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Hillary Rodham Clinton Democratic Nominee for President of the United States



Thanks to you, we’ve reached a milestone – the first time in our nation’s history that a woman will be a major party’s nominee for president of the United States.

Tonight’s victory is not about one person. It belongs to generations of women and men who struggled and sacrificed and made this moment possible. In our country, it started right here in New York, a place called Seneca Falls, in 1848. When a small but determined group of women, and men, came together with the idea that women deserved equal rights, and they set it forth in something called the Declaration of Sentiments, and it was the first time in human history that kind of declaration occurred.

So we all owe so much to those who came before, and tonight belongs to all of you.

Hillary Rodham Clinton: From her Nomination Acceptance Speech 6/07/16

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EDITORIAL

Of the People, By the People, For the People.

I have admired and appreciated the work of Senator Sanders NH-I for a long time, especially for his ever-present voice in the Congress. His campaign during this primary season has energized many folks and brought many millennials into the political arena. Words like “socialism and communism” have been brought out into the open where they can be explored and understood. This is said without “buts,” “how-overs,” or any other known verbal stoppers. Thank you, Senator Sanders for your many contributions to all of us. I look forward to your continued important input.

The GOP’ers choice for the national ballot, Donald Trump, continually spews hate-filled, angry, and racists rhetoric. His many failed businesses tell an ominous tale of ineptitude, untruthful, ill-conceived, mean, and evil processes and deeds. Build a fence on our borders? Force other governments to pay for them? Identify women who undergo abortions to be arrested and charged with a crime. Would such a law have a grandfather clause? “There’s my African America.” Banning Muslims from entering the U.S.? Rounding up and throwing out (deporting) undocumented people? Mysogynistic hatred of women shouted out in name calling and bullying. Or, perhaps it is his 91 percent lying-score. We must not forget his plans to end Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act. To name just a few of his platform planks.

Trump has announced a campaign tour in Texas in mid June. One stop in Dallas, the bluest county in Texas and home of G.W. Bush whose wife has come out for Hillary. A stop in San Antonio, home to the largest Hispanic population in Texas during the Texas State Democratic Convention — a convention chaired by Joaquin Castro and with Julián Castro as a keynote speaker. And a stop in flooded Houston, a bastion of oil-funded, old-time GOP’ers. Is the visit planned to deliberately grab headlines in a state where there are many rumors circulating regarding a possible switch to blue after years of GOP’er dominance?

What he does get is constant, free advertisement in what he calls the, “lyin’ media”. Which of the seven deadly sins does he not subscribe? Lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy, or pride?

Hillary Rodham Clinton, after an arduous and long primary season, is the presumptive Democratic nominee for President of the United States. No other candidate has endured the amount of scrutiny as Hillary has. She has been cleared of culpability.

I have waited all my life for a woman to run and win the presidency of the United States. Hillary Rodham Clinton is that woman. Since her nomination, women and men, including this editor, have told their own “herstories” on the media both public and private. Folks, remember the quest for the equality of all people and especially women.

To fulfill our part of getting her elected we must get out the vote — voting for Hillary Rodham Clinton, and all the Democratic, down ballot candidates. Exchange the “do-nothing” Congress for a blue one. We can elect a Congress which will carry out the work of governing for all the people, full time, instead of their current average of 135 days a year on the floor. <http://uspolitics.about.com/od/thecongress/fl/How-Many-Days-Does-Congress-Work-a-Year.htm>

On January 20, 2017, we can, we will inaugurate Hillary Rodham Clinton, Madam President of the United States of America.

— Rachel Baker Ford, editor

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ARTICLE

“Older people think socialism is capitalism’s enemy. And younger persons think it [socialism] is capitalism’s replacement. But they’re both wrong. What socialism is, is capitalism’s lap band to prevent it from eating everything.”

— *Bill Maher, The Bill Maher Show 6/3/16*

Socialist? Capitalist? Balance Them or Crash

—*Willa Kulhavy*

One reason the U.S.A. needs a socialist-capitalist president is because such a president could teach voters the definitions of both capitalist and socialist and why excess of either causes a recession.

Socialism is an economic system in which assets for production are owned by a group, such as tribe, state or nation. And it is the members of the group who decide how the benefits from the assets will be divided among the members of the group. It is only the assets of production (business assets) which are owned by the whole community. Socialists own private property such as homes and other personal investments. Picture some of our prehistoric ancestors making a pact with another person to combine their hunting and fishing skills and to take turns sleeping or watching for predators and how good it must have felt to my ancient ancestor to be able to sleep without dread of waking in some beast's mouth. So our ancient ancestor’s hunting and gathering skills became assets of the tribe.

Capitalism is an economic system which rewards the aggregation of wealth and punishes the dissolution of wealth.

Capitalism certainly did a great job of punishment of speculating in stocks with the stock market crash of 1929. Poor Herbert Hoover was in the first year of his Presidency and he had campaigned in a generally prosperous nation. Hoover was a good compassionate capitalist who couldn’t use Public Works to save people because doing so would cause a deficit. Hoover was a good capitalist. It wasn’t enough.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt did have the advantage over Hoover of having planning time before being expected to beat the Great Depression. Roosevelt had the time to see public works as well worth doing as a socialist to save people, as a capitalist to recreate customers for business, and as an opportunity to build hydroelectric dams to turn on the electric lights for farmers.

So, have you seen a socialist-capitalist candidate president?

Bernie is socialist and he’s too proud of it to be capitalist.

Trump will say he’s a socialist-capitalist if in saying he is gets your vote. In reality, he’s a bully who will laugh at you for believing him.

Hillary Rodham Clinton might be a socialist-capitalist. As a life long president wannabe and after dealing with people world wide while being the U.S. Secretary of State, she has probably learned to consider many points of view on an issue.

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ARTICLE

The Real Immigrant Story

— Charles E. Ford, Jr.

We are bombarded on the TV, especially by politicians, with comments about how bad immigrants are and how afraid we are. Here are some facts that may help ease you anxiety if you buy into their arguments.

In 2014, 42.4 million immigrants lived in the United States among an overall population of 319 million. In 2013, 2014, and 2015 approximately 70,000 were accepted as refugees.

In general, the main concern of native born Americans is “they take our jobs” but, to some, Syrian immigrants and refugees also raise a security issue. When people risk the lives of their families to flee a war zone and reach a land of promise you realize they simply want a better, peaceful life. Immigrants receive a financial assistance from government and private financial sources when they first arrive here but they tend to wean themselves from the benefits over a 5 to 10 year period.

In 2014 there were already 86,000 Syrian immigrants in the United States. The Syrian immigrants are better educated than immigrants from other countries: 39 percent with a bachelor’s degree and 47 percent of that group have a graduate or professional degree. 64 percent are naturalized citizens. 49 percent work in management, business, science, and the arts. 11 percent in service, 27 percent in sales and office, 3 percent in natural resources and construction, 10 percent in production, transportation, and material moving. The Syrian immigrant population have a higher median family income than other immigrant groups; \$62,000 compared to \$53,000.

Crime and security are legitimate concerns but we don’t mind killing over 30,000 people each year with guns without the help of Syrian immigrants. *The Wall Street Journal*, July 14, 2015 quotes an IPC paper from 2007. “The data show that, for every ethnic group without exception, incarceration rates among young men are lowest for immigrants.” The U.S. Department of State report titled, *Myths and Facts on Refugees, Migration, and Humanitarian Assistance* says: “Since January 1, 2010 nearly 3000 Syrian refugees have been admitted to the United States, and only after the most extensive level of security screening of any category of traveler to the United States. None have been arrested or removed for terrorism reasons.”

Certainly, we want to be cautious but characterizing immigrants as the scum of the earth is not a realistic view of the situation and it makes it harder for the immigrants to become productive citizens in our country. From the selfish point of view, we need more workers to support retirees. Welcome immigrants!

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A Review Focused on Secretary Clinton and Her Emails

Office of the Secretary: Evaluation of Email Records Management and Cybersecurity Requirements (“OIG Report”)

— Katherine Savers McGovern

With the May 2016 release of the State Department Office of the Inspector General’s report on its investigation concerning the history and use of emails by Secretary Clinton, her three predecessor Secretaries of State, and the current Secretary of State, not unexpectedly the usual assertions and accusations against Hillary Clinton are heard. The focus of this article is the specifics of the OIG Report as to Secretary Clinton.

This report (1) provides an overview of laws, regulations, and policies related to the management of email records; (2) assesses the effectiveness of electronic records management practices involving the Office of the Secretary; (3) evaluates compliance with records management requirements; and (4) examines information security requirements related to the use of non-Departmental systems.

The State Department OIG Report offers criticisms of the document preservation and retrieval procedures for official business emails followed by five (5) Secretaries of State¹ and cybersecurity concerns related to the use of personal email internet service providers, personal servers, and personal mobile devices to receive or transmit official business emails.

OIG makes eight recommendations. They include issuing enhanced and more frequent guidance on the permissible use of personal email accounts to conduct official business, amending Departmental policies to provide for administrative penalties for failure to comply with records preservation and cybersecurity requirements, and developing a quality assurance plan to address vulnerabilities in records management and preservation. The Department concurred with all of OIG’s recommendations.

The OIG Report criticizes Secretary Clinton for her failure to use the State Department’s governmental email system and governmental server for sending/receiving emails in her capacity as Secretary of State because she used her home based server to handle all her emails, both official capacity and personal. It also criticizes Secretary Clinton’s use of her personal Blackberry mobile device for official business emails. The OIG Report recognizes that Secretary Clinton’s practices were known by State’s high level officials responsible for security and management from January 2009.

The OIG Report did not find or conclude that:

1) Secretary Clinton violated any criminal law and is not accused by the OIG of such; 2) the OIG Report did not deal with or address the classification of emails at the top secret or above because that is solely being addressed in the FBI investigation; 3) the OIG Report did not identify

any email to or from Hillary Clinton which was classified top secret or above; 4) the OIG Report dealt with State Department Diplomatic Security (“DS”) and Bureau of Information Retrieval Management (“IRM”) procedures, guidelines and applicable rules concerning use and preservation of emails and use of personal servers²; 5) the OIG Report makes clear that State Department DS and IRM officials and other high level State Department officials outside of the Office of the Secretary had actual knowledge that Secretary Clinton did not use a government email in her capacity as Secretary of State; 6) the OIG Report makes clear that DS, IRM and similar high level security officials at State, having actual knowledge of Secretary Clinton’s use of a non-governmental email system and server in her capacity as Secretary of State, chose not to use the authority which they had to ensure the use of the State Department’s governmental email system and server by the Secretary during her tenure.³

The OIG Report provides zero evidence that Secretary Clinton’s use of the private server to transmit and receive “official capacity” emails and/or her use of her personal Blackberry actually endangered any State Department business or national security.⁴

Indeed the OIG Report reveals the Secretary’s actions to fortify and protect the private server from cyberattacks. The OIG Report’s basic criticism is that Secretary Clinton, based on its investigation, may not have asked the DS or IRM’s approval for her use of a private internet domain and private internet server provider on her private server.

Hillary Clinton has admitted her mistake. The State Department has concurred with the OIG’s recommendations. This aspect of the email saga is concluded.

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1. “The scope of this evaluation covers the Office of the Secretary, specifically the tenures of Secretaries of State Madeleine Albright, Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, Hillary Clinton, and John Kerry.”

2. “In 2009, CFR provision added: “Agencies that allow employees to send and receive official electronic mail messages using a system not operated by the agency must ensure that federal records sent or received on such systems are preserved in the appropriate agency record keeping system. . . . In 2012, OMB and NARA require agencies to manage email records electronically, instead of by print and file, by December 2016.” OIG Report, ESP-16-03, Timeline p. 5.

3. Although numerous senior officials emailed Secretaries Powell and Clinton on their personal email accounts to conduct official business, the Department did not make a formal request to the former Secretaries for the Federal records contained within these personal accounts until October and November 2014. OIG Report, ESP-16-03, p. 17

4. OIG Report, ESP-16-03, pp. 36-40

Trump's Use of Unwarranted "Bias" Filings to Attempt to Intimidate the Judiciary

— Katherine Savers McGovern

As the Third Branch of American Constitutional governance, the Judiciary is the balancing hand for the people who bring legal claims for redress. Most are familiar with the current civil fraud litigation against the failed Trump University — essentially what may be called a "Bait and Switch" form of consumer fraud.

In addition to Trump University, in the San Diego case¹ Donald J. Trump is personally a defendant and has the potential of personal liability. Due to a discovery order, defendants were required to turn over documents which included a Trump University instructor's "Playbook" describing tactics to make a sale using fraudulent claims, among other fraudulent sales tactics.

Using a tactic which Donald Trump has recurrently used in other litigation in which a judge's order or decision goes against his position, Trump has claimed that the judge has shown bias by the negative decisions.²

Apparently thinking that, as the Republican Presidential Nominee, he would be better able to attack the United States District Judge presiding over the San Diego case¹, Trump began his "usual" campaign of calling the judge biased for ruling against his interests, and demanding that the judge recuse himself from the Trump University case.

In contrast to Trump's former tactic of having his attorneys file a recusal motion citing the alleged bias, Trump has personally engaged in public disrespect for the judge based on his Mexican heritage.

Under the existing federal procedural rules and canons of ethics requiring respect and decorum for the judge, any attorney daring to file a motion to recuse because the judge was of Mexican heritage (or Jewish, Catholic, Agnostic, African-American, female, Muslim, etc.) without more would find him/herself subjected to an order to show cause why the attorney should not be held in contempt and subject to a monetary fine and/or possible confinement.³

In this case, a party to the litigation rather than an attorney representing the party, has engaged in public contempt and disrespect for the judge presiding over his case over a ruling on discovery. Trump may believe that he is "safe" from being held in personal contempt because he is not an attorney (and because he sees himself as too important). But, under the unquestioned authority of the United States District Court and existing case authority, the federal judge may delay issuing a show cause order or any other action against Trump on his contemptuous behavior until much later in the proceedings. So, stay tuned.

1. *Low (formerly Makaeff) et al v. Trump University LLC, Donald J. Trump, et al*, 3:10-CV-00940-CAB(WVG), (U.S.D.C./S.D.S.D).

2. See "A Biased Judge, Trump Has Claimed It Before" June 7, 2016 New York Times. http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/07/us/politics/donald-trump-judge-history.html?_r=0

3. Confinement is a rare form of penalty and applicable only under narrow rules.

Thoughts on the Loss of Harambe

— Amanda O'Donoghue

I am going to try to clear up a few things that have been weighing on me about Harambe and the Cincinnati Zoo since I read the news this afternoon.

I have worked with Gorillas as a zookeeper while in my twenties (*before children*) and they are my favorite animal (*out of dozens*) that I have ever worked closely with. I am going to list a few facts, thoughts and opinions for those of you that aren't familiar with the species itself, or how a zoo operates in emergency situations.

Gorillas are considered 'gentle giants' when compared with their more aggressive cousins the chimpanzee, but a 400 plus pound male in his prime is as strong as roughly 10 adult humans. What can you bench press? OK, now multiply that number by ten. An adult male silverback gorilla has one job, to protect his group. He does this by bluffing or intimidating anything that threatens him.

Gorillas are a Class 1 mammal, the most dangerous class of mammals in the animal kingdom, again, merely due to their size and strength. They are grouped in with other apes, tigers, lions, bears, etc. .

While working in an AZA accredited zoo with Apes, keepers DO NOT work in contact with them— they do NOT go in [a cage] with these animals. There is always a welded mesh barrier between the animal and the humans.

In more recent decades, zoos have begun to redesign enclosures, removing all obvious caging and attempting to create a seamless view of the animals for the visitor to enjoy watching animals in a more natural looking habitat. *This is great until little children begin falling into exhibits*, which can happen to anyone, especially in a crowded zoo-like setting.

I have watched this video over again, and with the silverback's posturing, and tight lips, it's pretty much the stuff of any keeper's nightmares, and I have had many while working with them. This job is not for the complacent. Gorillas are kind, curious, and sometimes silly, but they are also very large, very strong animals. I always brought my OCD to work with me — checking and rechecking locks to make sure my animals and I remained separated before entering to clean.

I keep hearing that the Gorilla was trying to protect the boy. I do not find this to be true. Harambe reached for the boy's hands and arms, but only to position the child better for his own displaying purposes.

Males do very elaborate displays when highly agitated, slamming and dragging things about. Typically they drag large branches, barrels and heavy weighted balls around to make as much noise as possible. Not in an effort to hurt anyone or anything (*usually*) but just to intimidate. It was clear to me that he was reacting to the screams coming from the crowd.

Harambe was most likely not going to separate himself from that child without seriously hurting him first (*again due to mere size and strength, not malicious intent*). Why didn't they use treats? They attempted to call them off exhibit (*which animals hate*), the females in the group came in, but Harambe did not. What better treat for a captive animal than a real live kid!

They didn't use tranquilizers for a few reasons. Harambe would've taken too long to become immobilized, and could have really injured the child in the process as the drugs used may not work quickly enough depending on the stress of the situation and the dose. Harambe would've have drowned in the moat if immobilized in the water, and possibly fallen on the boy trapping him and drowning him as well.

Many zoos have the protocol and call on their expertly trained dart team in the event of an animal escape or in the event that a human is trapped with a dangerous animal. They evaluate the scene quickly and as safely as possible, and make the most informed decision as how they will handle the animal.

I can't point fingers at anyone in this situation, but we need to really evaluate the safety of the animal enclosures from the visitor side. Not impeding that view is a tough one, but there should be no way that someone can find themselves inside of an animal's exhibit.

I know one thing for sure, those keepers lost a beautiful, and gorgeous silverback and a friend. I feel their loss with them this week. As educators and conservators of endangered species, all we can do is shine a light on the beauty and majesty of these animals in hopes to spark a love and a need to keep them from vanishing from our planet. Child killers, they are not. It's unfortunate for the conservation of the species, and the loss of revenue a beautiful zoo such as Cincinnati will lose. Tragedy all around.



Amanda working (very carefully) with a 400+ pound silverback circa 2009.

(Published on Facebook May 30, 2016)



GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE FROM THE COUNTY CHAIR

Let's Talk "Fear and Intimidation"

Republicans are rushing to support the worst candidate in our nation's history. Does that frighten you? It does me! Hispanics, Muslims, African Americans, Native Americans, Women, LGBT have been targeted by Trump. Republicans are using "Fear and Intimidation" to drive voters to the polls. Their mantra is "Be afraid, be very afraid."

WE, you and I, are the Democratic Party. Democrats are represented by a State Party and by a County Party. Both have Chairs and Executive Committees, but without YOU the party is a donkey without the kicking part! I know many of you have responsibilities ... jobs, children, aging parents make it hard to get involved. However, all of you will be having conversations with Democratic and moderate Republican friends and neighbors.

So ask yourself, "Without resorting to the Republican party's tactics of "Fear and Intimidation" could I work on my friends who don't vote?" Could I drive some non-voters to actually get out and vote? And as a member of the party could I encourage non-voters with conversations like this? "How do you feel about a Trump Presidency?" "Do you think he will change his abrasive style once he becomes President?" "What effects will his policies have on American Citizens?" "What concerns do you have about his foreign policy?" "Would a Trump Presidency really be better than a Hillary Clinton Presidency?"

And know the skinny on the Clinton emails. They are a diversion from the fact that the Republican Congress has the worst record in history and Trump has no chance in a debate with Clinton. Clinton recently expressed what many of us are feeling when she said, "Like many across our country and around the world, I believe the person the Republicans have nominated for president cannot do the job. Donald Trump's ideas aren't just different, they are dangerously incoherent. They're not even really ideas ... just a series of bizarre rants, personal feuds, and outright lies."

Be prepared to respond to questions about the big, bad issue of "socialism" that has become part of the conversation in this election. FDR, a self proclaimed Democratic Socialist led America and the world into defeating the Nazis and the fascist dictatorships of the 1930's and 1940's. His New Deal revolutionized and re-energized America after WWII. Democratic Socialism and Marxist Socialism are two different ways of governing. Democrats are for the most part democratic socialists, meaning that the state has a say in regulating private industry and the means of production for the common good of the people. In Marxist socialism, which is NOT the Democratic socialism that Sanders espouses, the state is the owner of industry and the means of production with little concern for the good of the people.

What do you think? Fear and intimidation seem to have driven Republican voters to choose Trump. How does the fear of a Trump presidency motivate you? Will you come out and vote? Will you encourage your family and friends to deny the a Trump presidency, a real and present danger to our democracy? These conversations will make a difference in November.

Judith Matherne, County Chair
Rockwall Democratic Party



GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE FROM THE DALLAS COUNTY CHAIR



Party with the Party!

Next weekend, delegates will head to the Alamodome of San Antonio for the Texas Democratic Convention. U.S. Congressman Joaquín Castro is the Convention Chair, and his twin brother Julian Castro is one of the keynote speakers. Julian Castro is the former Mayor of San Antonio and the current United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. During the convention, the eyes of the nation will be on Texas, not only because of its large number of delegates, but because Julian Castro is rumored to be on the “short list” for potential vice presidential candidates for the national ticket.

By attending the state convention, delegates can participate in drafting the state party platform and they are able to elect state party leaders, such as the State Chair, the State Vice-Chair and the State Democratic Executive Committee (SDEC) members. Since this is a presidential election year, the State Convention delegates will also elect the Texas delegates and alternate delegates to the National Convention and the Texas representatives who will serve on the Democratic National Committee (DNC).

The festivities of the Texas Democratic Convention will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2016 with a “Kickoff Reception” at La Villita Assembly Hall, followed by a free fiesta at La Villita Juarez Plaza hosted by the Texas Democratic Party (TDP) and the Democratic County Chairs Association. (Tickets are required for both events.) Additional events will be hosted by the Muslim Democratic Caucus, Texas Stonewall Democratic Caucus and the Texas Young Democrats. (The latter event requires an admission fee.)

On Friday, June 17, 2016, delegates can check-in at the Alamodome as early as 8:00 a.m.. Various caucuses are scheduled for the rest of the morning and on through mid-afternoon. From 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Senate District Caucuses will be held. Delegates will vote on national delegates. At 6:00 p.m. the entire group will convene for the first plenary session where the keynote speeches will given.

Saturday, June 18, 2016 begins at 8:00 a.m. with the Lady Bird Breakfast at the Grand Hyatt Hotel Ballroom. (Tickets are required.) Between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., meetings will be held for various committees, including Resolutions Committee, Rules Committee, Platform Committee and Nominations Committee. During the rest of the morning, the TDP will offer numerous training sessions.

At the General Session, which starts at noon, committees will present their reports and delegates will vote on national delegates and representatives to serve on the SDEC and the DNC.

Convention Information

General Convention info: www.texasdemocraticconvention.com/convention_info/

Event Tickets: www.texasdemocraticconvention.com/schedule/

Delegate Guide, go to: www.texasdemocraticconvention.com/delegate-guide/

See you in San Antonio!

Yours Democratically,
Carol Donovan, DCDP Chair

HUD Secretary Julián Castro to Keynote Texas Democratic Convention



Julián Castro and Joaquin Castro

Photo by Harry Cabluck - AP

HUD Secretary Julián Castro will have a prominent speaking role during the Texas Democratic Convention in San Antonio. Castro will be an “honored speaker,” delivering a keynote address. The date and time of Castro’s remarks were not specified in a statement issued by the state party. The address will happen during one of the plenary sessions.

HUD Secretary Julián Castro said he’s looking forward to the role in his hometown. “I look forward to joining y’all in San Antonio ... to celebrate our Texas values,” Castro said.

The secretary’s twin brother, U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, is serving as the convention chairman. “This convention is not about us, it’s about all of you, and the direction we want to take Texas.” “It is time to roll up our sleeves and get to work.”

“Under the lights of the Alamodome at the Texas Democratic Convention, Julián and Joaquín will remind us all why Texas Democrats are the champions of hardworking families,” said state party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa.

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SPECIAL NEWS FOR DALLAS COUNTY



From Carol Donovan, DCDP Chair:

As you know, our friend and jurist, Judge Phyllis Lister Brown, passed away on May 25, 2016, the day after the primary runoff election. Many of you attended her funeral. As difficult as this situation is, we as a Party, need to take steps to fill the vacancy by selecting a new nominee, in accordance with Texas law.

At the County Executive Committee on Monday, June 13, 2016, I will formally announce the vacancy, the applicable procedures, and the date and time of a Special Meeting to elect the replacement nominee. We are currently contacting facilities that can accommodate 200 people, and we are trying to schedule a Special Meeting after the conclusion of the State Convention and the Johnson Jordan Dinner.

Based on Texas law and Party rules, it is the Precinct Chairs of the Dallas County Democratic Party (DCDP) who elect the new nominee for the 162nd District Court. For purposes of this procedure, for the vote to be valid, a quorum of Precinct Chairs must be present at the meeting. A majority of the entire membership of the CEC constitutes a quorum. There is no absentee ballot option for this election. Precinct Chairs eligible to vote include those who were holding office on, and/or were elected by, the date of the vacancy, May 25, 2016. Those appointed after that date are ineligible to vote in the replacement election.

CANDIDATES: We are aware of several individuals who are seeking the nomination. Candidates are encouraged to file an application, which they can obtain at the DCDP office. [NOTE: Candidates applying should give the party contact information]

FORUM: The Party will host a brief candidate forum immediately prior to the Special Meeting at which the vote will take place. We would encourage you to contact the party office before planning any additional forum events, out of respect for the process, to reduce the chance of a proliferation of duplicate events, and to keep candidates and Precinct Chairs informed. Thank you for your participation in this important process.

Candidates contact information submitted to the DCDP for 162nd Civil District Court Nomination (to date)

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Judge Phyllis Lister Brown Dies



It is with sorrow we mark the passing of Judge Brown on May 25, 2016 and extend our condolences to her family, friends and colleagues.

Brown was a well respected jurist serving as Judge of the 162nd Civil District Court, at the time of her passing. Previously, she served as a municipal judge and lawyer.

A leader in the community for many years, she touched many lives in a positive way.

We have her example to follow.

Her life was well lived. May she rest in peace.



Attention Dallas County Precinct Chairs

The Dallas County Democratic Party Executive Committee will meet on:

Monday, June 13, 2016

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

CWA Union Hall
1408 N. Washington
Dallas, Texas

All precinct chairs are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

It Came to Pass!

I discovered [*ed: born*] America in 1933, in a very segregated South. Texas was Democratic because it was one of the Confederate States of America. I grew up in a family, which was not racist and so I dreamed of a day like most of my present citizens believe is how it has always been — a day when a black man could be President.

I guess I was a sexist in those early days because I never really thought about a woman being a president. Getting married and having a daughter changed all that, especially since I was fortunate to live long enough to see a black man in the Oval Office.

Dare I dream to live to see the day when a woman would sit at the desk of Presidents? Well, sometimes, when you dream hard enough and stick to the belief that justice can prevail, you get to see your dream come true: first Obama and soon Hillary.

I don't know why I have been so blessed. It certainly is not because I am the smartest bear in the woods and certainly not the most virtuous, but I have been blessed nevertheless to see, in spite of all our flaws, the greatness of America to rise above it all and take two giant steps to right long accepted injustices.

I just wish my first wife and my mother had lived to see the day! They did their part to bring it to pass!

Facebook 6/8/16 — Steve Love

“Let’s build an America that respects and embraces the potential of every last one of us!” *Hillary Clinton*

Sometimes my emotions surprise me! Watching the Clinton campaign video brought me to tears as it connected to events in my life...

— Seneca Falls and women that fought and died for me to have the right to vote.

— Louise Raggio’s work which gave married women equal legal rights for the first time in Texas history via the Marital Property Act [1967] assuring married women’s access to such things as banking, real estate, contracts, insurance, and divorce.

— the double standard that Ann Richards spoke of that meant I studied harder and worked harder and longer for less pay while men took advantage of and credit for my intellect and abilities. At the time that was the way things were. I succeeded by doing it better!

— the denial of insurance because I was a woman of childbearing age and insurance didn't cover birth control pills.

— seeing what poverty did to women and their struggle to work hard to get their families out of the Desire Street projects in NOLA.

— being asked to bring my husband in to consign a car loan at age 60+.

— seeing the Earth ravaged by human activity in my lifetime. It has changed! And we are feeling in it historic weather events.

I am committed to equal rights and equal justice for all women and men, to the preservation of a livable climate for future generations. I believe America is still great and it can be better.

Hillary's campaign video laid out the role that women have played and will play in America's future. We are not done yet!

Facebook 6/7/16 — Judith Matherne



“I have waited for this all of my life. Hillary Rodham Clinton for the 45th President of the United States!”

Rachel Baker Ford: WFAA Channel 8, Dallas, Texas 06/08/16

It was Bush and the GOP'pers in a Political Tactic

Senator Clinton, 26 other Democrats (Harry Reid, Chuck Schumer and John Kerry among them) and all but one of the GOP'pers voted to give President G.W. Bush the authority to use our armed forces as "necessary and appropriate" to address the Iraq threat.

Bush already had this authority under the War Powers Act.

So what was the purpose of this new legislation? It was purely political. It became a way to publicize the case against Iraq with all the "Whereases." And it put Democrats in a no-win situation.

If whatever Bush did turned out well, they could charge the Democrats who voted against the bill, as being "soft on terrorism." And, if it went badly, they could always blame the Democrats who voted for the bill, as being enablers.

Hillary and the majority of her colleagues gave Bush the benefit of the doubt. Had they not, Bush would have just acted on the basis of the War Powers Act and the GOP'pers would have yet another reason to charge Democrats with being soft on national defense.

Now, Bernie, liberal talking-heads and Obama (in the primary with Hillary), have blamed her for the war! Nobody else is ever mentioned as voting for the bill — not the Republicans or especially John Kerry who followed Hillary in the SOS job. She was a junior Senator, did not cast the "deciding vote," but she keeps being hammered as a war mongerer! I expect no less from the GOP'pers, but when Rachel Maddow and the MSNBC talking-heads repeat this gross distortion of the truth I want to set my hair on fire!

BUSH TOOK US TO WAR! Not Congress...Not Hillary!
Bush took us to war when there were hundreds of less extreme options available.

Accusing Hillary of starting the Iraq war serves zero purpose other than to relieve Bush of his culpability!

Please folks, Hillary is NOT a war mongerer! She is being falsely accused by GOP'pers who mean to; and by Democrats, who seem unwilling to examine the facts and just go with the public opinion, which has been shaped by the anti-Clinton propaganda machine.

Help me to end this injustice. Let it NOT be said that American has elected a war mongerer and the author of the Iraq war to the presidency! Let us make sure Bush gets full credit for this monumental foreign policy disaster.

The GOP wants the Iraq war to be the Democrats' Watergate scandal. Don't let them!!!!

Facebook 6/3/16 — Steve Love

[ed: Add Trump to yellers of this lie.]

Whose in Bed With Whom? And What?

The Dallas Morning News Comments

Ryan's decision to continue with his endorsement of Trump and Trump's bigotry and dangerous, incoherent proposals for governance is a matter of political expediency, not moral commitment or leadership.

Unfortunately and sadly as a commentary on Texas governmental leaders — Gov. Abbott, Lt. Gov. Patrick, Attorney General Paxton and our representatives e.g., U.S. Congressman Sessions — their endorsement of Trumpism = acceptance of racism, bigotry and incoherent positions on national security, national policy, and economic policy.

Facebook 6/10/16 — Katherine Savers McGovern

A Meeting of the Minds

The meeting between President Obama and Bernie Sanders was described beautifully by Kelly Cotton in her post.

"Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama talked privately for almost an hour in the Oval Office today. The 73-year-old iconoclastic and fiercely independent Democratic Socialist mayor, congressman, senator, and now presidential candidate, child of the Second World War, son and grandson of Jewish Eastern European immigrants, relative of Holocaust survivors, youthful member of CORE and SNCC, sat across from 54-year-old Barack Obama, America's first black President, a measured political pragmatist, child of the sixties, son of a Muslim African father, raised by a single, fiercely intelligent and independent white mother and her Midwestern white parents, a man who grew up to become the first black head of the Harvard Law Review, a constitutional scholar and teacher, and a community organizer among some of the poorest neighborhoods of Chicago.

Two men, a generation apart, the younger's success in many ways the fruition of the older's life's work. Two fans of Saul Alinsky, sitting alone in the Oval Office discussing — let's be frank — the future of the nation."

Facebook 6/10/16 — Judith Matherne

GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE IN MEMORIAM



With his wife, Mary



Always present at the
Garland Area
Democratic Club

Harold R. Johnson

Just as we go to press we learned of the passing of Harold R. Johnson, 73, from complications of diabetes. He was one of the world's good guys. An active Democrat, Harold recently served as president of the Garland Area Democratic Club where he was an active member for many years.

He leaves his dear wife, Mary, several children and grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

Rest In peace, my friend - yours was a life well lived and your hugs were the best!
Arrangements are pending.



With Chuck Ford and
Michele Glaze



On the mass shooting in Orlando at the Pulse Club

In the words of President Obama:

Today, as Americans, we grieve the brutal murder -- a horrific massacre -- of dozens of innocent people. We pray for their families, who are grasping for answers with broken hearts. We stand with the people of Orlando, who have endured a terrible attack on their city. Although it's still early in the investigation, we know enough to say that this was an act of terror and an act of hate. And as Americans, we are united in grief, in outrage, and in resolve to defend our people. ...

May God bless the Americans we lost this morning.

May He comfort their families.

May God continue to watch over this country that we love. Thank you.

[The full text of Pres. Obama's address be found at:
www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2016/06/12/president-obama-tragic-shooting-orlando]



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At the Texas State Convention, delegates will elect national delegates, electors, committee members, state party leaders and SDEC members. These elections are held during the Senate District Caucuses being held on Friday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The following folks, well known to Dallas Democrats, are endorsed by the **GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE**.

Senate District 16

SDEC (1 woman, 1 man)

Susan Henderson Bradley:

Chair Dallas Co. Dem. Advisory Com. Former SDEC (6 yrs), precinct chair, election judge (12 precincts in the Run-off) numerous committees and GOTV. Always prepared; always present.

David Griggs ★

Committeeman, DCCC teacher, Attorney, Dallas Co. Democratic Forum Leader, Environmental Activist. Always there, always prepared.

National Delegates (2 women, 1 man)

Katherine Savers McGovern Attorney, Precinct Chair, Active in several Democratic clubs, Writer, and Supporter of the Preston/Royal Public Library. Always there, always prepared.

Janice Schwarz SDEC, Precinct Chair, FNDR club - VP. Many and various committees. Always there, always prepared.

Tom Blackwell: Advisory Comm, Precinct Chair, a history of serving on many committees of the local, county, state and national parties. (i.e: rules, platform, delegate etc.) Attorney. Always there, always prepared.

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