



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

### “The Democrats Are Out Of Their Minds”

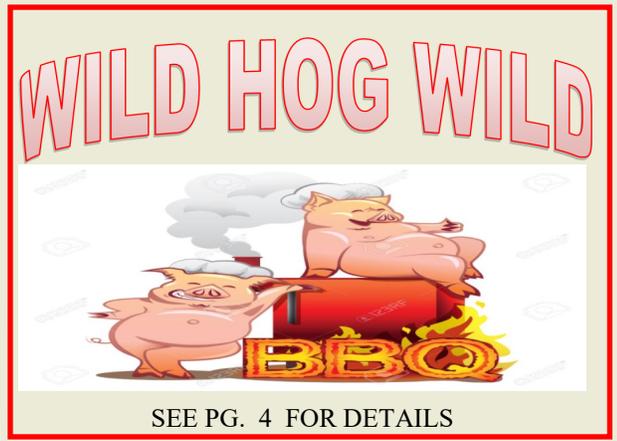
Well the month of March just kept getting better by the day for President Trump’s re-election. We have one of the first two Muslim women in Congress, Ilhan Omar the Minnesota Democratic Socialist, denouncing the state of Israel as soon as she was in office. She was also backed in her primary by the radical Democratic Socialist from New York, Ocasio-Cortez. What a pair representing the Democratic Socialist Party going into the general election in 2020. Both are the nightmare scenario for Nancy Pelosi, since they are a major obstacle in controlling her own party with having to continuously cover up and backtrack each time they open their mouths. Regardless of the attention she is getting from the leftwing Press, Ocasio-Cortez’s position in attacking the Amazon move to NYC, resulted in the loss of 25,000 high paying jobs to the City.



Then we move on to the gift that keeps on giving, Elizabeth Warren from the liberal state of Massachusetts, better known as Pocahontas. Here is a woman running as a Democratic Socialist for President in 2020 that lied on her college admittance application by claiming she was American Indian. It is just another example of the Democratic Socialist position of “do as I say, not as I do”. How different is this from what the other rich Hollywood Democrats recently did in the criminal bribery scheme to get their kids accepted into the most prestigious colleges in the country? It is hypocrisy at its best. The Democrats specialize in it.

Then we have the Democratic Socialist cry to change the entire structure of our government by eliminating the Electoral College, packing the Supreme Court and changing the voting age to 16. All of this is to simply gain absolute control of our government, when they can’t do it at the ballot box. Next on their agenda would probably be the elimination of our U.S. Constitution. They are out to destroy our liberties and our country with a radical socialist dictatorial takeover.

Imagine what someone might feel about exactly what their vote means. if you were from the mid-west and the Electoral College was eliminated. It would be an America run by California, since they have the largest population. Just look at the mess socialist California has created with a debt of over \$1.3 trillion. Its liberal socialist agenda is sinking it in red ink. It has the highest income tax rate in the U.S. at 13.3 percent, only followed by Oregon with the second highest income tax rate at 9.9 percent. The difference



is that California also has the tenth highest sales tax rate in the country at 6.0 percent and allows local sales tax up to 3.5 percent. This all added to the highest state income tax rate in the country.

It’s easy to see why so many people are fleeing California and all of the Blue States with their unbearable taxation and repressive regulations. That is what a socialist agenda is all about.

Regards.

Gene

President; Charlotte County Republican Club



Robert R. McMillin [www.bobmcmillin.net](http://www.bobmcmillin.net)

Some forty-five years ago, I was responsible for the worldwide computer operations for Avon Products, Inc., when it was a Fortune 200 company. With over thirty computer centers in the United States and all over the world, I was constantly on the road. The interesting thing about computer departments in those days was that we were called "Data Processing" - not "IT."

The reason was simple. The computers in that era processed data and very little was sent electronically. In those days, the computer rooms were air conditioned and measured around 20 ft. by 20 ft. Today, a sophisticated laptop would be equal to those giant computers.

All of this leads me to taking a look at how computers evolved. Some of the facts I will outline could be debated, but I will try to lay out a real time line for the development of computers.



Some early experiments with a form of computer took place during World War II. Herman Goldstein was one of the early developers of the very first general-purpose electronic computer. In 1947 two senior managers from J. Lyons and Co., an English food manufacturing company, visited Goldstein in the United States to see whether a computer could be used in business administration. They became excited about the prospective and on their return to England found that a similar machine was being built at Cambridge University. J. Lyons and Co. then made a deal with Cambridge to set up a machine to use in its business. Its first program ran in May of 1949 - the first computer to ever be used in the business world.

From there, computers constantly evolved to where we are today. In 1953, International Business Machines entered the world of computers. As it changed into IBM, I will never forget an executive friend of mine at IBM who said the name change came about because the initials really stood for "I've Been Moved." IBM truly covered the world in the 1970's.

Then in 1981, IBM developed one of the first home computers. If you think about it, to go from the J. Lyons and Company efforts in 1949 to 1981 - only 32 years - the world and our personal lives have changed dramatically. Probably the two areas where the computer has had the most impact on our personal lives have been in research and communications.

YAHOO and GOOGLE have brought changes to high school and college students and for me, in doing the research for my columns. As for communications, the computer now goes beyond emails. Now, depending on what you sign up for, video and/or voice are now available on the computer around the world. I cannot help but wonder what will be next?



## **APRIL MONTHLY MIXER**

Come join us on Monday, April 8 from 5 to 6:30 pm  
at the Laishley Crab House in Punta Gorda.

\$8 pp with wine, beer, & appetizers

**Special guests: Frank Mazur..... Dr. Stephen Steinlight (Center for Immigration Studies)**

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## **MONTHLY DINNER/MEETING**

On Wednesday, April 24 at the Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda.

Social hour from 5 to 6:00 pm with dinner & meeting and guest speakers to follow.

### *The evening's menu:*

*House Salad w/ Balsamic Dressing*

*Sliced Baked Ham w/ Au Gratin Potatoes*

*Or*

*Baked Parmesan Crusted Cod*

*For dessert: Lemon Bars*

*CCRC members \$26 pp.....Guests \$31 pp*

For reservations contact Claire Phelen: [clairephelen@comcast.net](mailto:clairephelen@comcast.net), 941-575-0734

Please place reservations no later than **Friday 04-19-19**

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The Evening's Program:

*Presentation: The State of the County:*

- ◆ **Charlotte County Commissioner, Ken Doherty**
- ◆ **Ray Sanrock, Charlotte County Administrator**

### *Future Dinner Meeting Guest Speakers*

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*May, 5/22/19*

*Fl. House Representative , Dist. 75: Mike Grant*

## **UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS: ALL 4 CHARLOTTE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUBS**

**APRIL 6: BURNT STORE REPUBLICAN CLUB:** Free picnic @ the Burnt Store lakes Park: start 11:30:RSVP Peg Love [peglove810@gmail.com](mailto:peglove810@gmail.com)

**MAY 3: W. CHARLOTTE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB:** Wine tasting dinner: Details to follow from Ray Corcoran

**JUNE 15: INTER-CLUB: WILD HOG WILD:** Gilchrist Pk. Punta Gorda (YMCA bldg.) Tickets at all clubs. Info at [genemurtha@comcast.net](mailto:genemurtha@comcast.net)

**END of JUNE: REC ( Republican Exec Committee) Trump/Regan Dinner.** More details to follow from REC Chairman.

**JULY 20: W. CHARLOTTE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB.** Golf Tourney. Lemon Bay CC. Ray Corcoran for info/reserve. [rcic@comcast.net](mailto:rcic@comcast.net)

**SEPT 21: CHARLOTTE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB:** Golf Tourney, St.Andrews GC; Info: [genemurtha@comcast.net](mailto:genemurtha@comcast.net) or [billfolchi@comcast.net](mailto:billfolchi@comcast.net)

**OCT 19: CHARLOTTE DE SOTO CLUB:** Rodeo-Arcadia; Contact Richard Pitz; [rjpitz9636@gmail.com](mailto:rjpitz9636@gmail.com)

**DEC : REC (ate to be determined) REPUBLICAN of the Year**

All of our Republican Clubs have regular monthly luncheon/dinner meetings and mixers. All Republicans are invited.

# Charlotte County, Florida **REPUBLICAN CLUBS**



**Saturday June 15th, 2019 11:00 am — 3:00 pm**  
**Punta Gorda, Bay Front YMCA**

**Big John's Specials: \$35.00 pp**

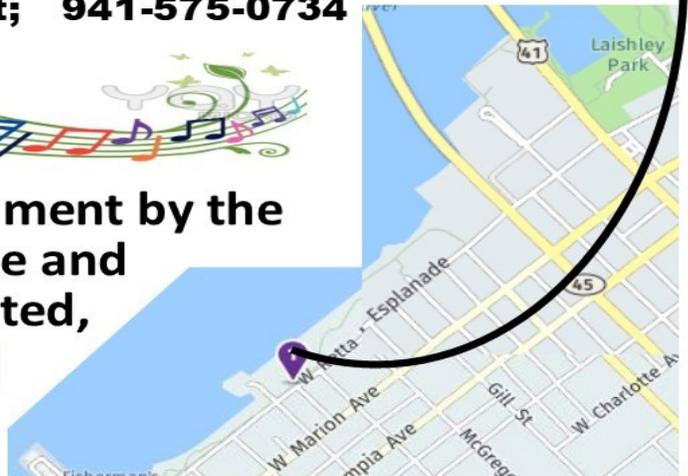
- Pulled Pork ● B.B.Q. Chicken ● Baked Beans
- Cole Slaw (Tea & Wine)

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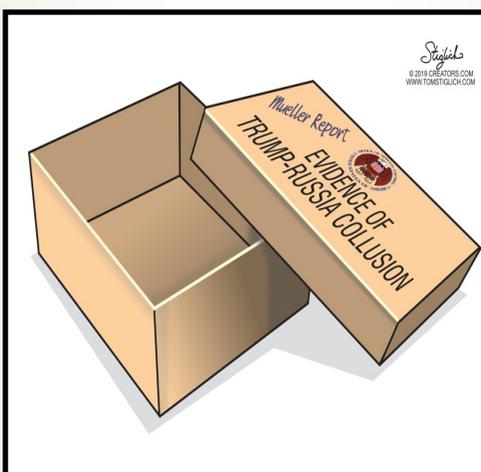
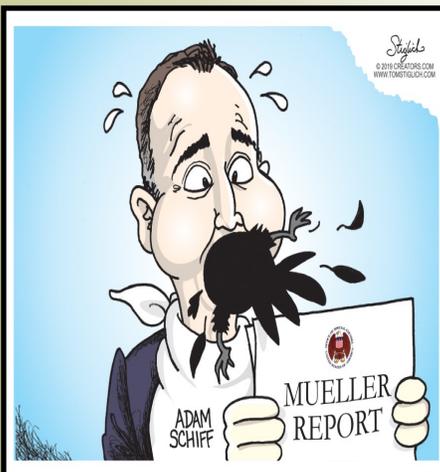
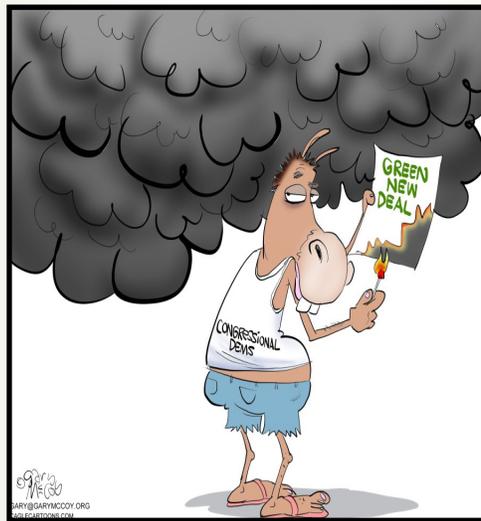
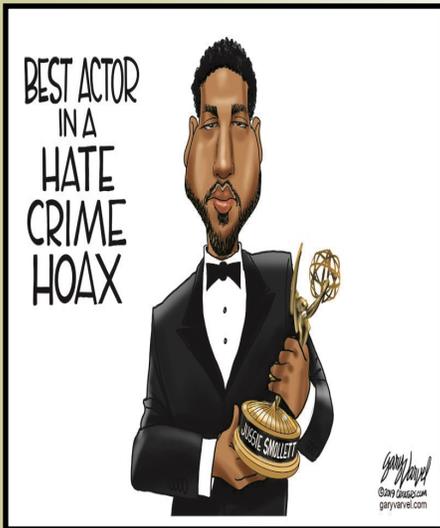
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State Chairwoman, Deb McMulin



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## RISING DEBT WILL BURY US

Frank Mazur

Blessed are the young for they will inherit the national debt. Congress and the President are at loggerheads on spending priorities, but controlling spending is not a priority with either side.

The deficit this past fiscal year approached \$1 trillion bringing our total debt to \$22 trillion. In five years the interest on debt will be \$600 billion, almost the amount we spend on defense and 15 percent of federal spending. As interest rates rise the interest exposure grows.

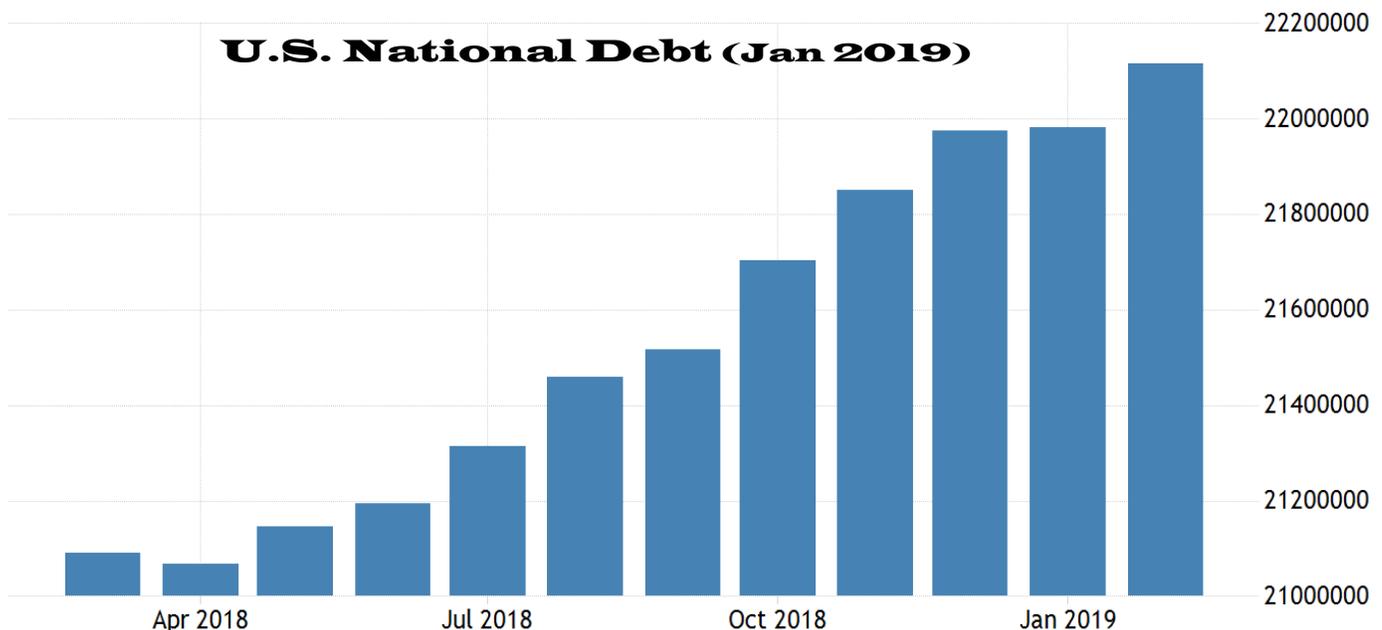


The national debt amounts to \$126,000 per household. If every household contributed \$1,000 per month towards paying down the current national debt it would take 11 years.

Unless spending is controlled this escalating debt increases our nation's vulnerability. It will cause inflation to surge, thereby increasing interest rates on mortgages, car loans, etc. Far worse, it increases the potential default on U.S. obligations. Regrettably this exposure is ignored by politicians and not understood by taxpayers.

We have no money for free college, reparations, Medicare for all, guaranteed income, Green New Deal or paid family leave. We're in a deficit hole and must stop adding to it or it will bury us. We get what we accept.

### U.S. National Debt (Jan 2019)



SOURCE: TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY



*President Trump committed our nation to observe each year on March 29th, the 50th anniversary of the end of the war in Vietnam. The Charlotte County Republican Club joins in honoring all those who fought to preserve our country's ideals.*

**PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WAR**

Issued November 10, 2017

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby confirm the commitment of this Nation to the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, which began on Memorial Day, 2012 and will continue through Veterans Day, 2025. I call upon all Americans to offer each of our Vietnam veterans and their families a thank you on behalf of the Nation, both privately and during public ceremonies and programs across our country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.

*Donald J. Trump*



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