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What I heard Pelosi saying was this:

We don't have
to impeach Trump.

He's doing a pretty creditable
job of disqualifying himself
in the minds of next year's electorate.

Let's not be reckless
and get in the way.

What I got wrong about Nancy Pelosi

<https://news.yahoo.com/what-i-got-wrong-about-nancy-pelosi-090000351> Matt Bai: National Political Columnist,
Yahoo News Opinion May 9, 2019

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EDITORIAL

Lancing the Boil: The March to Impeachment

A boil on the body demands to be lanced, drained, and followed with antibiotics for treatment and healing. Soaking the infection will provide some relief to the besieged body, but healing cannot be achieved without lancing the boil and draining the poisonous pus.

There is a prevailing thought that impeachment is useless because the U.S. Senate is under the control of the GOP'per party. Furthermore, there are rumors that an impeachment would hurt the election of Democrats in the 2020 election. Are we fiddling while we [a.k.a. Rome] burn?

The tweety-bird fool in the White House continues to ignore the rule of law, and indeed acts lawlessly, legislating by tweet. He defies the law and forbids officials from responding to legal subpoenas — an order to appear and provide documents — to, in this case the U.S. House of Representatives. It is a well documented reality that he has proclaimed over 10,000 lies during his term. Currently, he has plans to pardon war criminals — American's who have committed heinous crimes while wearing the U.S. uniform, saying these evil doers are highly trained soldiers that were treated very badly. The dTrumpster proclaimed he is the most transparent-ever president. Yet, he is the million-dollar-tax-payer-funded golfer who continually lies about his "sport-of-kings," golfing scores.

Unable to "best" (control) Speaker Nancy Pelosi, he has resorted to whiny, "poor me" rhetoric. Of course attack ads, including an altered video indicating inebriation of the non-drinker, tee-totaler Speaker Pelosi, are rampant. *The Mueller Report* clearly reveals, in spite of the redactions, that there are many examples of criminality.

Yes, impeachment is on the table in the future for him. dTrumps, "March to the Scaffold"¹ is progressing at breakneck speed. Speaker Nancy Pelosi is an experienced, patriotic politician guiding the Democratic caucus and the American people toward that conclusion, interviewing known participants (including those indicted and convicted), gathering information, files and records. No stone is being left unturned.

The boil, the dTrumpster, is being lanced, primarily by his own sword — self inflicted, assisted (aided and abetted?) by his own associates, family, and cabinet members (henchmen?).

Truth and justice will prevail.

Rachel Baker Ford, editor

¹ *The March to the Scaffold*, by Hector Berlioz: *Symphonie fantastique* is a piece of program music that tells the story of an artist gifted with a lively imagination who has poisoned himself with opium in the depths of despair because of hopeless, unrequited love. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Symphonie_fantastique



ARTICLE

I Love War!

— Charles E. Ford, Jr.

“I love war” the man says in a video. Joe Scarborough, MSNBC Anchor and a tried and true Republican quotes him as asking, “Why don’t we use our nuclear arsenal?” Yet, 63 million people succeeded in electing him President of the United States and Commander-in-Chief of the most expensive military in the world at a time when Congress refuses to even acknowledge that it is the responsibility of Congress not the President to declare war.

The Republicans have unleashed a mad dog! Even though we are still engaged in the 16 year war in Afghanistan and the 14 year war in Iraq which are still stumbling along, the dictator wants at least one war with his name on it. He views Putin as a hero and buddy. He seems to admire the way Putin decided he wanted Crimea so he stole it. Then Putin wanted more, just like our dictator does. So Putin sent troops and equipment to Syria. Our dictator saw this and drooled. Now our dictator has attacked an airfield in Syria, threatened Iran, and threatened a young dictator in North Korea. Bigly mistake as our dictator would say if he actually understood his actions. Kim Jong-un was raised by a bitter old man that never got over the Korean “police action” and spent years from 1953 until his death in 2011 hating America and teaching his country to hate America while he amassed a paramilitary of 6 million troops. The son, Kim Jong-un was taught to hate America and firmly believes we intend to invade North Korea. Our dictator is taunting Kim Jong-un by sending warships, defensive rockets and making unnecessary threats toward North Korea. He has provided Kim Jong-un with the perfect excuse to take military action to protect his country. He may not strike the American military directly but it is only 60 miles from North Korea to Seoul, the capital of South Korea and Japan is within easy reach of North Korean missiles.

Our dictator aggravates the situation by insisting we go it alone and be the big dog on the international stage. He works at insulting potential and existing allies. He insists upon a wall between the United States and our neighbor to the south, Mexico, and pretends he has the authority to force them to pay for the Dumb Wall of Trump. He has imposed a tariff on lumber from Canada and insulted Germany when he refused to shake hands with Angela Merkel. He snubbed China when he accepted a phone call from Taiwan and called China a currency manipulator. Now he has to eat his words to beg China for help with North Korea. The people in England circulated a petition to prohibit him from visiting their country and the royal family because they find him so distasteful. He accused Iran of playing with fire after they launched a missile test and put them “on notice.” He ended a phone call prematurely with Australia’s prime minister. Australia is one of the few countries we have a positive trade balance with and they have provided military support in our ill conceived wars.

Our dictator would do well to study our past presidents. President George H.W. Bush assembled a coalition of many countries before he invaded Iraq to drive the Iraqi military from Kuwait and accomplished the job in days. President George W. Bush forgot his father’s teachings and went into Iraq without proper preparation and we still have troops in Iraq. The greatest feat of President Barak Obama was to force Iraq and other countries in the middle east to protect their own interests with some support from the U.S. History would view our dictator in a much better light if he ended military actions we are involved in and made more friends around the globe.

The True Cost of War: Soldiers Killed. May They Rest In Peace.

Justin Allen 23, Brett Linley 29, Matthew Weikert 29, Justus Bartett 27, Dave Santos 21, Jesse Reed 26, Matthew Johnson 21, Zachary Fisher 24, Brandon King 23, Christopher Goeke 23, Sheldon Tate 27.

These Marines gave their lives this week for you. There’s no media for them at all — not even a mention of their names.

God Bless our Heros and the families they leave behind. Amen to them and their beloved families. Thank you for your service. Praying to bring comfort to their families and friends during this difficult time. May they rest in peace.

Comments: Stefanie L. Dragos: These are our children and grandchildren! Let their names be shouted to the heavens and their families be comforted with the love of our nation.

— Ellen Gresham, posted on FaceBook 4/30/17

North Korea: Are We Being Told the Truth?

— Charles E. Ford, Jr.

Japan controlled Korea from 1910 until the unconditional surrender documents were signed ending the Asian portion of WWII in 1945. Just days earlier the Soviet Union declared war on Japan and rushed into the northern portion of Korea before the armistice agreement was signed. When the United States suggested a partition at the 38th parallel the Russians agreed instantly even though the capital, Seoul was just 35 miles south of the 38th parallel.

The influence of the Soviet Union was a critical factor in establishing a communist government in the North with Kim Il-sung as the leader. Since control has followed family lines with his grandson, Kim Jong-un, the current leader. Kim Jong-un was raised along with his generation to detest America. Kim Jong-un wastes his whole life anticipating and preparing for an attack by America. He is the perfect stooge to fall prey from outside influence.

They tell us that as late as April 2016, North Korea tested an engine designed to power an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM). On June 23, 2017, North Korea again tested a new rocket engine for an ICBM. Less than two weeks later North Korea launched another ICBM that flew only 37 minutes but we are told it demonstrated the capability of reaching Alaska, Hawaii, or Seattle. The ICBM launched on July, 28, 2017 was even more impressive since Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York City were supposedly within range.

In March 2016, a photo was released of a North Korean war head with the assessment that it was too large to use in the nose of an ICBM. On August 8, 2017 the same photo was released with a proclamation from the

Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), that North Korea had produced miniaturized warheads for ICBMs. The story of the missile and warhead development is not believable. No technical program as complex as rocket design or warhead development progresses at such a rapid rate. A window into the truth was opened on August 14, 2017 when *The New York Times* revealed the North Korean advancement in missile technology was traced to a Ukrainian company that was a prime source for the Soviet Union missiles during the cold war.

There is an obvious link between Russia, Putin, the Ukrainian company that manufactures missiles, and North Korea that has not appeared in the news or as a statement from any of the U.S. intelligence organizations. Putin has a backdoor deal to stick a finger in Donald Trump using North Korea's young blustering dictator as his puppet.

Notice the similar technique used in the North Korea story and the drip, drip, stories about Hillary Clinton in the 2016 election. A missile story released or rocket fired followed by a pause until the story started to fade from the news, then miraculously there would appear another item of interest.

The published articles were not always success stories but even failures had silver lining. If the rocket had successfully lifted off the launch pad it would have circled the globe.

The next time you see a picture of Putin with a big smile on his face you will know why. He is making fools of North Korea and Kim Jong-un, the United States and Donald Trump all at the same time!

GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE REPORT

The May Bond Proposals

— Charles E. Ford, Jr.

The bond proposals listed were approved by the voters in Garland, Plano, Frisco and McKinney. They total \$ 2.251,725,000, (\$2.25 billion).

Look at these proposals. Notice the similarity in the name of the proposals, the amounts are nice round numbers plucked from the air, and the similarity of the results.

It may not be a scam but it sure looks like it.

The five largest bonds, greater than \$100 million, were approved with 76.1%, 65.2%, 75.3% of the vote. Garland even approved \$12,000,000 for the pet shelter.

Are people that hungry for higher taxes?

Garland wanted to go for a billion dollar bond but couldn't find projects to justify it. Unbelievable.

May 4, 2019 Bond Election Results (A few samples.)

	Description	Amount	For	Against
City of Garland				
Prop A:	Streets & Transportation	\$ 122,250,000	76.1%	23.9%
Prop B:	Public safety	\$ 51,350,000	64.8%	35.2%
Prop C:	Storm Damage	\$ 47,350,000	71.0%	29.0%
Prop D:	Parks and Recreation	\$ 117,750,000	65.2%	34.8%
Prop E:	Libraries	\$ 21,000,000	62.4%	37.6%
Prop F:	Economic Development	\$ 46,000,000	56.2%	43.8%
Prop G:	Municipal Facilities	\$ 6,000,000	55.5%	45.5%
Prop H:	Animal Shelter	\$ 12,000,000	66.9%	33.1%

City of Plano				
Prop A	Street Improvements	\$ 18,800,000	71.1%	28.9%
Prop B	Parks and Recreation	\$ 17,900,000	56.3%	43.7%
Prop C	Municipal Facilities	\$ 8,025,000	56.3%	43.7%

City of Frisco				
Prop A	Public Safety	\$ 62,800,000	73.6%	26.4%
Prop B	Streets and Roads	\$ 155,000,000	75.3%	24.7%
Prop C	Public Works	\$ 12,000,000	69.9%	30.1%
Prop D	Library	\$ 62,000,000	61.9%	38.1%
Prop E	Parks and Recreation	\$ 53,500,000	68.0%	32.0%

City of McKinney				
Prop A	Public Safety	\$ 75,000,000	64.5%	35.5%
Prop B	Municipal Complex	\$ 50,000,000	55.5%	44.5%
Prop C	Parks and Recreation	\$ 91,000,000	63.3%	36.8%
Prop D	Public Works	\$ 34,000,000	63.1%	36.9%
Prop E	Street Improvements	\$ 100,000,000	71.7%	28.3%

Dallas County Community Colleges		\$1,100,000,000	71.5%	28.5%
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Participation:		Registered	Voted 5/4	Percent who voted
	Garland	116,583	6,203	5.32%
	Frisco	100,214	9160	9.14%

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STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Spring 2019 SDEC Report — Senate District 16

Springtime is always a busy time, but this year has been especially eventful with interesting municipal elections in Dallas and the surrounding suburbs and a hectic legislative session in Austin. The elections have progressed to the runoff stage and the legislative session has moved into the last month, we wanted to report to you on the work of the Texas Democratic Party and share what was accomplished at the spring State Democratic Executive Committee (SDEC) meeting.

Committee Meeting Summaries

Rules Committee: The Delegate Selection Plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, due to the DNC last week, was finalized. In addition, an ad-hoc Affirmative Action Committee had refused to accept the data-driven numbers before them and deferred the Affirmative Action goals for the Texas delegation to the Rules Committee. After much discussion, the Committee voted to base the goals for Hispanic and African-American delegates on an average of the 2016 and 2018 Democratic Primaries while utilizing DNC data to establish the goals for Asian-American, Disabled, LGBTQ, Native American and Youth delegates.

At the urging of the Texas Coalition of Black Democrats, a minority report was introduced during the General Session to base the goal for African-American delegates only on older data utilized for the 2016 National Convention. After discussion, this minority report was adopted by the full SDEC. The Committee also voted not to include a line for uncommitted delegates on the 2020 Primary ballot. Susan spearheaded an amendment to the plan that would require TDP to retain National Delegate ballots for thirty days after the adjournment of the State Convention to facilitate inspection upon request. Susan and David have chosen not to use written ballots for all other elections conducted at our caucus, but TDP mandates paper ballots for National Delegate selection.

Communications/Messaging Committee: The committee, chaired by Kolby Duhon heard from newly elected State Rep. John Bucy (TXHS138D) Rep. Bucy spoke about his campaign's positive narrative and how he was able to engage many new voters last fall. The Committee also heard a report on the success of TDP's "Fair Shot for All" messaging campaign. A new release of "Messaging 101" PowerPoint tool to be available soon for trainings statewide.

Nominations Committee: Susan serves as one of the Vice-Chairs of the Nominations Committee, which confirmed eleven new County Chairs.

Legislative Affairs Committee: The committee heard from TDP Legislative Advocacy Director, Birk Wilkison who reported on a new Legislative Affairs Center website that will allow activists to follow good and bad legislation and encourage action (<https://www.txdemocrats.org/action/txlege-activist/>). Specifically, Birk singled out SB 15, a bad bill which would allow the state to preempt municipalities from making decisions on paid sick leave, health care, etc. The Committee also heard from TDP Legislative and County Affairs Director, Glen Maxey who reported on his work with over 300 election bills, both good and bad. Glen highlighted one bill which showed rare bipartisanship between Democratic Rep. Celia Israel (TXHS50-D), and Sen. Bob Hall (TXS2-R) who together to advanced legislation to help counties replace older electronic voting equipment with new machines that produce verifiable paper trails. The Committee appointed nine subcommittees based on bill categories to help members push information out for advocacy.

General Session:

TDP Chair Gilberto Hinojosa reported that 70 percent of the state's population now lives in counties with Democratic majorities on the Commissioners Court. SD 23 Committeeman Jeff Strater, Finance Committee chair who reported that monthly fundraising is up over \$70K/month over the same period in 2017, with sustaining memberships contributing over \$60K/month. Current cash on hand was approximately \$270K. The SDEC adopted a budget for the 2019-2020 biennium in excess of \$20,000,000, a 33 percent increase over the previous year 2017-2018.

The Convention Committee reported that the site of the 2022 State Convention has been narrowed to Dallas or Houston. Both cities will make presentations at the next SDEC meeting on June 8th in Austin.

As always, contact us with any questions or concerns.

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Ed. Note: Article edited,
minimally abridged.

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ROWLETT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Austin Report - May 2019

No-Nonsense or Clown Car?

Remember what the governor and legislative leaders of the great state of Texas said in January? They said they were going to get along, be on the same page, that this would be a serious, no-nonsense legislative session. The goal was to govern without looking like they were driving a clown car.

The Waning Days of the 86 Texas Legislative Session

Senate Bill 22 passed through both houses and was enrolled (sent to the governor) is expected to be signed. This bill aims squarely at any city supporting or even having a transaction with an abortion provider or affiliate and is a priority for Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and groups including Texas Right to Life. The legislation permits the Texas attorney general to file suit to seek an injunction to block agreements, as well as recover attorney's fees and costs. Texas House District 112 Representative, Angie Chen Button voted in favor of the bill on May 19th.

Senate Bill 9 has been sent to calendars. This bill is described by voting rights groups as one of the harshest voter suppression bills in the country. GOP Senators, however, say it is an attempt to penalize voter fraud, a non-existent problem. SB 9 won't improve "election integrity," but will punish innocuous mistakes on voter registration forms with state felonies and fines up to \$10,000. It adds tougher rules for assisting elderly or disabled voters to the polls, requiring people driving three or more people to the polls for curbside voting to sign paperwork swearing the voters are physically unable to enter the voting area without help. SB 9 also allows criminally indicted Attorney General Ken Paxton direct access to state voter rolls.

Senate Bill 1978 *A.K.A. Save Chick-fil-A, Lose LGBTQ Rights*

The bill is headed to the Governor's desk where it will be signed into law. The bill protects people and businesses who are affiliated with or support religious organizations. Interim Executive Director of Equality Texas says, "SB 1978 has one aim only: to undermine LGBTQ equality and promote anti-LGBTQ messages."

Still Ahead

Confederate Monuments: Another cultural dispute, led by Senate Republicans to make it harder to remove Confederate statues and other monuments to the losers of the Civil War, passed in the Senate on partisan lines and awaits a hearing from a House committee.

Medical Use of Marijuana: At Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick's direction, the Senate will not pass bills lessening criminal penalties for possession of marijuana, a Senate committee advanced legislation that would expand access to medical cannabis. The "reworked" version of the bill expands which Texans can access the medicine. It keeps in place the 0.5 percent cap on the THC (the psychoactive element) that medical products could contain.

House Bill 1325: Approved Senate, HB 1325, which would legalize hemp and hemp-derived products, as long as they contained no more than 0.3 percent THC. This legalizes hemp production in Texas. A big agriculture producing state, Texas farmers look forward to growing this "hot crop".

Looking at the 2020 Elections

If there have been few fireworks this year, that is the way GOP legislators want it, because if the 2016 and 2018 election results are a guide, many of the Texas House's 150 districts will be competitive in 2020. Democratic challengers are looking for weaknesses in their current Republican representatives, and the incumbents are checking their rearview mirrors to see if anyone's gaining on them.

Jeffrey Sheldon
Rowlett Democratic Club

GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE NEWS



This Memorial Day, we remember those who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We are grateful to them and their families, and we pray for peace, so that others need not make the same sacrifice.

House Bill 8, the “Lavinia Masters Act,” is heading to the Governor’s desk!

AUSTIN -- A bill aimed at tackling the backlog of an estimated 15,000 untested rape kits in Texas is headed to Gov. Greg Abbott’s desk for signing. House Bill 8 by Rep. Victoria Neave, 108D-Dallas, would require an audit to determine the number, status and location of all the rape kits in the state. It would also create a time line requirement for rape kits to prevent future backlogs.

The Lavinia Masters Act is named after a Dallas woman whose rape kit sat untested for more than 20 years after she was raped at knife point when she was 13. Masters has become a passionate advocate for survivors of sexual assault and strongly supported Neave’s legislation.

“This is historic legislation that is now headed to the governor’s desk, and Lavinia Masters’ story really shed a light,” Neave said. “We can’t delay justice for survivors any longer. This legislation is not just going to tackle the backlog that we have right now, but it’s also going to address the rape kits going forward. By passing this legislation, Texas is at the forefront of rape kit reform.”

www.dallasnews.com/news/politics/2019/05/23/bill-tackle-texas-rape-kit-backlog-heads-gov-greg-abbotts-office



Rep. Victoria Neave, 108D-Dallas et al
House Bill 8, the “Lavinia Masters Act,”
is heading to the Governor’s desk!

House Bill 3 Passes!

State Representative Julie Johnson TXHS 115D

Last night we passed House Bill 3, a historic school funding bill that invests more money into classrooms than ever before, lowers property taxes, reduces recapture payments, and treats hardworking educators like the professionals they are by dedicating funding for dynamic raises in their compensation. While I believe that we still have room to improve, I am proud to have delivered on a promise to make funding our public schools a priority in the #TXlege.

HB 3 dedicates \$4.5 billion to student-centered education reforms, over \$5 billion for property tax relief, \$2 billion for dynamic raises for hardworking educators, and significantly reduces recapture payments. In addition, HB 3 funds full-day pre-k for low-income students, will send money to schools with higher concentrations of underserved students and establishes the first-ever dyslexia identification program. Here’s how #HB3 specifically benefits District 115:

- ✓ Raises the basic allotment per student is raised from \$5,140 to \$6,160
- ✓ Increases the state's share of education funding from 38% to 45%
- ✓ Lowers school property tax rates an average of 11 cents/ 2020 and 12 cents/ 2021
- ✓ Reduces recapture payments :





GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE FROM THE DALLAS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CHAIR

DCDP has big news: We're going to move.

Since moving into our current office at 4209 Parry Avenue, 15 years ago, DCDP has experienced significant growing pains. We put off moving as long as we could, but it got to the point that we were bursting at the seams, especially for large committee meetings, a healthy internship program and various events.

Recently, we were approached by officers of the Communications Workers of America (CWA), Local 6215, who informed us that their tenant, the Dallas Fraternal Order of Police, had moved out of their building at 1414 N. Washington St., Dallas 75206. This building, which is located across the parking lot from Local 6215, provides in over 5,000 sq.ft. a large meeting space for CEC meetings and other events, individual staff offices, a conference room, an entryway, grounds maintenance, and much more parking.

Many of you have seen our growth and have encouraged us to move for some time. We have listened, and are now preparing to make the move by the end of the month. Based on Party Rules, a Chair is not required to seek approval for leases. However, I wanted to share the news with you as soon as possible so that you would be informed.

We have been good stewards of DCDP funds, and have saved money for the move. We are grateful to the CWA for offering to rent to us at a below-market rate. We are keeping expenses down. Thus, if you have office furniture you can donate, please let us know. Contributions of time and/or money will be most welcome.

We invite you all to a special Open House for Precinct Chairs at the new space at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019, prior to our CEC meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m. on the same day.

We look forward to showing you the new space. Meanwhile, if you have questions or suggestions, just call me on my cell phone (214-213-4575).

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BITS & PIECES

Ohio Bill Could Kill Women With Ectopic Pregnancies

“Ectopic pregnancies are always fatal to the embryo and, if not treated quickly, are fatal to the mother as well. She will eventually rupture and bleed out. Treatments for an ectopic pregnancy involve removing the embryo from the fallopian tube and leaving it intact, or removing the tube itself with the embryo still inside. Both result in the death of the embryo, who is going to die no matter what, but removing the tube is 100 percent accepted by Catholic bioethics as necessary and not an abortion.

Becker doesn't seem to realize this. He has a fanciful idea about a treatment that's right out of science fiction: “Part of that treatment would be removing that embryo from the fallopian tube and reinserting it in the uterus so that is defined as not an abortion under this bill.”

Actually, no, Mr. Becker, that would not be part of the treatment. And I know that it's not part of the treatment, because it's not physically possible to save an ectopic pregnancy by just scraping the baby off the lining of the fallopian tube and stuffing it in the womb. Unborn babies are not cuttings from a hydrangea bush.

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Where Texas Ranks

TEXAS: 38/50

HEALTH CARE: 37 EDUCATION: 34 ECONOMY: 15
INFRASTRUCTURE: 33 OPPORTUNITY: 39
FISCAL STABILITY: 12 CRIME & CORRECTIONS: 33
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT: 40

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/rankings>

Make Damn Sure!

The thing is, if we don't impeach we need to make damn sure he is and will be beaten down by numerous courts.

"If the president is shown to be a crook, the American people very well may adopt a different attitude toward removal or, at the very least, toward his reelection.

Keep in mind, the House doesn't yet have even the unredacted Mueller report, let alone evidence pertaining to matters outside Mueller's purview.

Put it this way: Is it better for Democrats to go into the 2020 election with Trump buoyed after the Senate fails to remove him from office, or to go into 2020 election with a desperate, floundering president who's been slapped down by multiple courts and continues to declare that Congress isn't allowed to investigate him? Pelosi thinks it is the latter and, given her track record, do House members really want to second-guess her? Apparently, none willing to speak up with her in the room." Jennifer Rubin

FaceBook 5/15/19 Ann Griswold Ostermann

State Rep. Senfronia Thompson TXHS141D

Thank you to the #AustinAmericanStatesman for your article today on my bill (HB1139) that would prevent people with intellectual disabilities from being sentenced to death. My original language was to require a disability hearing before the trial. This would save our state a lot of money, etc. I have been trying to pass a version of House Bill 1139 since a year after the court first opposed the state's methodology for determining intellectual disability. We are in negotiations now. (Full article below) #senfroniathompson #district141 #txlege #HB1139 #intellectualdisability #criminaljustice

Austin American-Statesman May 25, 2019

State Rep. Senfronia Thompson and Lawmakers to negotiate key death penalty provision

By Renzo Downey

A bill that would prevent people with intellectual disabilities from being sentenced to death, in the works since 2003, will go to negotiations after the Senate removed a provision requiring a disability determination hearing before the trial — a key piece to come into compliance with the U.S. Supreme Court.

Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, has been trying to pass a version of House Bill 1139 since a year after the court first opposed the state's methodology for determining intellectual disability.

Then, in February, the court ruled that Bobby Moore, 59, was intellectually disabled and ineligible to receive the death penalty for the fatal shooting of a Houston store owner during a 1980 robbery. The House passed the bill 102-37.

However, the Senate removed the essential provision to bring the state in line with the court. As originally written, the bill — the product of negotiations between Thompson and district attorneys offices — mandated that a hearing to determine whether a defendant has an intellectual disability would take place at least 120 days before trial, in order to reduce instances in which sentencing must be repeated if a defendant is given the death penalty but later found to have an intellectual disability.

MJ Hegar — The Warrior for Texas

Mary Jane Hegar, MJ, is a college educated, decorated Air Force veteran wounded during her third tour of duty in Afghanistan on a rescue mission. Enemy fire on the helicopter hit co-pilot MJ in the shoulder and the leg and disabled helicopter. MJ engaged the enemy in gunfire while hanging on to the outside of the rescue helicopter until it landed at a safe location. She received the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross for her courageous actions. During her tour of duty in Afghanistan she participated in many search and rescue missions in live combat areas.

Courage, persistence, and an exceptional ability to overcome diversity are central to MJ's life story. She decided at a very young age she wanted to be a military pilot. Though she encountered many obstacles, injuries and gender discrimination, MJ chose an alternate path forward and continued on with tenacity.

In the November 2018 election, MJ was the Democratic candidate for the United States House of Representative for Texas 31st congressional district. Though she lost the election by a slim 3 percentage points, she forged on choosing to be the Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate to oppose Republican John Cornyn as Senator from Texas in the 2020 election. Her qualifications are not limited to her military service. MJ has degrees from the University of Texas, Austin (BA, MBA), significant business experience, and extensive experience dealing with Congress protecting the rights of female personnel in the military.

"I was called to be a warrior and to fly and fight for my country. I was afforded the opportunity to answer that call, and because of that, I have lived a full and beautiful life."

Hegar, Mary Jennings. Shoot Like a Girl (pp. 289-290). Penguin Publishing Group. Kindle Edition

"After his nearly two decades in Washington, one thing is clear — you can trust Senator John Cornyn to side with the pharmaceutical companies and the insurance industry over his constituents. Now, I'm running against him to fight for our health care.

While Senator Cornyn talks about wanting to lower the cost of prescription drugs, his actions paint a completely different picture. He's taken hundreds of thousands of dollars from Big Pharma, and turned around and voted against a bipartisan bill that would have lowered the cost of prescription drugs. Senator Cornyn even worked hand-in-hand with Mitch McConnell to gut protections for millions of Texans with pre-existing conditions and to allow insurance companies to charge older Texans more for coverage." *MJ Hegar*

Just what has Cornyn done for Texas?



Born in 1952 and like Donald J. Trump, he did not serve in the Vietnam war or in the military in any capacity at any time. He has been described by Jim Jubak of *MSN Money* as one of, "Big Oil's ten favorite members of Congress ... he has received more money from the oil and gas industry than all but six other members of Congress."

His Record:

Supported GOP's boycott of Merrick Garland's appointment to the Supreme Court
Voted for Brett Kavanaugh's appointment.
Authored bill to allow law enforcement to force anyone arrested or detained by federal authorities to provide DNA samples.
Urged President to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement.

Voted to continue support the U.S. Armed Forces to participation in the hostilities in Yemen.
Voted for William P. Barr to be the U.S. Attorney General
Voted against partial birth abortion.
Voted against Sonya Sotomayer for the Supreme Court.
Voted for HR 1625 – to add \$1.6 trillion to the U.S. debt.
Voted against regulating mercury content from oil and gas smokestacks.

**The choice is clear. Texans need a senator who will fight for our lives: Major Mary Jane Hegar (retired).
Cast your vote for MJ Hegar in November 2020!**

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