



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

“The Backhoe Chronicles” The Impeachment According to the Book of Newt (Gingrich). . .

By Peter Feaman
Florida’s National Committeeman

“When I was Speaker, we followed the bipartisan impeachment rules pioneered by Democratic Judiciary Committee Chairman Peter Rodino in 1973 (see ‘Catching Our Flag’ by former Congressman Jim Rogan for a detailed day-by-day outline of Rodino’s impact on our efforts in 1998). The result was that—by 2:1—the American people thought Republicans were fair in 1998.

“Furthermore, because the Clinton impeachment was initiated by Independent Counsel Ken Starr’s report that President Clinton had committed 11 potential offenses—including perjury (which is a felony)—the American people concluded the impeachment was not primarily partisan. By 3:1 people believed the 1998 effort was not an attempted coup.

“By contrast, because Speaker Pelosi has allowed her left wing to drive her into an entirely partisan, secret, and one-sided witch hunt, there is an overwhelming belief among Republicans and many independents that this effort is a (attempted) *coup d’état*, which is a sore losers’ effort rather than an impeachment based on the merits.

“Just on Thursday Ron Faucheux reported on a Suffolk University/*USA Today* poll (October 23–26) that asserted only 36 percent favored impeaching President Trump.

“Speaker Pelosi had seven months with total control of the investigative machinery. During that time, her team should have produced adequate information to convince the vast majority of Americans that impeachment was necessary or they should have confronted their own failure and quietly dropped the impeachment effort.

“The Speaker Pelosi of March was strategically correct in her assessment that impeachment is inherently a crisis of government since one branch is seeking to overturn the votes of the American people.

“Measured against her own standard, the vote on Halloween was a terrible defeat which is likely to haunt the House Democrats through the 2020 election.

“That vote will cost a lot of Democrats their seats next year. When combined with the radicalism of the national Democratic candidates for

president, and the continued economic growth under President Trump’s policies, it is likely that Thursday’s vote guaranteed this would be a one-term Democratic majority, and we will be hearing from Speaker Kevin McCarthy in 2021.”

As the saying goes (kind of)—from Newt’s pen to God’s ears. . . .



The astounding “Saw-a-president-in-half” trick

If You Want to “Read the Transcript,” Here It Is

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September 24, 2019

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President Zelenskyy of Ukraine

PARTICIPANTS: President Zelenskyy of Ukraine
Notetakers: The White House Situation Room

DATE, TIME July 25, 2019, 9:03–9:33 a.m. EDT
AND PLACE: Residence

The President: Congratulations on a great victory. We all watched from the United States and you did a terrific job. The way you came from behind, somebody who wasn't given much of a chance, and you ended up winning easily. It's a fantastic achievement. Congratulations.

President Zelenskyy: You are absolutely right Mr. President. We did win big and we worked hard for this. We worked a lot but I would like to confess to you that I had an opportunity to learn from you. We used quite a few of your skills and knowledge and were able to use it as an example for our elections and yes it is true that these were unique elections. We were in a unique situation that we were able to achieve a unique success. I'm able to tell you the following; the first time, you called me to congratulate me when I won my presidential election, and the second time you are now calling me when my party won the parliamentary election. I think I should run more often so you can call me more often and we can talk over the phone more often.

The President: [laughter] That's a very good idea. I think your country is very happy about that.

President Zelenskyy: Well yes, to tell you the truth, we are trying to work hard because we wanted to drain the swamp here in our country. We brought in many many new people. Not the old politicians, not the typical politicians, because we want to have a new format and a new type of government. You are a great teacher for us and in that.

The President: Well it's very nice of you to say that. I will say that we do a lot for Ukraine. We spend a lot of effort and a lot of time. Much more than the European countries are doing and they should be helping you more than they are. Germany does almost nothing for you. All they do is talk and I think it's something that you should really ask them about. When I was speaking to Angela Merkel she talks Ukraine, but she doesn't do anything. A lot of the European countries are the same way so I think it's something you want to look at but the United States has been very very good to Ukraine. I wouldn't say that it's reciprocal

necessarily because things are happening that are not good but the United States has been very very good to Ukraine.

President Zelenskyy: Yes you are absolutely right. Not only 100%, but actually 100% and I can tell you the following; I did talk to Angela Merkel and I did meet with her. I also met and talked with Macron and I told them that they are not doing quite as much as they need to be doing on the issues with the sanctions. They are not enforcing the sanctions. They are not working as much as they should work for Ukraine. It turns out that even though logically, the European Union should be our biggest partner but technically the United States is a much bigger partner than the European Union and I'm very grateful to you for that because the United States is doing quite a lot for Ukraine. Much more than the European Union, especially when we are talking about sanctions against the Russian Federation. I would also like to thank you for your great support in the area of defense. We are ready to continue to cooperate for the next steps specifically we are almost ready to buy more Javelins from the United States for defense purposes.

The President: I would like you to do us a favor though because our country has been through a lot and Ukraine knows a lot about it. I would like you to find out what happened with this whole situation with Ukraine, they say CrowdStrike. . . . I guess you have one of your wealthy people. . . . The server, they say Ukraine has it. There are a lot of things that went on, the whole situation. I think you're surrounding yourself with some of the same people. I would like to have the Attorney General call you or your people and I would like you to get to the bottom of it. As you saw yesterday, that whole nonsense ended with a very poor performance by a man named Robert Mueller, an incompetent performance, but they say a lot of it started with Ukraine. Whatever you can do, it's very important that you do it, if that's possible.

President Zelenskyy: Yes it is very important for me and everything that you just mentioned earlier. For me as a President, is very important and we are open for any future cooperation. We are ready to open a new page on cooperation in relations between the United States and Ukraine. For that purpose, I just recalled our ambassador from United States and he will be replaced by a very competent and very experienced ambassador who will work hard on making sure that our two nations are getting closer. I would also like and hope to see him having your trust and your confidence and have personal relations with you so we can cooperate even more. I will personally tell you that one of my assistants spoke with Mr. Giuliani just recently and we are hoping very much that Mr. Giuliani will be able to travel to

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Ukraine and we will meet once he comes to Ukraine. I just wanted to assure you once again that you have nobody but friends around us. I will make sure that I surround myself with the best and most experienced people. I also wanted to tell you that we are friends. We are great friends and you Mr. President have friends in our country so we can continue our strategic partnership. I also plan to surround myself with great people and in addition to that investigation, I guarantee as the President of Ukraine that all the investigations will be done openly and candidly. That I can assure you.

The President: Good because I heard you had a prosecutor who was very good and he was shut down and that's really unfair. A lot of people are talking about that, the way they shut your very good prosecutor down and you had some very bad people involved. Mr. Giuliani is a highly respected man. He was the mayor of New York City, a great mayor, and I would like him to call you. I will ask him to call you along with the Attorney General. Rudy very much knows what's happening and he is a very capable guy. If you could speak to him that would be great. The former ambassador from the United States, the woman, was bad news and the people she was dealing with in the Ukraine were bad news so I just want to let you know that. The other thing, there's a lot of talk about Biden's son, that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that so whatever you can do with the Attorney General would be great. Biden went around bragging that he stopped the prosecution so if you can look into it. . . . It sounds horrible to me.

President Zelenskyy: I wanted to tell you about the prosecutor. First of all, I understand and I'm knowledgeable about the situation. Since we have won the absolute majority in our Parliament, the next prosecutor general will be 100% my person, my candidate, who will be approved by the parliament and will start as a new prosecutor in September. He or she will look into the situation, specifically to the company that you mentioned in this issue. The issue of the investigation of the case is actually the issue of making sure to restore the honesty so we will take care of that and will work on the investigation of the case. On top of that, I would kindly ask you if you have any additional information that you can provide to us, it would be very helpful for the investigation to make sure that we administer justice in our country with regard to the Ambassador to the United States from Ukraine as far as I recall her name was Ivanovich. It was great that you were the first one who told me that she was a bad ambassador because I agree with you 100%. Her attitude towards me was far from the best as she admired the previous President and she was on his side. She would not accept me as a new President well enough.

The President: Well, she's going to go through some things. I will have Mr. Giuliani give you a call and I am also

going to have Attorney General Barr call and we will get to the bottom of it. I'm sure you will figure it out. I heard the prosecutor was treated very badly and he was a very fair prosecutor so good luck with everything. Your economy is going to get better and better I predict. You have a lot of assets. It's a great country. I have many Ukrainian friends, their incredible people.

President Zelenskyy: I would like to tell you that I also have quite a few Ukrainian friends that live in the United States. Actually last time I traveled to the United States, I stayed in New York near Central Park and I stayed at the Trump Tower. I will talk to them and I hope to see them again in the future. I also wanted to thank you for your invitation to visit the United States, specifically Washington, D.C. On the other hand, I also want to ensure you that we will be very serious about the case and will work on the investigation. As to the economy, there is much potential for our two countries and one of the issues that is very important for Ukraine is energy independence. I believe we can be very successful and cooperating on energy independence with United States. We are already working on cooperation. We are buying American oil but I am very hopeful for a future meeting. We will have more time and more opportunities to discuss these opportunities and get to know each other better. I would like to thank you very much for your support.

The President: Good. Well, thank you very much and I appreciate that. I will tell Rudy and Attorney General Barr to call. Thank you. Whenever you would like to come to the White House, feel free to call. Give us a date and we'll work that out. I look forward to seeing you.

President Zelenskyy: Thank you very much. I would be very happy to come and would be happy to meet with you personally and get to know you better. I am looking forward to our meeting and I would also like to invite you to visit Ukraine and come to the city of Kyiv which is a beautiful city. We have a beautiful country which would welcome you. On the other hand, I believe that on September 1 we will be in Poland and we can meet in Poland hopefully. After that, it might be a very good idea for you to travel to Ukraine. We can either take my plane and go to Ukraine or we can take your plane, which is probably much better than mine.

The President: Okay, we can work that out. I look forward to seeing you in Washington and maybe in Poland because I think we are going to be there at that time.

President Zelenskyy: Thank you very much Mr. President. The President: Congratulations on a fantastic job you've done. The whole world was watching. I'm not sure it was so much of an upset but congratulations.

President Zelenskyy: Thank you Mr. President bye-bye.

— End of Conversation —

Palm Beach County GOP Marches in Veterans Day Parade

The Republican Party of Palm Beach County proudly marched in the Veterans Day Parade in West Palm Beach on November 10. Many thanks to Andrea Plescia, Veterans and Military Families Coalition Chair, for organizing the Party's participation in the event. The Palm Beach County Republican Party honors our veterans and thanks them for their service.



President Trump Kicks Off “Black Voices for Trump” Coalition

On Friday, November 8, 2019, Palm Beach County Republican Party Chairman Michael Barnett attended the launching of the “Black Voices for Trump” coalition for the president’s 2020 re-election campaign in Atlanta, Georgia. The President was the keynote speaker, and the large crowd on hand thundered their applause at the rousing speech he treated them to.

Mr. Trump vowed “to campaign for every last African vote in 2020,” and reminded black Republican leaders from across the country in attendance that among the accomplishments for his first three years in office were the following: “bringing unemployment for the black community to historical lows, restoring the strength of the economy, passing criminal justice reform, and creating tax-exempt opportunity zones.”

Trump railed against the Democrats for an abysmal record of failing black intercity communities in America, citing statistics that showed that the “20 most dangerous cities were run by Democrats and that 58 percent of murder victims under 22 were African-American.”

Also, at the unveiling of the new national coalition was Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson, who thanked the attendees for their “courage to be here, because in the society that we live in today it takes a lot of courage to say that you’re supporting President Trump. Today they say if you are a conservative then you are somehow an Uncle Tom, you’re a horrible person, you’re a demon. What a bunch of crap.”

The pictures from Friday night’s event accompanying this article were provided by Chairman Barnett.

—Tom Mullings



Michael Barnett with Ms. Silk of Diamond and Silk.



Michael with “The Godfather” Herman Cain.



Michael Barnett with the new Attorney General of Kentucky Daniel Cameron.



Michael with KCarl Smith.

Sid's Rules of Politics

By Sid Dinerstein
October 28, 2019

I was elected Chairman of the Republican Party in December, 2002. Most new Chairmen see the role as the affirmation of their great knowledge of the business of politics. I saw my Chairmanship as an opportunity to learn the business of politics by gaining valuable insights. Two years later I wrote, and spoke on, Sid's Rules of Politics. Today I present an updated version as a better lens with which to view the 2020 elections.

Rule 1—Politics is a game of addition.

This is Rule 1 for a reason. If you can't add up to 50% +, you can't win. Worse, if you see politics as a game of subtraction you might as well stay home. Hilary Clinton would be President if she hadn't promised to wipe out our coal industry. (Goodbye Pittsburgh.) Elizabeth Warren won't be President because she promised to end fracking. (Michigan? Gone.) President Trump will get reelected because everyone in the country knows that Blacks, Hispanics and women have their best jobs numbers in American history.

Rule 2—Political time is measured in dog years.

At least. This means that in the year left until the 2020 election, there will be seven years' worth of breaking news that could move votes. Hold on to your hats.

Rule 3—Gretzky's Law.

Gretzky? Yes, Wayne Gretzky, the great hockey player and political philosopher. When asked: "What makes you a better hockey player than the others," he replied: "They go to where the puck is. I go to where the puck is going to be." In other words, stop reading yesterday's polls and start anticipating tomorrow's news: Brexit, Syria, the Inspector General reports, Supreme Court decisions on Abortion and School Choice, the coming upheavals in higher education, etc. The pundits on TV aren't.

Rule 4—Maslow's "Hierarchy of Needs" is the best political document since Machiavelli.

Find it. Read it. Learn it. Then you can be a Campaign Manager, one that actually wins.

Rule 5—Two strikes and you're out.

Two and through. So long, Hilary. Bye bye Biden. Last chance for Bernie.

Rule 6—Strike while the iron is hot.

An old expression but a powerful application. President Obama knew he was the hot new politician in 2008. Everyone said wait. He said go. He was right. The pros were wrong. Jeb Bush was hot in 2008. He lost in 2016. Chris Christie was hot in 2012. He lost in 2016. President Trump

looked at several cycles but held off until 2016. His instincts are incredible.

Rule 7—In the fight for the hearts and minds, go for the hearts.

Don't be boring. Bernie Sanders gets everything wrong but he excites people. Elizabeth Warren and Hilary Clinton are scolds. Touch people. Speak in technicolor. Tell stories. President Obama touched everyone. Mitt Romney, the smartest guy in the room, touched no one. On the polling question: "Cares about people like me," Mitt got 20%. Game over.



Rule 8—There is no such thing as a safe seat.

Right, Eric Cantor? And the guy AOC beat? I don't even remember his name. Hilary couldn't lose. Trump couldn't win. Senator Rubio was 36% behind Governor Crist in the 2008 US Senate seat. President Bush (Senior) had a ninety-one percent Approval Rating after he liberated Kuwait. Bill Clinton cleaned his clock. Major upsets happen every cycle. They're just not pollable or predictable.

Rule 9—The fight is always about tomorrow, never about yesterday.

Winston Churchill saved Western Civilization. He lost his next election. Don't brag. Inspire.

As you can tell I'm up to nine. Create some "Rules" of your own. Remember, this isn't physics. These "Rules" are not immutable. They're the intersection of human nature, politics and, to some extent, mob psychology. But they make understanding politics more fun. 2020 is coming at us. Impress your friends. Be an analyst.

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.



October Recap

With the end of October here I want to wish everyone a Happy Halloween. For our Trick or Treaters that may want to donate some of their candy to soldiers serving overseas, use this link to find a drop off location near you: <https://soldiersangels.org/TreatsForTroops.html>.

There are three Committee Weeks left: November 4th–8th, November 12th–15th, and December 9th–13th. As a reminder, Legislative Session will begin on January 14th, 2020. Please remember to watch my Twitter and Facebook pages for updates on legislative action, especially once we get closer to session.

Along with my general committee assignments, I am honored to be serving on the Statewide Opioid Task Force, chaired by Attorney General Ashley Moody. We had our first meeting this month and I'm looking forward to working with my colleagues on this important issue.

This task force will:

- Study the cost of the crisis on state and local governments;

- Identify available programs that have been successful in combating opioid abuse;
- Work to better understand the sources of addiction;
- Explore whether there is need for additional regulatory activity; and, among other things,
- Evaluate and identify ways to reduce the demand for opioids and decrease the supply.

This past month was a busy one filled with numerous events in Tallahassee and in District 89. This month's final Delegation Meeting will be a joint one with the County Commissioners and will be held at the Morikami Park Museum on October 31st, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM. The meeting is open to the public, however, unlike Public Hearings there is no public comment.

Tallahassee Events:



FAU Owl Caucus



Alzheimer's Community Care Press Conference

“The Backhoe Chronicles”

*By Peter Feaman
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Stop the Madness...

NOVEMBER 7—While Democrats and the media seize on Adam Schiff’s latest selective release of closed-door testimony, here are the facts regarding Ambassador Bill Taylor’s testimony that the Democrats and the media are purposefully overlooking in their effort to smear President Trump:

- Taylor is not a fact witness. He was not on the July 25th call and he did not read the transcript until it was publicly released for the world to see.
- Ambassador Kurt Volker testified there was NO quid pro quo.
- Volker, who IS a fact witness, said in his testimony there was “no linkage” between the Trump admin’s diplomacy and Ukraine aid.
- Taylor testified that Volker “is a man of integrity.” [p. 110]
- Taylor didn’t have direct communication with President Trump, Rudy Giuliani or Mick Mulvaney. [pp. 107–108]
- Taylor testified that at the time of President Trump’s call with Ukraine, the Ukrainians were unaware of the hold on the U.S. aid. [p. 119]
- President Trump has rightly been concerned about Ukraine’s corruption. Taylor testified that combatting corruption in Ukraine is a “constant theme” of U.S. foreign policy. [pp. 86–88]

Stop the Madness. The transcript of the call, which everyone can read, showed no quid pro quo. Nothing is going to change the fact President Trump and Ukrainian President Zelensky have said there was no pressure and no blackmail on the call. The Democrats’ selective release of transcripts shows how tainted their witch hunt has been from the beginning.

Go to stopthemandness.com to get the TRUE facts
Text "madness" to 80810 to end the witch hunt.

Do not let all of this impeachment craziness discourage you.

NOVEMBER 3—Check this out from the RNC:

“RNC: Impeachment revolt adding money, volunteers, and even Democrats”—*Washington Examiner*, Paul Bedard, October 31, 2019

“The Democratic push for impeachment of President Trump is boosting the GOP base, padding already record-breaking donations and even luring in some Democrats dissatisfied with their party’s actions, according to top officials.

“‘The longer this goes we are seeing more and more voters shift to supporting the president and recognizing that this is a totally partisan endeavor by the Democrats,’ said

Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel. . . .

“While it is a contrarian view, she also released some polling to back up what the party is experiencing. For example since the impeachment proceedings started, Trump’s approval ratings in 17 key states has increased 3 points and some 70% believe it is about ‘politics’ and would like congressional Democrats focus on healthcare, trade, and the economy. . . .

“The new volunteers came into the party through its ‘Stop the Madness Campaign’ focused on fighting impeachment and Trump rallies.

“McDaniel said that the rallies are especially helpful in bringing in new voters. She said that 7%–10% of those attending Trump campaign rallies have not voted in four or more of the past elections, and 30% are self-declared Democrats. . . .

“The testing in 50 states of the get out the vote program ‘helps us ensure our field team is battle-tested and ready to go—ready to re-elect POTUS and support every GOP candidate on the ballot,’ said a party official, who added, ‘Turning out the vote next November requires a well-organized national operation put into place well before the election. This is where the RNC/Trump campaign are lapping the Democrats on every front: organizing, fundraising, volunteer training, voter registration. . . .’”

On the lighter side...

NOVEMBER 1—FLO and MAYHEM:



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

Rep. Frankel: “. . . my district will be underwater.”

By George Blumel

We can assume that our Republican candidates vying to oppose Rep. Lois Frankel in the August primary would vote opposite of Frankel. For the primary voters we need to assess our candidates based on how they may differ on certain issues. They all seemed to agree on the problem of reckless and irresponsible spending resulting in huge deficits being placed on the shoulders of our progeny. Last month they mostly agreed on social issues except for Laura Loomer who did not respond. We publish their websites so the reader can check them out there.

This month we asked for their positions on anthropogenic climate change. The Democrats use the issue to assume more powers for FedGov. Some, like “the squad,” are quite extreme. As one of the 38 members of the [Safe Climate Caucus](#), Frankel opposed President Trump’s decision to pull the United States out of the **Paris Climate Agreement** and routinely votes with the climate extremists. How would our candidates approach the subject of global cooling or warming or, as the subject is referred to now, climate change? Is it man-caused and, if so, to what degree? Do you agree with President Trump’s decision to leave the Paris Accord?

Would they agree with Frankel when she said: *“It’s simple, climate change is not a distant problem that future generations will face. It’s happening now and negatively impacting communities across the country. If we don’t act, one day in the future my district will be underwater. If that doesn’t motivate the need for action, I don’t know what will.”*

Sound like the Squad’s 12-year Green New Deal prediction? Or, Al Gore’s [2008 prediction](#) that the Polar Ice Cap will be ice-free in five to seven years? When AI was born there were 7,000 polar bears—now there’s only 35,000 polar bears!

Liz Felton <http://electelizabethfelton.com>

I have read opinions from scientists on both sides of the global warming/climate change debate. I believe it is far more likely the earth is following a cyclical pattern of changes than we are causing them. President Trump was absolutely right to pull out of the Paris Climate Agreement. The United States does not need to answer to a global government above its own authority. It would be a detriment to our economy and more importantly, our freedom. I feel the best path to conservation is willful participation in mindful acts, not forceful authority at the hands of non-US citizens.

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In the last 100 years the climate has changed less than 1 degree. Therefore, I agree with Trump on the pullout of the Paris climate accords. I do favor tax incentives on electric vehicles because they are the future. Ford is spending millions to develop electric cars and I think that is a more realistic approach than massive taxes for carbon emissions.

Victor Garcia da Rosa <https://victorgarciadarosaforcongress.com/>

I agree with our President pulling out of the Paris Accord, which brings me to stewardship. Our Creator has provided us a wonderful and beautiful world to live upon. Without going to any extremes, either way, I believe society has a responsibility to be a good steward of our planet. When elected as your Representative to Florida’s 21st Congressional District, I will fight to protect the natural beauty of our land, while responsibly using its resources.



Christian Acosta www.voteacosta.com

Climate change is being used as a tool to raise taxes and grow government. Not only is this bad for the American people, it also takes us backwards on the environment. All our recent progress on reducing waste, increasing energy efficiency, and developing cost-effective renewable power has come from the American people and the free market. President Trump was correct to withdraw us from the Paris Climate Accord because environmental progress does not come from expensive, wasteful international treaties. Our focus should always be on keeping the American economy strong and incentivizing innovation in our laboratories, universities and businesses.

These two candidates did not respond to our many requests for their views on the monthly issue question. You might find their positions on their websites.

Aaron Scanlan

<https://www.facebook.com/scanlanforcongress>

Laura Loomer <https://lauraloomerforcongress.com/>

So many accept the politically promoted man-caused global warming hoax so it is important to listen to experienced experts like John Coleman, founder of The Weather Channel:

. . . there is no climate crisis. The ocean is not rising significantly. The polar ice is increasing, not melting away. Polar bears are increasing in number. Heat waves have actually diminished, not increased. There is not an uptick in the number or strength of storms (in fact storms are diminishing). I have studied this topic seriously for years. It has become a political and environment agenda item, but the science is not valid.

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

Impeachment

By William J. Skinner

The Constitution of the United States sets forth these provisions on Impeachment in Article 1.

The House of Representatives shall chuse their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

The Senate shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments. When sitting for that Purpose, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: And no Person shall be convicted without the Concurrence of two thirds of the Members present.

Judgment in Cases of Impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from Office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any Office of honor, Trust or Profit under the United States: but the Party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to Indictment, Trial, Judgment and Punishment, according to Law.

The *Federalist Papers*, a series of written newspaper arguments about what the Constitution meant, were written by John Jay, Alexander Hamilton and James Madison to get public support for the ratification of the Constitution by the state delegations selected in the individual states.

In Federalist 65, Hamilton made an extended argument for the states to ratify a Constitution with an Impeachment Clause. The Founders and some of Hamilton's audience were familiar with the concept from English law and several state constitutions had impeachment provisions for "maladministration," a term Madison objected to and which caused George Mason to add "high crimes and misdemeanors" to the clause as its replacement.

Hamilton argued strongly for the Senate and not the Supreme Court as the place where impeachment charges would be considered at trial related to "the misconduct of public men, or, in other words, from the abuse or violation of some public trust."

"They are of a nature which may with peculiar propriety be denominated POLITICAL, as they relate chiefly to injuries done immediately to the society itself. The prosecution of them, for this reason, will seldom fail to agitate the passions of the whole community, and to divide it into parties more or less friendly or inimical to the accused," Hamilton added.

The "high crimes and misdemeanors" language remains controversial today. In two essays in our Interactive Constitution, Neil J. Kinkopf and Keith E. Whittington looked at the Founder's vision.

"The Framers meant for the phrase 'high crimes and misdemeanors' to signify only conduct that seriously harms the public and seriously compromises the officer's ability to continue. If the phrase is given a less rigorous interpretation,

it could allow Congress to influence and control the President and the courts," said Kinkopf. [emphasis added]

"When the Founders wanted to ensure accountability, they mostly relied on elections and the voters to hold government officials responsible for their actions," said Whittington. "But what might fall into the category of 'other high Crimes and Misdemeanors' was still quite unclear."

"In all, 19 federal officials have been brought up on impeachment charges by the House of Representatives since 1789, with eight people convicted after a Senate trial. Two Presidents—Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton—faced Senate trials but were not found guilty by a two-thirds majority of the Senate." See: <https://constitutioncenter.org/blog/what-the-founders-thought-about-impeachment-and-the-president>. Richard Nixon resigned before the House voted for impeachment

Impeachment, before 1787, meant "impeachment (n.) late 14c., enpechement "accusation, charge," from Old French *empechement* "difficulty, hindrance; (legal) impeachment," from *empechie* "to hinder, impede" (see *impede*). As a judicial proceeding on charges of maladministration against a public official, from 1640s. See <https://www.etymonline.com/word/impeachment>.

Impeachment may mean something quite different today or in the near future. A few years from now, I can conceive of some Democrat ring leaders in the current rush to judgment against President Donald J. Trump will be claiming success in distracting the Republicans from necessary political activity to stay in power. What has been going on since November 2016 and is going on now may be simply a massive distraction to keep us from noticing the Democrats. But we have caught on to Hillary's rope a dope money machine, Biden's activities in Ukraine and China, and a few other scams. Judicial Watch has helped immensely in the efforts to find out what the Deep State is hiding, and the soon to be newly reorganized Department of Justice is finally getting traction to straighten out the messes.

The Russia distraction. The Democrats first claimed that Donald Trump was working with the Russians to defeat Hillary Clinton. When that claim was not proven, the Dems conspired to get a Special Counsel to investigate it again for over 2 years at a cost of more than \$25 million, using dozens of FBI and CIA agents. When that claim blew up with Robert Mueller's report and testimony before the Judiciary Committee in the House of Representatives, Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared an Impeachment Inquiry by the



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House Intelligence Committee, that took close-door testimony for weeks before a vote was taken by the whole House on October 31, 2019. The vote was 232–196. Two Dems voted with all of the Republicans. The way the Dems then wrote the Resolution for the Impeachment Inquiry procedures shortchanged the Republicans from due process elements for the President and the Republicans. This all looks like the Keystone Cops or Three Stooges with expensive tastes for the use of taxpayer’s money trying to catch Clem Kadiddlehopper stealing apples at the grocery store.

I would be glad to be proven wrong. But if Republicans keep their eyes on winning more seats in Congress and campaign like we want to win the House and Senate, then we will have done the best impeachment defense we can for number 45.

Right now many of us live in a Florida congressional district where the GOP candidates do not seem to realize what it will take to beat the local and nearby Democrats. We are one year away from electing a new Congress and there are many seats we could keep, take back, or win for the first time. We need to try to take some state and county offices, too.

In two nearby congressional districts, there are Democrats whose behavior could be questioned by the House Ethics Committee, but we do not see anyone making an issue about ethical behavior of some members of the House.

Sometimes, unexpected things happen in politics, like the May 26, 2019 *Palm Beach Post* article on Democrat Representative Alcee Hastings by Wayne Washington that states at one place, “Along the way, Hastings has forsaken political norms, putting his girlfriend, Patricia G. Williams, a dis-

barred lawyer, on his congressional staff and paying her nearly \$3 million in taxpayer money over the past 20 years.”

Then the *Palm Beach Post* on October 31, 2019 had a story about Hastings and Rep. Ted Deutch who chairs the House Ethics Committee. This article doubled down on the Hastings situation with his live-in girlfriend and employee. Both articles mention that Hastings was “impeached” by the House. But he was not removed by the Senate. The article stated that no ethics complaint had been filed with the Ethics Committee. Are we too timid to play for keeps?

I wrote this article because I was asked “what is going on with our Federal government?” by a neighbor. I told my neighbor the story is unfolding. I said you need to read some books like *Unfreedom of the Press* and news like the *Wall Street Journal* and watch some Fox News TV cable coverage. Read this GOP newsletter regularly to get ideas for winning elections. Get your friends and neighbors to read it too.

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Guns/Death Penalty/Abortion: Strikes 1, 2, 3 Against the Democrats

by Colonel Arthur DeRuve (U.S. Army, Ret.)

The fascist bound Democrat Party in our country is throwing the democracy game.

They are doing it in many ways. I have chosen the three headlined ways as examples thereof. First they choose to take away the Second Amendment rights of the American citizens to defend themselves under the United States Constitution. Second they choose to take away the most potent threat to evil in the world against the interests of innocent citizens; the death penalty. Third they choose to allow mass murder against the most innocent segment of humanity: babies.

The Second Amendment was introduced into the Constitution by our Founding Fathers to protect our future generations from the evils experienced in 1776 by the likes of King George III. One motive for the British march on Concord and Lexington was to capture all existing weapons in the possession of the American Patriots. Clearly, an unarmed public could pose no threat to an invading fascist threat. Fortunately, that British mission was never accomplished. Hence, the guns survived in American hands, the Patriots survived, and the United States of America survived and still survives to this day.

Today, the Democrat/Socialist/Fascist Party in our country is replaying the performance of our colonial enemy—the same tactics with the same goal: destroy the free public's ability to defend itself against tyranny—foremost by disarming it. Today, instead of Redcoats patrolling our streets against peaceful citizens we have mobs and thugs smashing store windows, throwing rocks at police, setting street fires while bombarding fire fighters with debris, and wearing face coverings to hide their identity, while identifying and physically attacking those with whom they disagree politically. Were it not for the protection given to us by our Founding Fathers via the Second Amendment, most of us would long ago have been laid to rest by the left-wing crazies now stalking our streets. The Fascist Democrats want our guns because they want our freedom; **DON'T LET THEM TAKE THEM!!**

As for taking away the most potent threat against the existence of good in the world, we refer, of course, to the death penalty. The Democrats want to do away with the death penalty in all cases. This would leave us at the mercy of every cut throat on the face of the earth. If your wife, mother, or daughter is slaughtered or decapitated, the most the Democrats will offer in the way of revenge would be a jail sentence for the perpetrator. Will that satisfy you? Of course not! It would not satisfy you, nor any sympathetic or sensible individual. Then, of course, our democratic fascists are neither sympathetic nor sensible; that is unless we put such maniacs on their voting rolls.



Most hypocritically, and nauseatingly is the Democrat/Fascist position that would allow the open murder of millions of babies during and after the mothers' pregnancies. Yes, I said after—**CLEARLY INFANTICIDE!** When someone asks me why God has not sent a savior for those who could have saved these unfortunates I respond **HE DID BUT YOU ABORTED HIM!** The greatest gift to humanity is life. The greatest evil that can be perpetrated against this gift is to take a life without justification. Who then would qualify as being denied their righteous gift of life without justification more than these tragically murdered babies? **NO ONE!!**

Yes the Democrat/Fascist Party has many strikes against it not the least of which are its intention to take away your Second Amendment rights, its intention to do away with the death penalty (while allowing killers to vote), and deny (by murdering) life to millions of innocent babies. **THE DEMOCRAT/FASCIST PARTY—HOW BAD, HOW EVIL, HOW SICK!!!**

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It's Now Or Never

By *CS Bennett*

Those who say, "I'm not into politics," as though the topic is some wayward college elective, ought to wake up before they are hit with the harsh reality of tanks, and personnel carriers, rolling down the streets of America to confiscate not only our guns, but what remains of our civil rights. On that day, there will be no further adherence to the rule of law, not that it matters to those on the left today. Once they gain total control, what you once knew and enjoyed as your constitutional rights and freedoms will be suspended, then forever banned.

This could never happen in America, some think. I say that what is happening in America today never happened before. And there's more to come if we do not raise our voices in anger and protest *now*. We must let those inside the Washington Beltway know that what they are attempting to do, we reject outright. It is immoral, unlawful, unconstitutional, and it is outright treason. Our leaders in the Republican Party need to express this and fight back vigorously. And we need to support them.

There was a time when, if your political party did not like the results of an election, that party went about winning the next election. It was not always fair and square, but the process remained generally intact. Today, all sense of fairness and due process, along with the U.S. Constitution, have gone out of the window. The hostility of the left against this president, and those who support him, is prevalent inside the Beltway. No, they no longer try to hide it.

There was no better meaning of the word *swamp* when President Trump was booed at the World Series game. Nothing could be more un-American and more disturbing but there they were, the slime of the swamp, venting verbally, their disdain for the president and those who support him. They came up way short in an election they felt destined to win, and when they lost, they decided that they knew better than any voter, who should oversee our country, our government agencies, and our lives. From the shadowy halls of Congress, to the dark classified centers of our intelligence community, the plot to remove a duly elected president was sprung. It began the very day Trump announced that he would run.

To those naysayers to this country, and the presidency, ever being overruled by the Deep State, which a former Director of the CIA acknowledged exists, I say watch a '60s movie entitled *Seven Days in May*, starring Burt Lancaster



and Kirk Douglas. The enemy of a government takeover in that make-believe movie was the military/industrial complex. Today, the threat is from the Intelligence/Deep State complex. We are talking about people in power who lack character, honesty, and a moral compass. We know they are little more than courtyard bullies and sore losers. They are elitists who think they are the chosen few.

Thankfully, power in this country remains with the people of America, meaning '*we the people*.' Our leaders fear an informed populace. When we mass up and march into the swamp and surround the U.S. Capitol to let our angry voices be heard by the millions, they will tremble. We need to let the colors of the red, white, and blue be known to those who have forgotten them. There needs to be an ocean of these colors on the National Mall. Do this and they will retreat into their dark crevices like the dirty rats they behave, and probably smell, like.

The late Elvis Presley once sang a song entitled "It's Now or Never." Trust me, it is truly a now or never situation in America today. It is time "*we the people*" not only speak up but show up. It is time we join ranks with the president and banish all swamp creature holdovers from our nation's capital, and the Obama administration. Yes, it is time to clean out the sewage we know as the radical left. In the spirit of Washington, Hamilton, Jefferson, Franklin, Monroe, Madison, Adams, and Mason, let's restore this great republic to its glory days. We owe this to the next great generation. Remember, the time is now or never. . . .

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So, there 'tis:

Blowing the Whistle on the Whistleblower—by Name

By Larry P. Horist

November 5, 2019

It is likely that three things will lead to the confirmation of the identification of the whistleblower—the person who set off the Ukrainian phone controversy—(1) the constitutional tradition of a right to confront and cross-examine accusers, (2) the American public's sense of fair play and transparency and (3) the fact that Washington cannot keep a secret.

With regard to the latter point, too many people already know the identification of the whistleblower – including House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, his staff, other Democrats on the Committee, some of the Republicans, the whistleblower's lawyers, the folks who told him the stuff he reported, the Inspector General, several members of the news media, any number of personal friends, members of the family and maybe even President Trump.

Whew! With all those in the know, it is amazing that the name is not already out there in the public domain—maybe it is. A name has already hit the social media and a couple of news operations—although not confirmed. While the name of the Whistleblower is not on the tip of the tongue of the general public, it will be very soon. The speculation already points to . . . drum roll here . . . Eric Ciaramella.

Even before this name surfaced, we did learn a few things about the whistleblower. We had heard credible reports that the individual was working in the White House as a holdover from the Obama administration—and that he comes from the CIA. We heard that he is an activist Democrat who worked for President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden. He has been an outspoken critic of Trump even as he worked in the White House. We know from the Inspector General's referral of the whistleblower complaint to the Department of Justice that he has a "political bias." No kidding.

This description fits Ciaramella to a tee. In addition—and perhaps most significantly—he worked closely with

former CIA Director John Brennan. This may become very relevant as we learn more about the roles played by such intelligence officials as former Brennan, former National Intelligence Director James Clapper and former FBI Director James Comey in investigating the Trump campaign—not to mention operatives such as Andrew McCabe, Bruce Ohr, Peter Strzok, Lisa Page and others. Was the whistleblower part of that team with the same motivations?

Ciaramella also has a history of being a political dirt digger. He is reported to have work with the Democrat National Committee operative Alexandra Chalupa in digging up dirt on former Trump Campaign Chairman Paul Manafort.

So, was Ciaramella an active participant in promoting the impeachment strategy? We know he initially conferred with the premier impeachment scriptwriter, Adam Schiff, and his staff on the Intelligence Committee.

Schiff and the Democrats—and their friends in the media—have been calling the anonymous whistleblower a courageous person . . . a patriot. Now that we can see who likely he is and what he is, he looks a lot less noble—and that is exactly why it is important he be known and be required to testify.

Democrats argue that the whistleblower does not need to testify because things he alleged in the report are substantiated by others—which is not entirely true. More importantly, however, is for Ciaramella to be questioned on his role in the impeachment melodrama. THOSE are the answers Democrats hoped to shield.



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The question is: Have the Democrats in cooperation with the Intelligence community under President Obama ... in cooperation with a supplicant news media ... been engaged in a slow-motion politically-based impeachment strategy to undermine or terminate the Trump presidency? And is Ciaramella one of the scripted performers? One does not have to be a conspiratorial theorist to believe that there are enough signs to warrant a fuller investigation – and that is exactly what is taking place.

All that should be clarified by the soon-to-be-released report by Inspector General Michael Horowitz and the eventual outcome of the Department of Justice investigation of the aforementioned investigators being conducted by U.S. Attorney John Durham.

If the whistleblower were accusing Trump of crimes in a court-of-law, he would have to testify openly because our Founders saw secret accusation as so dangerous that they forbade it in the Constitution. But since impeachment is not a judicial process, that may not apply—even though the accuser is claiming criminal activities on the part of the President.

That is where the public comes in. There is a natural curiosity—and for good reason. We the people understand that accusations must be judged against the credibility of the accuser—the witness. In trials, building up or tearing down the credibility of a witness is standard operating procedure for the defense or prosecution, respectively.

Just because the constitutional provision may not apply in the impeachment process, it does not mean that it is not

a good idea. Secret testimony is bad, bad, bad—and frankly, whistleblowers should not have that so-called protection if making criminal accusations. Just my opinion.

While Democrats are pumping hard their impeachment narratives and politicized process, they seem to be keeping a fearful eye on those other investigations—ignoring them as they can and discrediting as they must. It would seem, however, that ALL the reports and ALL the facts—including the identity of the whistleblower—will be face up on the political poker table by the time we the people go to the polls to cast our ballots. And that is a good thing.

If it turns out that Ciaramella IS the whistleblower—and I assume that will be the case—the revelation of his identity is also a good thing.

So, there 'tis.

So, there 'tis...

The opinions, perspectives and analyses of Larry Horist

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Views & Quotes/Tallahassee Trip

By Gene Robinson
October 22, 2019

I stayed up all night to make sure that those, both locally and in other states, who have been following the articles that I have written about Monday's Florida State Senate Rules Committee hearing regarding the possible reinstatement of former Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel, in light of shootings that took the lives of a combined 22 people . . . **would have the results of the hearing first thing Tuesday morning!**

I spoke with residents of South Florida who went up to the State Capital of Tallahassee on two buses, and they had a lot to say, so I captured their comments, and also will discuss some of the other nuances captured by those who made the trip. But, first let me get right to the heart of the matter by telling you that by a vote of 8 to 6, the Rules Committee, made up of both Republicans and Democrats, after hearing evidence presented by those both for and against Scott Israel's reinstatement, including Governor Ron DeSantis, who initially suspended the ex-Sheriff . . . **voted to not reinstate the former Sheriff.**

The Rules Committee will present the facts that came out of the hearing, as well as their vote, to the entire Florida Senate, and a full Senate will then register a Final Vote on Israel's possible reinstatement this Wednesday, October 23rd. As we await that vote, I want you to hear from some who witnessed Monday's hearing, a session that took several hours of testimony on both sides of the issue:

1) Coconut Creek resident Donna Zweben was driven to sobbing tears as she recalled Andrew Pollack, whose daughter, Meadow Pollack, lost her life on Valentines Day, 2018, in the massacre at Broward's Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School, when Andrew read a Remembrance Letter written by Meadow's brother, Hunter Pollack, in which Hunter spoke from the heart about a loving sister who had dreams of going off to college spoiled by the shooting that day. There was a consensus of praise for Celeste Ellich, a former military veteran, when Ellich told the Committee something that is a Cardinal Principle of Leadership, "A person in charge of any organization, or group, as in the case of Scott Israel, has the Full Responsibility for those under his, or her, command."

2) Mary Sturm, who was one of the primary organizers of the trip to Tallahassee and was the initial contact person for those who wanted to reserve a seat on one of the buses, had this to say in a very short and poignant message for all of us to make sure that we not forget that this situation is Not Over: "The Vote Today, We Won this Day. Celebrate One, but Watch Tomorrow."

3) Marcia Muck, who worked closely with the organizers of the trip, said, "What an incredible experience, and I'm so glad I could change my busy schedule to make the trip. It was worth every minute. I had no idea that Scott Israel's Rules of Engagement as Sheriff were absolutely ridiculous,

in that his deputies had to ask for permission to attack the enemy, while innocent lives were being taken."

4) Joe D'Uva and Diane Lupo of Kings Point Tamarac let me know that, "We went to Tallahassee with two busloads of concerned citizens to encourage the Senate Committee to not reinstate Scott Israel. While his reinstatement was narrowly defeated in Committee, we need people to call Florida senators before Wednesday to urge them to Vote No on Final Reinstatement."

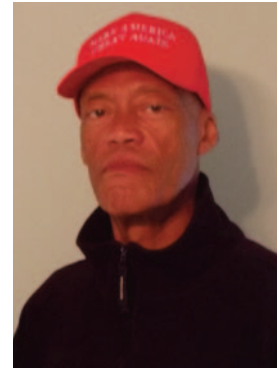
5) Conservative podcaster Franklin Rye stated, "I'm on my way back from Tallahassee at this late hour with a bus full of energized patriots, proud of what we accomplished together at the Rules Committee hearing. We took one step to ensuring that Scott Israel is removed from office for good."

Those are just a very few of the South Florida residents who took the time to go the State Capital to voice their opinion and to show their concern, but there are others: Our Hats Are Off to Cindy Levine who worked endlessly to work through the process for several days to get people situated with reservations on the buses, and in hotel rooms to spend the night in Tallahassee, the day before the hearing. And, to Linda Schainberg of Hollywood, who had planned to come on the trip, but she did not let a dire family emergency curtail her plans to have her GOP group from Southeast Broward donate three cases of water, a cooler, ice, and snacks for those on the buses.

And, we cannot forget the Petty and Feis families, and other grieving families, who lost children or other family members during Scott Israel's tenure as Sheriff, but who came to Tallahassee to tell the legislators in no uncertain terms . . . **no reinstatement!!**

There were many others, some who did not ride on the buses, but instead drove the distance to the Capital on Monday, then returned to homes in South Florida and other Florida counties afterward. All of those who came to Tallahassee wanted those office holders in the State Senate to know that . . . **we will not remain silent any longer in the ske of horrible tragedies that affect all of us, and that we expect every one in a position of influence, who need our votes to remain in office, had better listen to us . . . or else!**

GOD Bless.



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Trump's Decision to Pull U.S. Troops from NE Syria a Brilliant Geostrategic Move

By William Wilson, PhD

Trump's decision to pull U.S. troops from NE Syria is a brilliant geostrategic move that will have positive long-term implications for U.S. foreign policy. First, supporting the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) against Turkey's long-anticipated Operation Peace Spring, an offensive with at least 18,000 Turkish soldiers plus thousands of other well-equipped Turkish-backed militants, would require a U.S. commitment far in excess of the roughly 48 troops that were stationed in NE Syria. This direct engagement with Turkey, a NATO member, would be further complicated by likely Russian and Syrian involvement. In short, the troop pullout avoided a major international quagmire that could have entailed the loss of American life.

Second, Turkey's incursion into NE Syria forces SDF and al-Assad into an alliance. Under the SDF-Syrian Protection Deal, the Syrian Army was deployed along the Turkey-Syrian border in 15 observation posts. Ultimately, Syria's al-Assad needs to be a part of the equation; this is Syria territory, after all. If the Kurds make a deal with al-Assad for a semi-autonomous region then this would be the closest they have had to having their own land. Had U.S. forces remained to help Kurdish forces secure the Syrian-Turkey border, the U.S., in essence, would have been doing al-Assad's dirty work for him. It is the responsibility of Syria, not the U.S., to enforce Syria's border.

Third, the return of ISIS in NE Syria is grossly exaggerated. Unless the remnants of ISIS align themselves with a Turkish-backed militia, there are too many Kurdish, Turkish, Syrian, and Russian actors in the NE Syria theatre to provide sufficient space in order for ISIS to return. Coupled with the facts that U.S. forces took out al-Baghdadi, and that ISIS lacks financial donors and their own land to fight for, the threat of a reemerged ISIS is negligible, at best.

Fourth, Trump's policy should be viewed less as troop withdrawal and more like troop redeployment, and this especially applies to the securing of the Omar Oil Fields on the eastern bank of the Euphrates River in SE Syria and the Jbessa Fields to the northeast. The U.S. appears to be deploying significant military personnel and assets to the key oil field areas, in addition to the hundreds of U.S. private military contractors already in the region. Trump has even hinted at using U.S. energy companies to help develop

these fields for Kurdish gain. On Oct 23, Trump and Mazloum Abdi, SDF General Commander, praised each other in Twitter; surely the security of the Omar Oil Fields would have been discussed in their communications.

Fifth, Trump is fixing a problem that others helped create. Thanks to documents obtained by Judicial Watch via the Freedom of Information Act, 2012 DIA reports reveal that the Obama Administration not only knew that ISIS planned for a caliphate but also that U.S. arms were being shipped, via Benghazi, to terrorist groups opposed to al-Assad in Syria. According to the DIA, the events in Syria were "taking a clear sectarian direction. The Salafist, the Muslim Brotherhood, and Al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI) are the major forces driving the insurgency in Syria. The West, Gulf countries, and Turkey support the opposition; while Russia, China, and Iran support the Assad regime." Further, "The Regime (al-Assad) will survive and have control over Syrian territory." In short, despite being advised by the DIA that al-Assad will survive, the Obama Administration, the State Department, and others spent millions of U.S. taxpayer money to remove al-Assad by directly working with al-Qaeda, the Muslim Brotherhood, and other radical Islamist terrorist groups. In the end, hundreds of thousands of Syrians died, over 6 million were displaced, and al-Assad is still in office today. In short, Trump did not cause this problem; he is fixing a problem that others created.

Finally, Trump is simply fulfilling a promise he made to the American people. Here is then-candidate Trump from April, 2016:

I will never send our finest into battle unless necessary, and I mean absolutely necessary, and will only do so if we have a plan for victory with a capital V. The world must know that we do not go abroad in search of enemies. . . . It's time to shake the rust off of America's foreign policy. . . . It's time to invite new voices and new visions into the fold.

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Palm Beach County GOP Hosts Candidate Meet and Greet

On Tuesday, November 5, the South County Civic Center in Delray Beach was the scene of a Candidate Meet and Greet hosted by the Palm Beach County Republican Party. Attendees were able to mix and mingle with candidates for the Florida State House, Congress, and Palm Beach County Sheriff. Chair Michael Barnett moderated a discussion with the candidates for Congressional Districts 21 and 22, and members of the audience were able to ask questions of the candidates.



Sayd Hussain, who is a candidate for Florida State House District 91, running against Emily Slosberg.



GOP Chair Michael Barnett with Lauro Diaz, candidate for Palm Beach County Sheriff.



Enthusiastic supporters (left to right): Sue Snowden, Victoria Thiel, Linda Stoch, and Joyce Lewis-Bass.



CD-22 candidates (left to right): Christine Scott, Jim Pruden, Darlene Swaffer, Joe Smith, and Jessica Melton. Debra Musselwhite (far right) represented her husband Greg Musselwhite, who is a candidate for CD-20, running against Alcee Hastings.



GOP Chair Michael Barnett moderated a discussion with the CD-21 candidates (left to right): Christian Acosta, Victor Garcia da Rosa, Laura Loomer, Aron Scanlan, and Mike Vilardi.

“Creepy Joe,” Hunter Biden, and Ukranian Energy

By Ed McCarthy

After a life filled with fraud and service, this nasty old man has the temerity to run for our nation’s highest office.

If ever there were a more worthy politician to circle the drain to oblivion it is Joe Biden. He has been feeding at the public trough since 1972. That equates to 47 years out of his present 76 years of age.

After graduating 506 out of a class of 688 at the University of Delaware, he entered Syracuse University of Law. During his first year there, he was accused of having plagiarized five of 15 pages of a law review article. Biden said it was inadvertent due to his “not knowing the proper rules of citation,” and he was permitted to retake the course after receiving an “F” grade, which was subsequently dropped from his record. This incident would later attract attention when further plagiarism accusations emerged in 1987. He received his Juris Doctor in 1968, graduating 76th of 85 in his class.

So now that I have established that Joe and the truth were often times strangers, let’s explore how after a life in “public service” the notoriously cheap Joe Biden has amassed a net worth of 9 million dollars. That’s right: \$9,000,000.00! And in case you think his wife has been a big money maker, I would like to point out that she is nothing more than a glorified school teacher. That “Dr.” she so proudly displays before her name is merely academic and has nothing to do with medicine. AND it turns out his Ukrainian scheme was not the first time Creepy Joe strong armed his way into hush money for him and his cocaine loving son. Which is exactly why Robert Hunter Biden, secured a prestigious direct commission to the U.S. Naval Reserves in 2012 as a public affairs officer. The program recruits civilians without prior military service who have “special skills that are critical to sustaining military operations.” Hunter Biden’s primary qualification for the cushy part-time job was his last name. The power of nepotism came in handy when he was forced to seek not one, but two waivers, to secure the job.

Ordinary applicants have to meet age restrictions (under 40 at the time he sought the position, now 42). He was 43. Then Hunter needed a second waiver to get a pass for prior cocaine use. Granted! Only six public affairs officers received such direct appointments from the Navy Reserves that year. Amazing, isn’t it, that there wasn’t a single other applicant in America (population: 327 million) with a clean drug history and proper age eligibility to take the slot.

But for all that string-pulling effort, Hunter Biden barely served a year. After testing positive for—wait for it—cocaine during a random drug test, he was discharged quietly in February 2014. The hush-hush deal, undisclosed until a whistleblower told *The Wall Street Journal* eight months later, was yet another perk of Biden patronage. So was his immunity from any investigation or review of his law license by the Connecticut bar. And so, too, was his quick career bounce back.

A month after his humiliating discharge from our military, Biden’s coke-abusing party boy was appointed to the

board of director of Ukraine’s largest private gas producer, Burisma Holdings, owned by a powerful Russian government sympathizer, who had fled to Russia that year. It’s also the same company a top Ukrainian prosecutor was investigating for corruption before he was fired—at the behest of Creepy Joe, according to Joe himself, who bragged about threatening to withhold \$1 billion in loan guarantees to Ukraine during a Council of Foreign Relations speech in 2018.

After reporting earlier this month that Ukrainian officials are still probing the shady company and its dealings with Baby Biden, *The Hill*’s John Solomon proposed pointed questions for the Democratic presidential front-runner: “Was it appropriate for your son and his firm to cash in on Ukraine while you served as point man for Ukraine policy? What work was performed for the money Hunter Biden’s firm received? Did you know about the Burisma probe . . . (and) should you have recused yourself?”

Similar queries apply to Hunter Biden’s other position at investment firm Rosemont Seneca, which snagged a \$1 billion deal in 2013 with the Communist Bank of China, just days after Creepy Joe had met with China’s president Xi Jinping.

This is all part of crooked pattern in the Biden family finances. Hunter’s first job, acquired after Joe Biden won his 1996 Senate reelection bid in Delaware, was with MBNA, the credit card conglomerate and top campaign finance donor to then Sen. Biden. The elder Biden secured his custom-built, multimillion-dollar house in Delaware’s ritziest Chateau Country with the help of a leading MBNA corporate executive. Biden went on to carry legislative water for MBNA in the Senate for years.

Hunter became a “founding partner” in the lobbying firm of Oldaker, Biden and Belair in 2002. William Oldaker was Papa Biden’s former fundraiser, campaign treasurer and general counsel. Under Oldaker’s tutelage, Hunter lobbied for drug companies, universities and other deep-pocketed clients to the tune of nearly \$4 million billed to the company by 2007.

Hunter held a top position at Paradigm Global Advisors, a hedge fund holding company founded with Creepy Joe’s brother, James, and marketed by convicted finance fraudster Allen Stanford. Hunter oversaw half a billion dollars of client money invested in hedge funds while remaining a D.C. lobbyist. The ill-fated venture went bust amid nasty fraud lawsuits.

Hunter also served on the board of directors of taxpayer-subsidized Amtrak, for which his father secured a \$53 billion high-speed train initiative.

After a life filled with fraud and service, this nasty old man has the temerity to run for our nation’s highest office. Ever the narcissist he positions himself in front of the camera almost daily and lies his head off about anything he thinks will secure his nomination. Except for now. Get ready for the big flush, Joe!

Club News

From the Desk of Cheryle Davis-Darrell

President, Black African American Republican Club of the Palm Beaches

I have been married to Christopher Darrell for 30 years. We reside in West Palm Beach, Florida.

I am a mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

We have five four-legged little ones at home: one doberman, two teacup poodles, and two gray tiger-striped cats.

My past volunteering activities have been the Palm Beach County Court House, Children and Families Services, the West Palm Beach Police Department, State Certified Guardian *ad litem*, and the Ombudsman Program.

I am presently volunteering in the community working a minimum of 4–6 shifts per week.

In 2015 I watched my first candidate Donald Trump rally on Youtube, just being curious. I wondered why the media disliked him so. I wanted to listen to what the candidate Donald J. Trump had to say for myself.

I was impressed by what I heard and wondered what was so offensive about speaking the truth?

I changed my party affiliation so that I could cast my vote for candidate Donald Trump in the upcoming Florida Primary.

I support and believe in this country, Making America Great Again, and Putting America First!

I support the First and Second Amendments. Just look at Europe.

I support our Armed Forces that protect this country from

our enemies foreign and domestic. My dad served in the Air Force, and uncles and brother served in the Army.

I support the brave men and women of law enforcement. And always pray for their safety.

I support the Right to Life. Being a great grandmother of a 16-month-old, I can't imagine someone hurting an infant or newborn.


I support America's workers and their families. I knew an older individual who committed suicide after losing his job, being in despair knowing jobs were very scarce.

So I walked away from the Democrat Party before there was a #WalkAway Movement.

I stand before you as proof that our beloved President Donald Trump does have African American's love and support here in Palm Beach County and across this nation. More than the news media would have you to believe. My plan is to continue supporting the President as he works to bring back our jobs, restore law and order in our communities, and protect our beloved homeland. I'm looking forward to having new experiences and being with like-minded people as we work together to inform, educate and enlighten others, and spreading the message that we can have a safe and prosperous nation again for every American.

Where We Go One, We Go All!

God Bless and Godspeed!



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Club News

Republican Federated Women of South Florida Hosted a Candidates Forum for CD-21

On October 24, the Republican Federated Women of South Florida hosted a candidates forum for Congressional District 21 candidates. Former Palm Beach County GOP Chair Sid Dinerstein moderated a lively discussion, which included topics ranging from campaign financing, homeland security, and immigration, to support for President Trump. We thank the candidates who participated and made the event such a success: Christian Acosta, Victor Garcia da Rosa, Liz Felton, Aaron Scanlan, and Mike Vilardi, and give special thanks to Sid for a terrific job of moderating the forum. Lauro Diaz, a candidate for Palm Beach County Sheriff, also attended and spoke briefly.

Liz Felton, one of the candidates and an animal rights activist, brought a 9-week-old pale fox in a baby carriage, which was quite a hit with the attendees.

The dinner meeting was held at the Boca Country Club. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, and will feature Palm Beach County's State Committeeman Joe Budd.

For information about the Republican Federated Women of South Florida, please contact President Linda Johnson at ljayll@att.net.



Covfefe, a nine-week-old African pale fox, made a huge impression. He is shown here being held by Tracy Caruso, as Pat and Kaywin Martin look on.



Congressional District 21 candidates participating in the forum (left to right): Christian Acosta, Victor Garcia da Rosa, Mike Vilardi, Sid Dinerstein (moderator), Aaron Scanlan, and Liz Felton.

Club News

Rep. Mast Gives Impeachment Update

*Republican Club of the Palm Beaches
November 3, 2019*

Ill be blunt—this impeachment investigation has become an embarrassing circus, completely disconnected from real America, with Speaker Pelosi and Chairman Schiff as ringmasters.

After weeks of closed-door meetings and cherry-picked testimonies, the House passed a resolution to formally launch an impeachment investigation into President Donald Trump. This resolution gives Chairman Schiff complete control over this investigation including the schedule, witnesses and hearings, including whether they are open or closed to the public.

This publicity stunt vote is a brazen attempt to stack the deck even more in favor of the narrative Democrats want to be true, instead of trying to find the actual truth—it gives Chairman Schiff unilateral power to decide what facts to tell the American people and which ones to hide from them. The bottom line is that House Democrats have made it clear time and time again that they're more interested in putting



politics and hatred for the President ahead of our country's best interest. It's time to end this sham.

—Congressman Brian Mast

C.L. Bryant—Prepare to Revolt!

*By Fred Scheibl
November 5, 2019*

Prepare to Revolt! This was the message from FreedomWorks Senior Fellow C.L. Bryant last evening at Abacoa.

If the Democrats are able to deny due process to the President of the United States, just think what they can do to you. We are facing a “New American Order,” and we must fight to keep the White House, take back the House, and win more seats in the Senate in 2020.

Bryant, the former Baptist minister, rattled the windows with his booming voice as he brought passion for America, the greatest country on earth, and the constitution—inspired by God. Those of us under 85 years of age are likely to live past 100, he said, God's way of protecting those of us who remember the principles of the founding.

Even as Barack Obama said he would “fundamentally change this country,” a statement of dislike for what has come before, Bryant said it is up to us to “stand in the gap,” and fight this change, using the tools of social media and political persuasion.

“I am an American Nationalist” he proclaimed, which simply means that he loves this country above all other. Nationalism is not a dirty word. Ilhan Omar, who recently railed against “Western Imperialism” at a Bernie Sanders rally, was a Somali refugee, taken in by this country and given the fruits of liberty. Ingratitude, he said, is the biggest

sin. Bryant predicted that Omar, and fellow squad members Tlaib, Ocasio-Cortez and Pressley will be “out of here” come 2020.

He recalled the story of Eldridge Cleaver, originally the Marxist spokesman for the Black Panther Party, who fled prosecution and spent years in Cuba, China and the Soviet Union. “I would rather spend my life in an American jail than live in a Marxist country” he said as he returned to the U.S. to serve his prison term.

Bryant, who at one time was the leader of the NAACP chapter in Garland, Texas until his opposition to abortion ran afoul of the Democrats in charge, stands up for the President. “Trump is no racist” he declared, and sent a message to Democrats that “Black people are leaving you. The pixie dust is wearing off.” Bryant will be meeting with the President later this week as he joins a Presidential advisory board.

Bryant's book *A Race for Freedom*, a treatise on Race in America, is available on Amazon.



Book Review

***A Republic, If You Can Keep It*, by Neil Gorsuch, with Jane Nite and David Feder. New York: Random House, 2019. Hardcover, 339 pp. ISBN #978-0-525-57678-5.**

Associate Justice Gorsuch served as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, based in his home state of Colorado, and reviewed appeals from six Western states. In his younger days he was a law clerk for Justices Byron White and Anthony Kennedy.

I'm not a constitutional lawyer and have never been trained in the law, but I have come to appreciate some vitally important, fundamental, principles in the Constitution of the United States, and Neil Gorsuch, President Trump's first pick for the Supreme Court in 2017, deals with those in his wonderful book, *A Republic If You Can Keep It*. And perhaps, that is what is most appealing about his book—he makes it accessible to us average Americans who do not possess an Ivy-League education.

Justice Gorsuch does this for the best of reason, since he, like the Framers of our Constitution, understands that “our republic needs citizens who understand how their government works. Our government belongs to us all and it is up to us all to keep it.” Thus, “it is intended for citizens interested in introductory reflections on our Constitution, its separation of powers and the structure of those separation of powers.” He refers to our constitutionally-governed republic as “one of the great wonders in world history” and his teachings on it in this book are indeed a marvelous wonder in and of themselves. No one I've ever read explains this stuff more eloquently and cogently than the associate justice. He champions textualism and originalism and believes there is today “a renewed appreciation that they are the only theories that respect the judge's proper role under the Constitution.” That proper role demands that “a judge apply the constitution or a congressional statute as it is, not as he thinks it should be.”

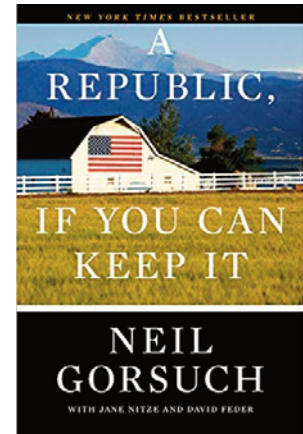
One key point that he makes about the Framers is that they “firmly believed that the rule of law depends on keeping all three governmental powers in their proper spheres,” which is especially relevant today as liberal activist judges

are continuously attempting to legislate from the bench and create new laws themselves. In the course of his brilliant career, Justice Gorsuch has come to “realize that when judges abandon the original meaning of a law to pursue some other goal they find worthy, they risk exercising political will rather than legal judgement. And, in the process they threaten the legitimacy of the judicial enterprise and the right of the people to fair notice of the law's demands. He became persuaded that a judge must learn the lessons of originalism and textualism.”

Originalism and textualism are not something new that was invented in the twenty-first century. This judicial philosophy is “how many of the framers of the U.S. Constitution viewed the proper role of a judge.” That role, as the author sees it, requires courage; the courage to “enforce the law of the constitution over the current will of the majority” as Alexander Hamilton explained long ago in the *Federalist Papers*. For Neil Gorsuch, a personal reminder of what he aspires to as an associate justice to the Supreme Court of the United States, “lies in a scene from Robert Bolt's play *A Man for All Seasons* when Thomas More is betrayed by his protégé, Richard Rich. After Rich testifies falsely at the trial against More, More sees Rich wearing a new chain of office—one that signifies Rich has become attorney general for the relatively small principality of Wales. More asks, “Why, Richard, it profits a man nothing to give his soul for the whole world . . . but for Wales[?]”

Justice Gorsuch thinks it's helpful for a judge to keep that scene in mind as he goes about his job, and I couldn't agree more. When it comes to courage in the Supreme Court of the land, no one possesses it in more abundance than he does. He is truly “a [judge] for all seasons.”

—Tom Mullings



Book Review

***Unfreedom of the Press*, by Mark R. Levin, Simon & Shuster, 2019, ISBN: 978-1-4767-7309-4. 258 pp. including Notes for each chapter.** The Palm Beach County Library has copies of this book, but you probably will need to place a hold to get it.

Mark Levin is a talented writer and researcher. His latest book should be welcomed to understand the concepts of what the First Amendment calls “freedom of the press” and why this is different from what the main stream media provides today. Levin is not just spouting off personal opinions, but he has found many source books from which he quotes the actual history of the origin of the phrase and what is going on today that is different. The book is not bombastic as Levin sometimes speaks, but he is thoughtful and precise in making his points. Freedom of the press as used in the First Amendment is not the same as it is now portrayed by the old press. Levin makes it clear how most of today’s media is following and promoting a new understanding of the job of the press developed from progressive ideas.

The contents of the book are an Introduction, seven chapters, an Epilogue, Acknowledgements, and copious chapter Notes. An index would have been nice and saved readers lots of time. The first chapter, *News as Political and Ideological Activism*, is the longest, and covers some historical developments in journalism such as “The Commission on Freedom of the Press (also known as the Hutchins Commission organized in 1942 to explore whether freedom of the press was in danger and the proper function of the media in a modern democracy” (p. 7). In part, the Commission decided there were three main reasons that freedom of the press was in danger. But there is much more than this going on over the years.

About 25 years ago the “gospel of public journalism, professional passivism is passé; activism is hot. Detachment is out; participation is in. . . .” Marvin Kalb was at the Shorenstein Center then and he warned, “A journalist who becomes an actor, in my view, is overstepping the bounds of his traditional responsibility. When the journalist literally organizes the change and then covers it, I’m uncertain about such traditional qualities as detachment, objectivity, toughness. . . . The whole point of American journalism has always been detachment from authority so that critical analysis is possible” (p. 30).

Levin concludes chapter one writing, “Moreover, as foot soldiers for the Progressive Movement, newsrooms and journalists have also traveled far from the substantive principles and beliefs that animated the early printers, pamphleteers, and newspaper publishers who gave birth to press freedom and American independence” (p. 45).

For those who know the story of John Peter Zenger, Levin might have used it to explain some traits of the early printers, who made a living with printing presses with wooden type and ink rollers carried in a two-horse buckboard wagon from town to town to print broadsides and pamphlets for local causes and fights. These printing presses were the ones deserving the freedom.

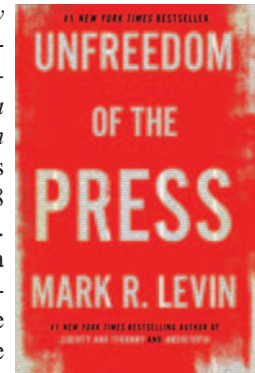
In chapter two—*The Early Patriot Press*—Levin mentions Isaiah Thomas’ 1810 book, *The History of Printing in America, with a biography of printers, and an account of newspapers*. Printers immigrated from England in 1638 to Cambridge, Massachusetts. “Thus early printing in America mostly related to debates about religion and, later, promoting the gospel and other books to Native Americans in their language.” p.

45 Books by David A. Copeland, Carol Sue Humphrey, and Bernard Bailyn are cited for much early history. Ben Franklin’s printing Tom Paine’s *Common Sense* is only a small part of the real freedom of the press story.

In chapter three—*The Modern Democratic Party-Press*—existing roughly from the 1780s to 1860s is reviewed. Here Levin calls on Cal State’s Charles L. Ponce de Leon, pointing out that Philip Freneau’s *National Gazette* was the most prominent Republican organ. Virginia Tech’s Jim A. Kuypers explains the *National Gazette* was anti-Federalist and anti-George Washington, plus it had the backing of Thomas Jefferson. Levin relies on Virginia’s Peter Onuf, pointing out the animosity of the Adams-Jefferson election of 1800. But the election of 1828 between John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson was among the most brutal of contests. Historian Robert Remini describes a vast, nationwide newspaper system set up by Jackson. Kuypers wrote that “at the time that ‘newspapers’ emerged as a driving force in American political life, they had little to do with objective news” (p. 65). This chapter goes on to describe the Trump-Clinton contest, the “Russian Hoax” and its investigations, and make an eight-page list of events calling into question the objectivity of the newspapers. There is “much more” in this chapter.

In chapter 4—*The Real Threat to Press Freedom*—the media claims to be under a barrage of criticism from President Donald Trump. The media thinks they are not the enemy of the people and that they are a free and independent press. Trump has not advocated state-run journalism. He does denounce stories about collusion with Russia, gossip about his family, and demands for his impeachment. The media has organized its stories about many subjects to emphasize an obsession about Trump. Levin cites coverage of cable channels of Obama was 3 to 5 percent of airtime over most of his presidency, while Trump’s “steady state appears to be around 13 percent to 17 percent” (p. 97). During the first 100 days of Trump the seven media outfits studied by the Shorenstein Center covered “in highly unfavorable terms” in every dimension.

Levin discusses Lincoln’s efforts to stop distribution of a forged copy of a presidential proclamation by the Associated Press that included shutting down two papers. He



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reminds us about Woodrow Wilson getting amendments to the Espionage Act at the time of World War I, and establishing a Committee on Public Information. Alabama professor David T. Beito wrote about Franklin D. Roosevelt's "War against the press" through World War II. Levin demonstrates that President Trump does not pose a threat to freedom of the press as did certain earlier presidents.

In chapter 5—*News, Propaganda, and Pseudo-Events*—several things stand out to me. For example, Patrick Michaels, currently director of the Center for the Study of Science at the Cato Institute, says climate models are poor in replicating the evolution of global temperature for the past several decades and they manage to ignore a "spate of published science demonstrating that the sensitivity of temperature to carbon dioxide changes was substantially overestimated in those models. . ." (p. 126). To the same effect, Levin cite studies by Richard S. Lindzen, emeritus prof at MIT, Patrick Moore, co-founder of Green Peace, and Roy W. Spencer of Alabama and NASA, who say very little is known about climate change. However, NBC and Chuck Todd have analyzed the relevant facts through their progressive approach and their conclusion is final.

Daniel Boorstin, in his book, *The Image: A Guide to Pseudo-Events in America*, explains why the newsman now has the responsibility God used to have in making the world interesting. With the 24-hour, round the clock, news cycle creating more space to fill news gathering turned to new making, so pseudo-events inspire other pseudo-events. "An example of this process involves the so-called Russian collusion allegation—which, to summarize, started as a political accusation leveled against candidate Donald Trump by Hillary Clinton." This became the biggest pseudo-event perpetrated by the Democratic party-press in modern times (p.132).

In chapter 6—*The New York Times Betrays Millions*—Levin explains in late 1942 there was unambiguous evidence of the Nazis' extermination of many thousands of Jews, but this was largely ignored by the media. The British Newspaper, the *Independent*, reported on April 18, 2017 that it had accessed UN data that shows U.S., UK and Soviet governments knew that 2 million Jews had been killed and that 5 million were at risk of being killed. Roosevelt did not want to call attention to the Holocaust. The joint Moscow Declaration in the fall of 1943 mentioned there would be trials over what happened in Poland and Russia, but the Jews situation was ignored.

Northeastern Professor Laurel Leff, in her 2005 book, *Buried by the Times*, points out how the war partners failed to report what was going on against the Jews. Leff says the *NYT* determined that the killing of millions of Jews "was a relatively unimportant story." The *Times* publisher, Arthur Has Sulzberger, "intentionally and repeatedly buried news about the Holocaust deep within his paper, or ignored it altogether" (p. 151). Yet the deaths of other civilians, often fewer than 100, regularly appeared on the front page. Sulzberger was said to dislike some Jewish leaders and opposed their efforts to establish a Jewish state. Roosevelt's treatment of the Jewish situation was to ignore it. Max Frankel worked at the *NYT* for 50 years and he blames the paper's ignoring the fate of the Jews to "self-hating Jews

and anti-Zionists" among the paper's owners and staff. But Frankel acknowledged ignoring the Jews' fate was the century's biggest journalistic failure. There is more to read here.

In chapter 7—*The Truth About Collusion, Abuse of Power, and Character*—is a three part chapter about these three subjects. Collusion with Russia was not proven by investigations by Congressional Committees or Special Counsel Mueller's two-year \$30 million redo. Levin discusses the Hamilton Musical as something the Democratic party-press celebrates the remake of Hamilton despite Hamilton's collusion with the British during Washington's presidency. But he asks whether they even know of Hamilton's collusion with the British?

Does the Democratic party-press know that Senator Edward Kennedy sought assistance from the Soviet Union during the Cold War to help defeat Ronald Reagan's reelection? This has been written about and Levin gives some sources. The Democratic party-press was not interested.

Next Bill Clinton's election in which China meddled was not of interest to the Democratic party-press. Johnny Chung got \$300,000 in 1996 from Gen. Ji Shengde to get Clinton reelected.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi in April 2007 met with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad criticized by the White House as undermining U.S. policy to isolate Syria. She was not the first Democratic Speaker to subvert the U.S. position in Nicaragua. Jim Wright tried to negotiate with Daniel Ortega and Reagan personally admonished him, but Wright vowed to continue his efforts. Pelosi has gone to visit hot spot leaders even more recently to have "oversight" discussions about Trump policy with foreign leaders.

Levin gives us 18 pages about the abuse of power by the Democratic party-press on a daily basis giving reports of clear propaganda against President Trump. On the third issue of character, in this chapter, the Democratic party-press has shown great interest in events involving Trump before the 2016 election. Levin discusses John F. Kennedy's scores of extramarital flings and affairs before and while Kennedy was president, including an alleged East German spy and a 19-year-old intern. Lyndon Johnson also got the Levin eyes on his behavior which also shows disparate treatment of the situations. This starkly reminds us which side the press is on.

The book ends with an Epilogue titled—*A Standardless Profession*—in which Levin summarizes the principles of reporting in the book—*The Elements of Journalism*—by Bill Kovach and Tom Rosenstiel, as: 1) Never add anything that was not there. 2. Never deceive the audience. 3) Be as transparent as possible about your methods and motives. 4) Rely on your own original reporting. 5) Exercise humility.

Then Levin gives examples of news events in which the Democratic party-press ignored these five elements, including the *Rolling Stone* story defaming a University of Virginia dean in a false campus rape story; the false allegations about rape by the Duke lacrosse team; Dan Rather's discredited report about George W. Bush's military record; the smear of Bret Kavanaugh; the smear of the Covington Catholic students; and the on and on false reports about Trump. You will enjoy this book. Levin has explained why many in today's media deserve only the "Unfreedom of the press" treatment. —Reviewed by William J. Skinner

Editor's Postscript

Healing the Psychological Wounds of War

By Tom Mullings

The traumas experienced by America's combat veterans leave scars that are readily apparent and I should know. As a combat soldier in the Vietnam War in 1968, I volunteered to walk point for the infantry and served as a Scout Dog Handler with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, United States Army. In that capacity, while leading a company of infantrymen during my last day in the field, the first shot of an enemy ambush from an AK-47, hit me in the abdomen, leaving starkly-visible scars on my midsection that have served as a reminder of that horrific day ever since.

But the traumas of war-time experiences, leave other scars that are not so readily apparent, causing serious psychological disturbances that stalk the veteran's life like a troubling sleeping giant, while remaining hidden from view within one's mind. I've carried these scars too all these years, and the clinical name for them is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, more commonly known as PTSD.

PTSD was only recognized as such relatively recently, and for much of the 20th century was referred to as Battle Fatigue. Perhaps the most infamous case of this was during WW II, when General George Patton slapped a hospitalized soldier suffering from the condition, which nearly ended the celebrated general's legendary command of American tank forces before it even began.

For over a half century, I've struggled with these invisible scars of war, constantly seeking help from the Veteran's Administration to finally make peace with the war, but never even getting to first base with the therapy from a long list of doctors who were doing their best to help me, and for which I've always had the utmost respect.

Then, a couple of years ago, I was at a polo match in Wellington with a close friend of mine, a former Marine

Corps colonel, when an incident occurred that eventually put me on the road to effective help for the condition I'd suffered from for so long. Sitting at the table having dinner, I suddenly was overwhelmed with paranoid feelings that people were after me, perhaps triggered by an innocent question about my service in combat from the Colonel. I immediately got up from the table and fled the scene without letting anyone know why I was leaving or where I was going. The only thoughts going through my head at the time were feelings of dread and an irresistible urge to flee malevolent forces that were pursuing me.

I spent the next hour or so in the dark, running along the road while hiding from approaching headlights, until gradually the imaginary, paranoid feelings of dread faded, allowing reality to return enough to my conscious mind that I was able to call my wife and have her pick me up.

Needless to say, the Colonel was frantic with worry as to what had happened to me, and upon returning home I called him and apologized for my peculiar behavior. But knowing my history, he suspected that I was suffering from PTSD and suggested I read a book entitled *EMDR Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing*, which he believed was a "breakthrough Eye Movement Therapy for overcoming anxiety, stress, and trauma." I followed his suggestion and was deeply intrigued by what the book said, and



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"Reflections" painting by Lee Teter of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington, DC

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also enthusiastically took the Colonel up on his most gracious offer to pay for EMDR therapy outside of the Veteran's Administration. This I have done for over a year, under the care of Dr. Goldwasser, a renowned EMDR expert with decades of experience treating war veterans such as myself, who are haunted by memories of war.

My own symptoms included sleep disruption, and according to Dr. Goldwasser, I "had, in fact, compartmentalized much of the trauma that [I] had experienced and was not emotionally connected at a conscious level to many of the experiences that [I] had and [this] was affecting [me] at night."

I'm most pleased to report that the therapy has done wonders in helping to deal with the trauma I suffered so long ago while serving my country in combat with the United States Army. I'm not going to delve deeply into explanations of this therapy, as I believe it would be much more appropriate, not to mention enlightening, to have Dr. Goldwasser explain how this revolutionary tool for dealing with the debilitating effects of deep-seated trauma actually works, but suffice to say that "Many people who use EMDR find that it reactivates some aspect of their traumatic mem-

ory as the first step in its resolution. EMDR sessions can be hard work, therefore, but once they are over, health can emerge; the person no longer has to fight off feelings of despair, guilt, or anger or to guard constantly against destructive urges."

"The sad thing that we confront every day is that of the 20 veteran suicides that occur across the country, 14 of those veterans are outside of this department," Veteran's Affairs Secretary Wilkie said in April of this year. Given this fact, in closing, I just want to say that it is my fervent hope that the Veteran's Administration fully embrace this revolutionary therapy as part of the their treatment programs in the near future, and that other American war veterans will take it up and be relieved of the psychological traumas that have caused them so much anguish. I can't guarantee that it will in fact, help them, but it helped me, after more than half a century of seeking that help without success.

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.

Comments from Dr. Norman Goldwasser

For trauma victims, such as veterans who have experienced ongoing disturbing images, feelings, and memories, their lives are often disrupted by these experiences that end up being "stuck" in their nervous systems, and prevent them from living normal, productive lives. These extreme experiences overwhelm the limbic system, the emotional center of the brain, and flood it with overwhelming amounts of neurological activity. This ends up shutting down the left brain, which is necessary for processing to occur. Without processing, disturbing traumatic material ends up being stuck in the hippocampus, the memory center of the brain, remaining very much alive for the trauma victim. This can manifest itself with a range of symptoms of a disorder—Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD, which can involve a range of symptoms including flashbacks, startle responses, disturbing nightmares, rage reactions, avoidance, and extreme anxiety. For veterans, in particular, it can mean that the terrible experiences that they had during combat duty still are very much alive inside of them and their nervous systems, raw and unprocessed, in ways that could affect them 50 years after coming home from war.

For many years, veterans and other victims of trauma were left paralyzed by their traumatic experiences, and no medication or therapy seemed effective in helping the disabling symptoms of PTSD. However, a psychologist named Dr. Francine Shapiro discovered that if a person moved their eyes rapidly back and forth when reliving a traumatic expe-

rience, the intensity of the emotions associated with the trauma reliably diminished, which enabled the person to reprocess the experience in a more functional and adaptive way. The mechanism underlying this phenomenon was not understood until a renowned world expert in the neurobiology of trauma, Dr. Bessel van der Kolk, discovered that rapid eye movement actually stimulates and reactivates the left hemisphere, which allows the brain to process the traumatic material, actually moving it out of the nervous system. He also discovered that rapid eye movement stimulates the release of neurochemicals that actually break down the connection between the limbic system, the brain's emotional center, and the traumatic memory, which creates a detachment of the emotions associated with the memory. Other neurochemicals break down the connection between the hippocampus, the memory center of the brain, and the traumatic memory, which causes a degradation of the memory trace, and an inability to re-capture images associated with the trauma.



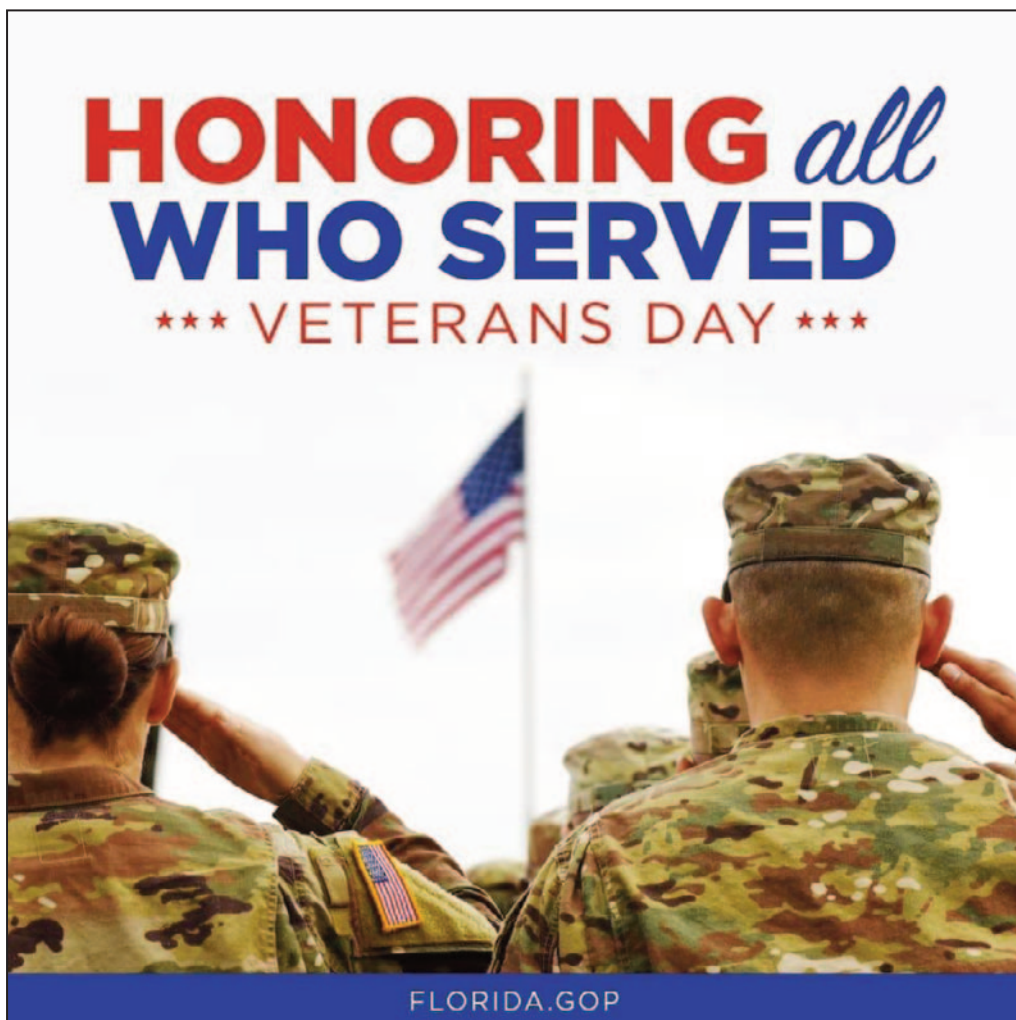
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The result of this process, which resulted in a breakthrough treatment process called Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, or EMDR, has enabled millions of people suffering from the devastating effects of trauma to heal, and to move on with their lives, leaving the trauma behind them. EMDR, which once was seen as an unconventional and out-of-the-box therapy technique, is now universally accepted as a gold standard treatment for trauma throughout the world. Well over 30,000 clinicians globally have been trained, and are treating trauma victims in ways that are becoming increasingly more popular, because the treatment tends to be brief and very effective in healing the psychological wounds of trauma victims. For veterans, in particular, this can be a life-changing experience, which allows them to, once and for all, let go of the ravages of war that remain inside of their minds, and to move forward with their lives, without the debilitating effects of the trauma that once had been a daily part of their reality. For them, and other trauma victims, EMDR gives real hope for regaining normalcy and stability. This is well

deserved, and something they are most definitely entitled to receive, so that they can regain some sense of normalcy and peace in their otherwise troubled lives.

Dr. Norman Goldwasser is an internationally renowned psychologist from Miami Beach, Florida, who holds a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and a Masters degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University. He has been a featured speaker throughout the world, having traveled to Australia, Israel, South Africa, Hong Kong, England, and Denmark, as well as throughout North America, to speak on a range of challenging topics in psychology. His areas of expertise include trauma, child sexual abuse, marital and family therapy, OCD, spirituality, and personality disorders. He is currently authoring two books, one is Breaking the Mirror, a self-help book for people who are trying to overcome narcissistic personality traits, and the other, Acquiring Resilience, focuses on developing skills and perspective that can help to persevere in the face of adversity and trauma. Dr. Goldwasser is also a business consultant for corporations, organizations, and schools, and functions as an Executive Coach for CEOs, business owners, and organization directors.





Republican Executive Committee Membership Application

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

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

REC Committeeman & Committeewoman Duties and Responsibilities

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

E-mail*: _____

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

Profession: _____ Precinct #: _____

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

Two Current REC Members' Sponsor Signatures:

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

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

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**Republican Party of Florida
Party Loyalty Oath**

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

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

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

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

Signature of Member

Signature of Witness

County/Precinct #

Date

Office: _____

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

Address, as it appears on voter registration

Email

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

CANDIDATE OATH –

Committeemen and Committeewomen

Check applicable one:

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Candidate Oath

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

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

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

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

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

Statement of Party

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

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

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

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

X _____ ()
Signature of Candidate Telephone Number Email Address

Address City State ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

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

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

Personally Known: _____ or Produced Identification: _____
 Type of Identification Produced: _____