that have been maligned by the regime. One group is set against another with the express purpose of degrading the social fabric. Combine this with an attitude that everything is relevant and the only thing that matters is the collective, the Venezuelan society of old is breaking down. The values and community spirit that once held the Venezuelans together have been fractured and no longer can hold the society together.

Venezuela has evolved from being the richest country in South America to be the poorest in 20 short years. This year alone economic production is expected to decrease by 36 percent, after a 16 percent decrease the previous year. Inflation is expected to top out in 2018 to over 1,000,000 percent for 2018 and to increase to over 10,000,000 percent for 2019. This is the real legacy of another socialist nightmare. A country that cannot feed itself, cannot produce jobs or economic growth, a country where over 10 percent of its population (4 million and counting) has already emigrated, a country mired in debt, decreasing oil prices further complicating the ability of the regime to import even the most basic of necessities. Venezuela, the founding member of OPEC and with some of the largest oil reserves in the world, is now importing 300,000 barrels a day of gasoline to satisfy the local market.

Can this same thing happen to a country like the United States? YES—it is already happening. American citizens are being subjected to an undeclared civil war whose objective is to forever ensconce one party in power. They utilize the same strategies used by Chavez in Venezuela.

Our Constitutional Republic is under attack, from the inside.



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What happened in the United States that did not happen in Venezuela? Venezuela elected a person who was going to follow the Chavez formula. The U.S. elected a president who believes in the United States, our Constitution and personal liberty. This event was the wall that temporarily slowed the continued implementation of our second civil war.

Make no mistake, our opponents are fully engaged in a war to take over all the reins of power in our country and thereby cement their hold on power forever. They will do anything, legal or not, to achieve that objective. It cannot be allowed to happen. Once complete power is in the hands

of a few, the American dream will become a nightmare. The election results of 2016 threw a temporary monkey wrench into their plans but those plans remain the same. It is up to us to recognize the enemy, take the gloves off and fight to make sure that this country will be here for our children. We must also instill in them the necessity of being ever vigilant and ready to take the fight to those enemies wanting to destroy our great country.

Make waves. Raise your voice.

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Book Review

***American Caesar: Douglas MacArthur, 1880–1964*, by William Manchester. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1978. Hardcover, 794 pp.**

I already knew that William Manchester was one of the best authors I've ever had the pleasure of reading when I decided to take on *American Caesar: Douglas MacArthur, 1880–1964*, his extraordinary biography of, perhaps, America's most celebrated general in World War II. Previously, I'd read and reviewed for this newsletter his magisterial, three-volume, Pulitzer Prize-winning portrait of Sir Winston Churchill, so I felt certain that I was in for a treat, and I was not disappointed.

The frontice page offers a quote, first in Greek and then in English translation, and it is a fitting beginning to a story about a remarkable man:

*Go tell the Spartans, thou who passed by,
That here, obedient to their laws, we lie*
—Simonides at Thermopylae

“He was a great thundering paradox of a man, noble and ignoble, inspiring and outrageous, arrogant and shy, the best of men, the worst of men, the most protean, most ridiculous, and most sublime,” writes Manchester. “Yet he was also endowed with great personal charm, a will of iron and a soaring intellect. Unquestionably he was the most gifted man-at-arms this nation has produced and was also extraordinarily brave. He won thirteen medals for bravery including the Congressional Medal of Honor, six Silver Stars and two purple hearts, [yet] his troops [although in awe of him] scorned him as ‘Dugout Doug.’”

This attitude of his men was unfortunate and due to a false reading of why he left them as the Japanese closed in for the kill in the Philippines in those dark days in 1942. The fact is, he was ordered to leave Corregidor by President Roosevelt and although he was appalled at having to do so, he followed FDR's orders and withdrew to fight another day, famously promising, “I shall return,” upon reaching Australia, a promise he was to keep years later during his successful campaign to recapture the islands.

The escape from the Philippines was the stuff of legends and much more arduous and dangerous than most Americans realize. The PT boat he left in was only about 75 feet long and the heavy seas it plowed through during the harrowing journey made the 62-year-old MacArthur and his five-year-old son deathly ill during much of the 1,300 mile trip to Australia. The Japanese were hunting for him the whole time and the reason they failed to capture him was due to both brilliant escape and evasion tactics on the part of MacArthur's boat captains, as well as sheer, dumb luck.

His father, too, was a great American soldier in his own right, having also won the Congressional Medal of Honor in the Civil War. Despite the incredible bravery of father

and son in war, MacArthur was a Mamma's boy, dominated by his beautiful Southern-belle of a mother of whom he once said “I grew up with the sound of Dixie and a rebel yell ringing in my ears. Dad was on the other side, but he had the good sense to surrender to mother.”

There is an extraordinary document written by Japanese diplomat Toshikazu Kase in which he briefs Emperor Hirohito about the unconditional surrender ceremony on the Battle Ship Missouri in 1945. In it he writes, “He is a man of light. Radiantly, the gathering rays of his magnanimous soul embrace the earth. It was a piece of rare good fortune that a man of such caliber and character should have been designated as the Supreme Commander to shape the destiny of Japan. In the dark hour of our despair and distress, a bright light is ushered in, in the very person of General MacArthur. . . . The big day on the Missouri will stand out as one of the brightest dates in history, with General MacArthur as a shining obelisk in the desert of human endeavor that marks a timeless march onward toward an enduring peace.”

I was especially struck by the section of the book dealing with his time in Japan. He was determined to build Japan into a vibrant democracy and that is just what he did, creating the “MacArthur Constitution,” a form of government blend of both America's and Britain's. For the life of me, I have never been able to understand why MacArthur's genius strategy to develop Japanese democracy was not used as a blueprint for nation-building in the Iraq War.

His public airing of his views on the strategic importance of Formosa should be read and taken to heart by every American policymaker in our ongoing competition with Communist China today.

As the author relates, “MacArthur's hubris defeated him in Korea. He simply could not accept stalemate.” Such a policy ran against every military instinct he possessed and he could do nothing but resist until, in the end, he was relieved from command. One of the first in a long line of cold warriors, he defiantly wrote, “I believe we should defend every place from communism. I believe we can.”

But the American people loved him and he returned as a conquering hero to an adoring public and a memorable ticker-tape parade in New York.

Two of his speeches, his address before a joint session of Congress in 1951 and his farewell speech at West Point, will never be forgotten. In the former he closed with “Old soldiers never die. They just fade away.” And so he did, and as he said at his beloved West Point “His last conscious thoughts were of the Corps and the Corps and the Corps.”

—Tom Mullings



Book Review

***The Hundred-Year Marathon: China's Secret Strategy to Replace America as the Global Superpower*, by Michael Pillsbury, 2015, by Henry Holt and Co., LLC and 2016. St. Marten's Griffin Edition, ISBN: 978-1-250-08134-6, 244 pp plus notes and index for a total of 332 pp.**

This book was featured in a recent interview of author Michael Pillsbury on the “Lou Dobbs Tonight” TV show, and the title was enticing to me, considering the “trade and tariff wars” being conducted between President Donald Trump and Xi Jinping of China. Michael Pillsbury worked his way up as a staff member of congressional committees and assignments for the Pentagon to become the equivalent of a three-star officer. He has written many analyses, papers, and reports in English and Mandarin components. Pillsbury is a China expert who comes up with many theories about why China does things, and he admits he is often wrong, but he keeps trying to understand the situations assigned to him.

Mandarin is by far the largest of the seven or ten Chinese dialect groups, spoken by 70 percent of all Chinese speakers over a large geographical area, stretching from Yunnan in the southwest to Xinjiang in the northwest and Heilongjiang in the northeast. This is generally attributed to the greater ease of travel and communication in the North China Plain compared to the more mountainous south, combined with the relatively recent spread of Mandarin to frontier areas. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandarin_Chinese

Pillsbury explains that Mandarin symbols representing words and combinations of word symbols are used to convey the meanings of objects and concepts. Speaking Mandarin requires mastering up to four tonal qualities for each word symbol. You will learn the meaning of *shi*, *wu wei*, and *ba* in this book. Pillsbury has interacted with Chinese for more than 30 years. The closest to China that I have been is that one son and his family of four have made trips to China to see the sights. They took some nice pictures of vast areas and interesting people activities. They learned nothing about geopolitics that is Pillsbury's book. On the other hand, I have been acquainted with one descendent of Chinese parents in Maryland who retired as a public school teacher after becoming Maryland's Teacher of the Year in the nationwide annual awards program. I met this Republican lady in my precinct when I signed up as a precinct chairman in the 1970s. She helped me in my runs for public office with educators and Chinese voters. Josephine Wang recently posted some photos on Facebook with George H.W. Bush at political events and a portrait of him on the wall of her home. Mrs. Wang, a long-time Deacon in a Church where I was part of their Scouting leadership, recently ran for the Maryland Senate in Montgomery County at an age over 70.

If you are eager to learn more about China's past activities and plans, the notes of this volume will give you plenty

of leads to other books and reports. One of many titles cited by Pillsbury is *Ghost Wars* (2004) by Steve Coll. I read Coll's Pulitzer Prize book about the Afghanistan Wars between the warring parties (CIA, Ben Laden, and the Soviets) in that country several years ago when I wanted to know why we missed 9/11. Coll was a 13-year old teenager living in a nearby neighborhood when my family moved to Maryland in 1971 and we joined the same church that his family did. This reference here may help demonstrate a little about the breadth of Pillsbury's collection of citations.

The *Hundred-Year Marathon* contains an Introduction, an Afterword in this paperback edition, and eleven chapters: 1) The China Dream; 2) Warring States; 3) Only China Could Go to Nixon; 4) Mr. White and Ms. Green; 5) America, the Great Satan; 6) China's Message Police; 7) The Assassin's Mace; 8) The Capitalist Charade; 9) A China World Order in 2049; 10) Warning Shots; and 11) America as a Warring State.

The book is fast moving. Research studies, conclusions, revisions, interviews and other outreach techniques used in gathering information about assets, programs, aims, policies, and plans are described throughout the book. Sometimes it takes only a few paragraphs for an analyst to scope out a set of facts and come to a conclusion, other times it takes days, weeks and years of research. Pillsbury is giving you a chance to see how his work was accomplished over many years.

In the Introduction Pillsbury gives us five false assumptions: 1) Engagement brings complete cooperation; 2) China is on the road to democracy; 3) China, the Fragile Flower; 4) China wants to be—and is—just like us; and 5) China's hawks are weak.

Interestingly, I find the concept of *shi* something very similar to the Islamic *Taqiyya* in which one party is deceived by the actions of others, but Pillsbury makes no direct comparison like this. The *wu wei* concept of making some action to appear to be without effort is kind of like a deception as well. *Ba* is mentioned on about 15 pages in the book, so I will let you learn more about it from your reading of the book.

Some startling finds in the book include that the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1991 shook Beijing. Pro-American reformers were purged from positions of power across China. In 1990 Chinese history was rewritten to show America had tried to destroy China for 150 years. There are similar details given about what is taught about the China/



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American relationship in 2012 forward to today that calls into question, at least in my mind, the likelihood of any current trade agreements being easily made in 2018–2019.

The 100-year race will be near the finish line by 2049. In the meantime, we can expect *shi* methods to be used by China again and again in the next 21 years. What do we look for is one question. Pillsbury says the number three leader in China is the head of the Chinese Message Police that keeps a cover on all actions being taken by the Chinese government. The chapter on The Assassin’s Mace reviews the space satellite attacks and other dramatic events that may

occur. Pillsbury even mentions China’s potential use of new secret wave equipment that can be used to attack humans from space, perhaps like the Cuban Embassy workers’ brain injuries of the past few months, as well as other surprises.

Pillsbury does not have all of the answers about what we must look for from China. This says to me that we better not let our guard down and we better keep looking for answers. This means we must increase defense spending, be ready for unconventional attacks, and keep working for peace. The next 20-plus years will be a trial for all Americans. I encourage you to read this book and look for more like it so you can take part in the discussion and the politics of survival.

—William J. Skinner

Holiday Party

The Palm Beach County Republican Party celebrated its election victories at its Holiday Party at the Atlantis Country Club on December 6. Many thanks to the Republican Club of Central Palm Beach County for sharing their meeting date for the festivities, which included a keynote speech by State Representative Rick Roth, lighting of the Chanukkah candles, and a sing-along of Christmas songs led by David Donnally. A good time was had by all!



Palm Beach County GOP Chairman Michael Barnett welcoming the partygoers.



Vice Chair Tami Donnally (center) enjoying the moment with Ruth Field Beck (left) and Mary Jude Smith.



Steve Ledewitz (center), President of the Central Palm Beach Republican Club, with some Club members.



District 86 State Representative Rick Roth speaking at the event.

Editor's Postscript

The Khashoggi Murder and Our Strategic Alliance with The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

By Tom Mullings

It is in the United States' strategic national interest to preserve its special relationship with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which all presidents have supported since the 1930s to some extent, and it is vitally important that the American people understand why. What follows is some straight talk about that relationship, unencumbered by public diplomatic niceties.

Few if any of us are not appalled by the cold-blooded murder and dismemberment of Jamal Khashoggi, a Washington Post journalist, opponent of the Saudi Royal family, and an ardent supporter of the murderous Muslim Brotherhood, who have infinitely more blood on their hands than the Royals in the Kingdom ever will. There is little doubt that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) ordered this murder, and it has caused a firestorm of calls for his ouster and a suspension of arms sales to the Kingdom, much of it partisan-driven by the Dems seeking political advantage over their Republican opponents in general and President Trump in particular.

First, some background on the present state of affairs between the United States and Saudi Arabia. Donald Trump came into office in 2016 with this relationship in need of reengagement. The relationship had been seriously neglected during the Obama era, and the new president had undertaken a policy of rapprochement with the Royals, primarily

because of parallel interests of the two countries in reining in the regional hegemonic ambitions of the clerics in Iran and the growing influence of the Russians in the area. We all need to understand that this consideration takes precedent over all other considerations, including the assassination of political enemies by our friends in the Middle East. And make no mistake, our friends in that region of the world, with the exception of Israel, are not choirboys. They are all dictatorships and do not tolerate political dissent. They all jail political opponents, and my guess is they all carry out political assassinations from time to time, although rarely if ever, conduct botched killings such as the one targeting Khashoggi that leaves a public evidence trail a mile wide leading back to the Royals in the Kingdom.



Many Americans cannot see why this pro-Royal family policy of the United States with Saudi Arabia is necessary, given the true nature of the Kingdom, and they are not

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entirely wrong in their assessment. The House of Saud’s (Royal family) system of government is straight out of a bygone era of the divine right of kings, and it’s playing a double game with us to be sure. On the one hand, they are helping us oppose Iranian and Russian (and rapidly upgrading Chinese) ambitions in the area, while on the other hand they’re “courting Islamic extremists in order to distract them from their demands for reforms in the royal family while creating the basis for terrorist cells against Western countries,” according to author Gerald Posner. The simple truth is that the alliance with the Royals in opposing, Iranian, Russian, and coming Chinese attempts to dominate the Middle East is much more important than any other consideration. To deny the House of Saud the \$100 billion in American military arms would be to replace that deal with Iranian, Russian and Chinese arms instead, and to do away with our many-decades-long special relationship with the

Kingdom would be to completely push them into the waiting embrace of our adversaries in a way that would be much more dangerous for us than the present sorry state of affairs.

The ideal solution for this problem would be for the King of Saudi Arabia to replace MBS with someone else, but MBS is the King’s son and I doubt that he can be pressured into doing that. Put in the most indelicate terms imaginable, the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman is a ruthless SOB, but he’s our SOB and we need him to help fry much larger fish.

—Tom Mullings

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

To the Editor

Tom,

Your editorial in the recent GOP newsletter is outstanding. I uttered many a “yea, yea” as I read it.

Tony Di Perna
Boca Raton



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

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Republican Executive Committee Membership Application

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

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

REC Committeeman & Committeewoman Duties and Responsibilities

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

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

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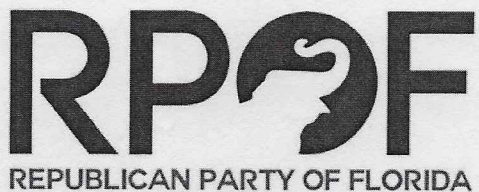
Profession: _____ Precinct #: _____

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

Two Current REC Members' Sponsor Signatures:

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



Republican Party of Florida Party Loyalty Oath

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

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

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

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

Signature of Member

Signature of Witness

County/Precinct #

Date

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I, _____
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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.

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

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Telephone Number

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COUNTY OF _____

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

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