



Republican Party of Palm Beach County



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South Florida Republicans Attend Fourth Annual Black Republican Trailblazer Awards Luncheon

On Thursday, February 4, 2016 a contingent of Republicans from Palm Beach County, led by Palm Beach County Republican Party Chairman Mike Barnett, traveled by bus along with Republicans from Broward and St. Lucie Counties to attend the Fourth Annual Black Republican Trailblazer Awards Luncheon at Bethune-Cookman University's Performing Arts Center in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Republicans gathered at the University to honor and present an award to the Honorable Alphonso Jackson, who served as the U.S. Secretary of Housing Urban Development from 2004 to 2008. He was introduced and presented the Trailblazer Award by Reince Priebus, Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Dr. Edison O. Jackson, President of the University, opened the event with words of wisdom, wisely advising that those in the black community in America "should not put all their eggs in one [political party's] basket" and that "no party should take our vote for granted."

Webster Barnaby, former city commissioner of Deltona, Florida, gave the invocation and then spoke movingly about his journey to become an American citizen and how "giving back to the community is the rent we pay for living in this country."

When it was his turn to speak, PBCRP chairman Mike Barnett, referring to the theme of the luncheon, "Pursuing the Promise," said that Gov. Scott's "growing the economy, creating jobs, and providing school choice is helping everyone, and our party has become part of the [minority] community we are trying to reach out to."

Perhaps traveling farther than anyone else to attend the luncheon, James Evans, Chairman, of the Utah Republican Party and a family member of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, reflected on his cousin, for whom the University was named.

In his remarks, Reince Priebus encouraged college Republicans to organize, saying "We are the party of freedom and opportunity in America" and then echoed President Jackson's earlier comments by saying that "In America, no voter should be overlooked or taken for granted by any party."

One of the highlights of the event, for this observer at least, was when Trailblazer Award recipient and former Secretary of HUD Alphonso Jackson revealed that as a youth he participated, along with Martin Luther King and John

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RNC Chairman Reince Priebus presenting the Fourth Annual Black Republican Trailblazer Award to Hon. Alphonso Jackson.



PBC Chairman Michael Barnett congratulating Hon. Alphonso Jackson on his award, while President Edison Jackson looks on.

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Lewis (before he was a congressman), in the legendary march across the bridge in Selma, Alabama. In his keynote address accepting the award, Sec. Jackson said “Life is like running hurdles. If you can look up, you can get up. We have to elect a president this time who will bring us together, not divide us.” Then in closing, he said something that I’d never heard before: “We [African Americans] are the freest people of color on the face of this earth.” Truer words have never been spoken and it seemed most fitting that the luncheon at Bethune-Cookman University should end on such a profound and meaningful note.

It also seemed fitting and surely not by coincidence that in the bus while in transit to the luncheon Chairman Michael Barnett chose to show us the movie *Selma*.

Upon leaving the Performing Arts Center after the luncheon, my wife and I stopped by to take in a statue of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. As I looked up at the impressive larger-than-life bronze sculpture of the woman for whom the Uni-

versity takes its name, I thought about the movie we all saw while on our way to the University and couldn’t help but reflect on a poem that was on the back of the luncheon program, part of which I leave you with:

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been
watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of
the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand.
True to our God, true to our native land.

From poem *Lift Every Voice and Sing*,
written by James Weldon Johnson



Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.



Republicans from Palm Beach, Broward and St. Lucie Counties arrived by bus at Bethune-Cookman University for the Fourth Annual Black Republican Trailblazer Awards Luncheon.



Traveling to Daytona Beach on the bus.



PBC Chairman Michael Barnett speaking at the luncheon.

Republican Party of Palm Beach County Marches in Martin Luther King Day Parade for Second Year

For the second year in a row, the Palm Beach County Republican Party marched in the annual Martin Luther King Day parade in Riviera Beach, parting with past policies in order to honor the man who was as responsible as anyone for the increased integration of American Society and the ending of the “Jim Crow” era. However much conservatives may disagree with many of the political views of Dr. King, it is an indisputable fact that this man helped America to more fully realize the founding ideals under which she came into being. Together, black and white Americans are a great and formidable people and no one in American history, with the possible exception of Abraham Lincoln, has played a greater part in healing the terrible wounds of slavery and racial bigotry and bringing us together to “form a more perfect Union” than Dr. Martin Luther King. It is the right thing to do and perhaps part of that healing process that conservatives in the Republican Party of Palm Beach have started to set politics aside to honor this great man and accord him his rightful place as a great champion of American democracy.

The Republican Party contingent in the parade this year swelled to over two dozen marchers and included a contingent of College Republicans for the first time.

Although last year’s first-ever participation by the PBCRP was generally very well received by the crowds in Rivera Beach, at least one negative comment was overheard—“The Republican Party, what are they doing here?” In addition, the Mayor of Riviera Beach refused to have his picture taken with members of the Party.

This year, there was none of that and I heard no negative comments whatsoever. In fact, occasionally there were even shouts of support for the candidacies of Donald Trump and Ben Carson. In addition, upon passing the reviewing stand, the spokesman, announcing the Republican Party’s appearance in the parade, graciously gave credit to the party for “doing much for the community.”

Hopefully next year, the Palm Beach County Republican Party will send an even larger contingent to honor this martyred American hero, who sacrificed so much to teach us to judge each other by the “content of our character” instead of the color of our skin.



America Last, America First

by Sid Dinerstein

January 17, 2016



Donald Trump is not a man for all seasons. Donald Trump is a man for this season. And what season is that? We are in the Winter of the America Last season. Donald Trump is trying to get us to the Spring of the America First season.

What are the characteristics of this America Last season? For starters, it's a national inferiority complex fed by our highest elected officials. It's a can't-do homeland mentality backed up by a leading-from-behind foreign policy. It's an apology tour culminating in the recent humiliation of our sailors by a rogue Iranian regime on the open seas. It's the federalization of education, student loans and health care, knowing ahead of time that we will continually make each one worse; higher costs, lower value.

Let's look at some of the specifics of our America Last season. President Obama bows to foreign kings. He openly refuses to accept the concept of American "exceptionalism," suggesting that the Greeks must think they are equally exceptional. Really? It's having a policy of destroying working automobiles so that people will buy new ones. Who are the real clunkers? It's Red Lines washed away by the first rising tide. It's disarming our allies while protecting the military buildups of our boldest enemies. It's trading five enemy terrorist generals for one American deserter. It's our over regulation, over taxation and over litigation that is sucking the lifeblood out of our most promising entrepreneurs. It's praising an economy that now kills more businesses than it creates; and a workforce of part timers searching in vain for well paid career opportunities. It's Third World illegal immigrants taking American jobs with no official push back. It's too much crime in too few communities; all of it blamed on the police. Clearly the list is endless. If you are reading this post you are qualified to add to it.

Why the rehash? Because without understanding the seasons you cannot understand the Trump phenomenon. Trump

is not the classical Conservative riding in on a white horse to conquer the evil Progressives. Trump is not the answer to George Will's yearning for a movement Conservative like Barry "39%" Goldwater. No, Trump is the Springtime of the next America First season, committed to "Making America Great Again." It starts with a simple belief: America is for Winners. Our roots of exceptionalism, rule of law, limited government, We the People, faith, freedom and family are way too powerful for the weak America Last agenda; an agenda of high taxes, open borders, unilateral disarmament and a "stand down" mentality. When the Springtime of America First arrives next November America will have a new giddy-yap in her gait, a lilt in her voice, a glint in her eye and a steely resolve in her heart. The policies will come fast and furious: The Rule of Law means the end of "a pen and a phone" tyranny; the reemergence of a Constitutional Republic; secure borders; the denationalization of health care, student loans and Common Core; the repatriation of trillions of overseas dollars; lower taxes; greater investment opportunities; free speech; a stronger dollar and renegotiated trade deals. An American First agenda is a Winners First agenda, followed by the more traditional Left/Right skirmishes.

Nobody knows what will happen next November. But everybody knows what is happening now. The stadiums are full of Trumpsters, tens of thousands of American Firsters longing to get their mojo back. Trump looks like Springtime. He has a bounce in his step, a smile on his face and the brightest overcomb in Western Civilization. Hillary is all Winter all the time; the emails, the old Clinton girlfriends fighting back, the new normal of a perpetually depressed economy, the pandering, the resets, the world's longest unbroken streak of foreign policy blunders. She even looks like Winter.

So, yes, to understand 2016 you must understand America Last vs. America First. There's no middle ground. You're either old man Winter or the renewal of Spring. Tell your friends.

Sid Dinerstein was the Chairman of the Palm Beach County Republican Party for ten years.

When a 79% Vote Doesn't Count ...

by George Blumel



This story belongs in REC member Bill Skinner's book, *South Florida Election Law Handbook—How Voters Can Prevent Election Fraud and Make Elections Fair*. Here's what I know about it.

In 2014, a group of Palm Beach Gardens citizens organized to reform their local government by term limiting their town council. They saw the benefits of

term limits from the experience in Florida from the state legislature to county commissioners and many cities and towns throughout the state. Their fellow voters agreed—over 20,000 showed up and 79 percent of them approved a citizen initiative that limited city council members to be *elected* to two consecutive 3-year terms in office. At the same time, 68 percent of voters approved a second measure limiting *election* to two consecutive terms retroactive. The message the voters sent couldn't be any clearer.

In spite of the overwhelming voter-approved term limits law, four-term incumbent Vice Mayor David Levy is running for his fifth consecutive election to the Palm Beach Gardens City Council.

Both Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher—a fellow Democrat—and Palm Beach Gardens City Clerk Patricia Snider are currently being sued for approving Levy for the ballot and are spending public funds to battle voters in court. In fact, the county Supervisor of Elections has already approved printing the ballot with his name on it!

Well, you say, there must be some kind of loophole that the supervisor and clerk would approve him running when they surely know the law, which is Section 4-1 of the City Charter that reads, in part:

“No individual shall be elected to the office of council member for more than two (2) consecutive full terms.” A council member who resigns after being elected to two consecutive *full terms*, is prohibited from running in the immediately subsequent election. This is because, under Section 4-1, “no individual shall be *elected* to the office of council member for more than two (2) consecutive full terms.” (Our emphasis on the key word: *elected*.) Then, how can they permit it, you ask?

The suit was brought by long-time Palm Beach Gardens resident and long-time term limits supporter, Sid Dinerstein.* He largely financed the Gardens term limit campaign and voted for it. One can imagine how betrayed he felt by

Bucher, Snider and Levy, after all the time and expense he put into the project and having the overwhelming approval of his fellow citizens, to have it all ignored as if nothing happened. I was in the courtroom on January 22nd and there was Levy with a lawyer, there was the SOE with a lawyer, and there was the city with a lawyer—all paid for by the taxpayers. All opposed to the voters' decision. Sid and his lawyer tried to present their case and they offered an expert witness, the president of US Term Limits (my son, Philip), who has had experience in these matters over many years and in many jurisdictions around the country.

Palm Beach Gardens political math: 4 + 1 = 2 terms

We expected an obvious quick decision given the facts. But no. The judge wouldn't allow Philip to testify and adjourned promising a judgment shortly. When the judgment came, all familiar with the case were shocked—the judge decided that Sid, the citizen who financed, worked on the campaign and voted for it had no standing to sue! David Levy, a poster child for term limits if ever there was one, is on the ballot.

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

*Sid's 2008 book, *Adults Only—For Those Who Love Their Country More Than Their Party*, calls for three constitutional amendments that will make the 21st century America's best: Term Limits, Balanced Budget and English as our official language. Still available, still timely.



News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County

Republican Club of Kings Point

Our January 6th meeting started at 7:15 with **Colonel Arthur de Ruve** leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by **Paul Kopelman** doing a terrific version of “America” with the club singing along. It was very uplifting and inspiring.

Our first speaker, **Alan Bergstein**, gave us his take on the latest issues of the day and the importance of learning the facts so that when we are in the community we can state our positions calmly and confidently.

Our second speaker, **The Honorable Ken Stern**, a former Palm Beach County Circuit Court Judge, gave a terrific talk about the difference between judicial activism (sometimes referring to judicial rulings suspected of being based on personal or political consideration) and judicial conservatism (more precedent- and law-oriented, looking for the original intent of the Founding Fathers on constitutional issues)

We had a third speaker, **Brian Robbins**, who is a teenager who works for candidate campaigns and explained that he was organizing a GOP teen group in Palm Beach County.

Paul Tocker conducted new business, old business, and good and welfare, and **Howard Tokosh** conducted the raffle for the \$25 Publix gift card and four politically-themed books provided by Colonel de Ruve. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05

Please remember that we now meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. in the “Social Room” of Main Club-house by the East End Café. Don’t forget—everyone will have a free chance to win a \$25 Publix gift card. We don’t charge dues and there is no admission charge. We do accept donations.

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Juno/Jupiter/Tequesta Republican Organization

The Juno/Jupiter/Tequesta Republican Organization meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Jupiter Branch of the PBC Library at 6:15 pm.

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Republican Federated Women of South Florida



On Thursday, January 28, the Republican Federated Women of South Florida met at the Boca Country Club to hear **Chris Salamone**, author of *Rescue America*. Chris discussed how America's founding values gave rise to the greatest nation on earth by enticing millions of immigrants to leave the comforts and security of their homelands for the promise of hope, opportunity, and a liberty the world had never known. He noted that there are clear and specific connections between the loss of our founding values and the current political, economic, and cultural problems. What is necessary, he asserts, is a fundamental shift back toward a national embodiment of the three primary leadership qualities that sustain all lasting human institutions: gratitude, personal responsibility, and sacrifice (GPS). He blames the breakdown of the family as being responsible for many of our nation's problems. It is through the resurrection of our nation's essential qualities, and a rejection

of the pervasive attitude of entitlement and a culture of complaint, that the spirit of America will once again empower its citizens and inspire the world.

The next meeting of the Republican Federated Women of South Florida be a “Champagne and Strawberries” membership social on Thursday, February 25, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, at the lovely home of **Patty Carpenter** in the Royal Palm Yacht Club in Boca Raton. For details please contact Cheryl Mullings at cherylmullings@comcast.net.

Also in the planning stage is a March 24 meeting with a very special guest speaker. **Glo Smith**, the Minority Outreach Chair of the Florida Federation of Republican Women, will travel here from her home in Clay County to talk about Republican outreach in the minority communities. We are exploring the possibility of holding a joint meeting with the Broward Republican Women's Club, Federated. Details will be forthcoming.

In Memoriam

John Brooks, R.I.P.



It had to be at least fifteen years ago. Only two of us showed up for a North County club organizational meeting, John Brooks and I. So we decided to have lunch. We were at the Old Toojays on PGA Boulevard in the Loehmann's shopping center. We knew each other from our REC involvement. But we didn't know each other in any meaningful way.

He was the Chairman of the Palm Beach County Christian Coalition and I was an appointed member of our REC Board of Directors.

Here is what we learned. His family called him Johnny, his legal name. He was one of fourteen children growing

up on a Tennessee farm. He was Christian with a capital "C" and with a side avocation of Republican politics. I was one of four children growing up in a Brooklyn rental apartment. I was Jewish with a much smaller "J" and with a heavier side dose of Republican politics. Indeed, a few years later John (his preferred adult name) and Virginia would support our Jewish prayer service during the Israeli-Hezbollah War.

We looked at each other and asked the inevitable question: How did two Americans from such different backgrounds wind up at the same lunch table. The answer, of course, is Shared Values. Those of us who believe in Freedom, Faith, Flag and Family eventually find each other. The paths are different but the goals are the same.

Johnny Brooks was called home, having lived a life worth living and leaving a legacy worth remembering. Rest In Peace, my friend.

—Sid Dinerstein

Presidential Candidate James Gilmore Visits Palm Beach County

On Wednesday, January 13, Palm Beach County was visited by presidential candidate James Gilmore. Chairman Mike Barnett escorted him to several events throughout the County, starting with a breakfast reception at the offices of The Shiner Law Group in Boca Raton, and ending with an address to the Republican Executive Committee that evening. Mr. Gilmore, a former Governor of Virginia and past Chairman of the Republican National Committee, spoke about his experience as governor on 9/11 when the Pentagon was attacked in his state, and said that he was not planning to leave the presidential race. He reminded everyone that "you are allowed to change your vote," and asked for support for his candidacy.



Gov. Gilmore with his hosts for the breakfast reception, Lara and David Shiner of The Shiner Law Group.



Joe Kaufman, candidate for Congress, with Chairman Michael Barnett at the breakfast reception.



Gov. Gilmore speaking at the breakfast reception.

Gabriel Scheinmann Speaks to the Republican Jewish Coalition on “Israel Under the Iran Deal”



On Tuesday, January 19, 2016, the Republican Jewish Coalition hosted an event that featured a talk given by an expert on Israel. The expert, Gabriel Scheinmann, is the Director of Policy at the Jewish Policy Center. He is also a Ph.D. candidate in International Relations at Georgetown University, a contributing analyst at

Wikistrat, a National Security Fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies and an Energy Security Fellow at Securing America's Future Energy. His publications have appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *American Interest*, *Time.com*, *Jerusalem Post* and many other forums. He holds an A.B. from Harvard University and an M.A. from Georgetown University.

Mr. Scheinmann gave his address at the Temple Kol Ami Emanu-El in Plantation, Florida. The topic of his talk was “Israel Under the Iran Deal: An Update on How Israel Sees the Region,” and his speech was most informative.

He said that since President Obama never submitted the Iran deal to the Senate as a formal treaty, there technically is no deal and it can be changed or even eliminated by the next president. As is, this deal, while being negotiated between the Administration and Iran was kept secret from Israel for 18 months and the Israelis had no input or say on it. Israel tried to stop the deal, but didn't succeed and was left with many concerns about the impact of the deal on their security and that of the region, such as in the area of enforcement which seemed particularly unverifiable given the terms of the deal as they were. Other concerns involved worries over the fact that Iranian interpretation of the deal differed greatly from that of the U.S. and how to improve Israeli-U.S. ties under the deal.

Mr. Scheinmann said that Iran's economy produced a GDP of \$400 billion and that as a result of the deal would be getting back \$150 billion. This is quite troubling given the fact that Iran is the largest sponsor of state terrorism and will be funding groups such as Hezbollah and Hamas with these funds. With the ongoing war in Syria, Israel worries that jihadist groups might gain control of the border areas

in the Golan Heights, and the Israelis will not allow these groups to establish bases on the border, so as a result of the deal the chances of Israel getting involved in the Syrian conflict has increased. Another worry is the fact that the Russians are now in Syria and will be for years to come. The Obama Administration's reluctance to do anything that might threaten the deal with Iran and their acquiescence of this insertion of Russian power into the Middle East elevates the risk of escalation between the Russians and the Israelis.

One good thing that has happened as a result of the Iranian deal has been the flowering of relations between Israel and some of the moderate Arab states. A loose coalition is building between Israel and Sunni states like Saudi Arabia, UAE, Egypt and Jordan. Egypt is clearing smuggling tunnels from Gaza and displacing thousands of citizens in an attempt to stabilize the area. Egypt has more heavy artillery on the Eastern side of Sinai than ever before, with Israel's approval. Israel has let 700 Jordanians into the country to work in their hotels and the Jewish State now has better diplomatic relations with more Arab countries than Iran does. Saudi Arabia is very worried about Iranian Shiite infiltration into the oil region of the country, which is a largely Shiite area, and Israel and the Saudis have been freely sharing sensitive intelligence.

Relations between Israel and the United States have not been good as a result of the deal with Iran. There are three areas of disagreement, according to Mr. Scheinmann: Iran, radical Islam, and U.S. leadership in the region. Israel is concerned that the U.S. will withdraw from the region. They believe that Obama wants to “pivot to Asia” at the expense of the Middle East. Will this change with the election of a new President in the United States? Mr. Scheinmann said that despite rhetoric to the contrary in this campaign season in the U.S., it is hard to change policy and he is not optimistic about it.

Mr. Scheinmann ended his speech on a positive note by saying that despite the turmoil in the region the last five years has been good for Israel. It has left the country stronger with relation to other countries in the area. The Israeli economy is flourishing and relations with Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia have greatly improved and have never been better.

Book Review

***Trump: The Art of the Deal*, by Donald J. Trump with Tony Schwartz. New York: The Random House Publishing Group, 1987.**

In a recent interview with Robert Gates in the *Wall Street Journal*, the former Secretary of Defense and Director of the CIA, hawking his new book, *A Passion for Leadership*, denigrates Donald Trump's qualifications to be president of the United States and "appears less than impressed" by the real-estate mogul's own book, *The Art of the Deal*, written in 1987. Donald Trump, Gates snidely explains, "brings the same skill set to leadership in the public sector that I would bring to the New York real-estate market. The skills don't transfer."

This makes me suspect that Gates has not actually read Mr. Trump's book. I don't know that for a fact, but after just finishing the book myself I've come away with a different opinion about how the skill sets and instincts Mr. Trump has developed in his line of work "transfers" to being president, and I can't see how anyone would conclude anything different, unless of course they are merely engaging in believing what they want to believe.

Mr. Trump's purpose in his book is quite easy to understand. He simply chose a week of work and describes the deals that crossed his desk, how he managed those deals, and how they ultimately turned out.

He got his start from his father, whom he greatly admired and who was also in the real estate development business, and from whom which he learned much. But his father was into the low end of real estate and Donald was much more attracted to the glamour and glitz of the high-end market. "I like making deals, preferably big deals, that's how I get my kicks. I aim very high, and then I just keep pushing and pushing and pushing to get what I'm after. Sometimes I settle for less than I sought, but in most cases I still end up with what I want."

Much of Mr. Trump's success in doing deals are the result of his single-minded determination to hire the "best talent" wherever he can find it. A good example is the Wollman Skating Rink located in Central Park in New York City. For years the city had "repeatedly failed on its promises to complete and open the skating rink." Mr. Trump offered to "construct and pay for a band-new rink. After his generous offer was turned down, the press, got wind of what was going on and put pressure on the city government, who ultimately caved and allowed Mr. Trump to take over. Now Donald Trump knew nothing about building skating rinks, so he logically decided that the best place to look for competent people to build it was in Canada, where "ice skating is the national pastime." He figured that "the top builders were probably the companies that built rinks for Canada's professional hockey teams" and the company he chose was

Cimco, who he'd concluded was "the best of the best." Also, when the city asked him to operate the rink for the first season, he got the Ice Capades to manage it. Mr. Trump learned long ago that the best way to get contractors to "finish a job on time and under budget was to lean on them very hard." The end result was the Wollman Skating Rink was indeed, finished on time, under budget and earned a considerably larger profit than when the City ran the rink years earlier.

Another one of Mr. Trump's rules for successful deal-making is to never "seem desperate to make it." In 1982, while vacationing in Palm Beach, he fell in love with Mar-a-Lago, a property built in the 1920s by Marjorie Merriweather Post, the heiress to the Post cereal fortune. The property was being offered for sale by the Post Foundation, and the asking price was \$25 million. Mr. Trump put in a bid for \$15 million, which was turned down. Over the next few years, the Foundation took up offers from several other buyers for more money than Mr. Trump's bid, but all those deals fell through. Every time that happened Mr. Trump would submit another offer, but always less than his previous bid. In the end, he offered \$5 million in cash for the estate plus \$3 million more for the furnishings. The Foundation accepted his bid and he's been living there ever since.

Another example of the author's superb judgment, entrepreneurial instincts and business acumen is his deal for the Commodore Hotel. This was a filthy hotel in a run-down neighborhood in a decaying city on the verge of bankruptcy, but that's not the most important thing that caught his eye when he visited the location. While there at nine in the morning, he noticed that "there were thousands of well-dressed Connecticut and Westchester commuters flooding into the streets from Grand Central Terminal and the subway below, who were going to keep passing by this location every day. The problem was the hotel, not the neighborhood." Ultimately Mr. Trump partnered with Hyatt and the Grand Hyatt was a great success from the outset.

Another "deal" in the book that put on display the formidable instincts and judgment of the man Republicans are considering as their nominee for President of the United States was the casino he built on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City. Hearing on his car radio that hotel workers in Las Vegas, Nevada, were going on strike, he was surprised by the news that a consequence was that "the stock price of Hilton Hotels, which owned two casinos in Vegas, had dropped tremendously." How was it that a major hotel chain that owned over 150 hotels throughout the world could be hurt so badly when the workers from just two of its hotels went on strike. The answer was, as he soon discovered upon investigation, that "its two casino hotels in Las Vegas accounted for forty percent of the company's net profits."

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Casinos, if run properly, were a lot more profitable than ordinary hotels, and Mr. Trump made a great deal of money with those that he built while the going was good, and as he often has said during this election cycle, he got out of that business at just the right time.

A consistent media critic of Mr. Trump's, along with Robert Gates, is one of the deans of conservative pundits, the writer George Will. It might be useful if Mr. Will went back and read an old quote of his about Mr. Trump that appeared in the author's book nearly thirty years ago. Back then he had this to say about the presidential hopeful and our neighbor from Palm Beach: "Trump, who believes that excess can be a virtue, is as American as Manhattan's skyline, which expresses the Republic's erupting energies. Brashness, zest and élan are part of this country's character."

Mr. Will was right about Donald Trump back in the late '80s and it applies to him now as well. He's as "American as Manhattan's skyline" and his "brashness, zest, élan and belief that excess can be a virtue are part of this country's character and expresses the Republic's erupting energies" that made us a great nation.

In closing I'd just like to suggest that Mr. Gates read Mr. Trump's book if he hasn't already. On the last page he writes: "In my life, there are two things I've found I'm very good at: overcoming obstacles and motivating good people to do their best work. One of the challenges ahead is how to use those skills as successfully in the service of others as I've done, up to now, on my behalf." All due respect, Mr. Gates, but after reading *The Art of the Deal*, I personally think that the formidable "skill set in leadership" Donald Trump would be bringing to the office of President of the United States "transfers" just fine.

—Tom Mullings

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for a committed volunteer who would be able to be the "Volunteer Coordinator" for NationBuilder.

This person would be the one who would receive notifications from the website that new people have signed up. They would need to follow up with them via phone or email, get to know a little about where they would like to help, and then let their REC committee person/caucus leader know about them so that he/she can follow up as well.

If you are interested, please contact Pamela Wohlschlegel, pswohlschlegel@gmail.com, (561) 776-2814 (Home), (561) 254-1036 (Cell).



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Editor's Postscript

Mugged by the '60s

by Tom Mullings

You have to realize that the issue didn't matter. The issues were never the issues. You could have been involved with the Panthers, the Weatherpeople, SLATE, SNCC, SDS. It didn't matter what. It was the revolution that was everything. . . . Anything that undermined the system contributed to the revolution and was therefore good.

—contributor to SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) publication *New Left Notes*

We of the Sixties accomplished more than most generations in American history.

—Tom Hayden (from his autobiographical memoir, *Reunion*)

The radical politics of the turbulent 1960s had a much more profound impact on the United States than many Americans realize. A turning point in that troubled era that resonates to this day was the Democrat Party Convention in Chicago in the summer of 1968.

Radical leftist Tom Hayden had called for a demonstration at the convention to protest the ongoing war in Vietnam. There were only about 2,000 protesters, which was small in comparison to demonstrations of that time that

often turned out people in the hundreds of thousands. But the demonstration at the convention turned into a violent confrontation between police and the anti-war protesters and the bloody images of what happened transmitted over the airwaves on TVs all across America changed our politics in a way that has threatened the democracy we all cherish ever since. For one thing, it moved the Democrat Party to the left. The radical left took control of the convention in '68, shoving aside their own more moderate wing, many of whom, disillusioned by their party's leftward tilt, jumped ship and became neo-conservatives in the Republican Party. These radical leftists from the sixties supported the candidacy of George McGovern in the presidential election of 1972, and their socialist-ideology continues to be the dominate political philosophy of the Democrat Party to this day.



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Parading as moderates, what they are selling us is socialism, but unless your name is Bernie Sanders most of them are much too savvy to call it that. They use words to describe what they are pedaling such as “progressivism,” “fairness,” or “social justice,” but their real objectives are to do away with the Constitution as handed down by our Forefathers, destroy the capitalist economic system, centralize power, and turn the United States into The Socialist States of America.

“*The Prince* was written by Machiavelli for the Haves on how to hold power,” said Saul Alinsky. “*Rules for Radicals* [Alinsky’s book] was written for the Have-nots on how to take it away.” The progeny this radical leftist has spawned have learned well from their master and along with their revolutionary allies from the ’60s have infiltrated and in many cases, come to dominate not only our politics, but our entertainment industry, courts, media, and schools. Indeed in our universities, many of the tenured professors were former anti-war radicals from the 1960s. Recently when two of these Alinsky disciples, Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Hillary Clinton, were caught off guard by an ally of theirs in the press, who, perhaps in a weak moment, briefly became an objective reporter and asked them to define the difference between a socialist and a liberal, they turned into deer in the headlights and mum was the word.

The socialist philosophy of these children of the ’60s has infiltrated every nook and cranny of our Republic, and its influence is pervasive. For starters, they forced us out of the Vietnam War and their legacy of those actions—millions of dead men, women and children among people trying to flee Communist tyranny and a genocide in Southeast Asia—has gone nearly as woefully underreported as even larger genocides in Communist Russia and China earlier have been.

Then there is the installment of activist judges in our courts who do end runs around our constitution in order to “serve a higher good,” biased reporters and newsmakers who represent upwards of 75% of our electronic and print news media and undermine our free press, and left-wing film makers who dominate our entertainment industry and do the same. But nowhere has more damage been done to our liberty-loving society than in the education of our youth,

where you’ll see the phrase “living Constitution,” which is code-language for changing it willy-nilly without using the constitutionally-mandated amendment process for doing so. In our immigration system, these children and disciples of the ’60s are championing the cause of illegal aliens to mine for votes for their socialist cause and are teaching new arrivals not to assimilate, in the name of multi-culturalism. In the name of civil rights and social justice, their welfare-state policies have literally destroyed the nuclear family in the black community and dramatically increased the level of violence of the inner cities of the country.

The truth is that while, we refer to those in the Democrat Party as “liberals,” true liberals were brushed aside and replaced by the marxist-thinking radicals of the ’60s, and they have been in control of the party ever since. As former ’60s radical turned Reagan-Republican David Horowitz once said in his revealing book, *Destructive Generation*, “In the history of the Left, liberalism has always been the target. Lenin’s Bosheviks did not overthrow the Russian czar but the liberal Kerensky. It was by overthrowing Cuba’s liberal President Urrutia that Castro defined his own revolution. And it was by crushing the liberal-wing of the anti-Somoza coalition led by social democrats like Violetta Chamorro that the Sandinistas unveiled their totalitarian agenda. And it was in their bitter war against the liberals—the ‘cold war liberals’ who had fought communism at home and abroad—that America’s Sixties radicals found their reason for being.”

It is not surprising that today, in the 2016 presidential cycle so many Americans have been drawn to the campaigns of card-carrying socialist Bernie Sanders, who once took his wife on their honeymoon to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and stealthy socialist Hillary Clinton, who voted together with Sanders in the Senate 93% of the time. These well-meaning, but duped Americans have one thing in common with the rest of us. They too have been mugged by the ’60s.

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