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From the President's Desk:

By *Mary Lou Ambrose*



On November 9th, 2016 and into the early hours of November 10th we sat in horror, watching Donald Trump become President of the United States. No one really expected it, especially not Donald Trump. I don't know about you, but I was told, "It won't be so bad." But it was worse, much

worse, than we ever imagined. We vowed "To Resist, to Fight Back!", and we did. Women (and men) Marched in large numbers the day after the inauguration and on the anniversary of the original March. At the March in 2017 I saw young women with signs that said, "We'll grab him by the Primaries."

As time went by, many women decided to take politics into their own hands, since the men seemed to be messing it up. From State Assem-

blies to Governors' Mansions, to Federal House and Senate, women - white, black, and brown - signed up to run for office. Some were doctors, business owners or other professionals. Others were moms and office workers. Women from the LGBT Community and Transgender women signed up. Many were women who had been treated badly by a system they vowed to improve. What they had in common was that they knew they could do it all better

than it was currently being done.

Now here we are in the Primaries. Can we grab the power away from Donald Trump and his band of incompetent, greedy, and just plain mean appointees? We have no choice. We must. "We'll grab him in the Primaries." We will take power away from him by putting people who care in his way. Our future, the future of our children and grandchildren are at stake. In actuality, the future of this planet is at stake unless we can grab power and join the rest of the world in moving to limit Climate Change. We

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meeting



Monday, Aug 20 — 6:30—8:45 pm

[Acropol Family Restaurant, 1135 Starkey Rd, Largo, Florida 33771](#)

We will host our second Candidate Forum of the 2018 Election season. It is important for you, as voters, to hear from the candidates before casting your vote. A new candidate has emerged — our own Dawn Douglas has stepped up to run for FL HD 67! She will participate in the Forum Monday night. Please come and support her.

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must have leaders who will roll back (as much as possible) the damage done to our air and water. We will need leaders who will step up against the fossil fuel industry. In fact, we must have leaders who will stand up against the version of Corporate America which has put profit ahead of producing a product they can be proud of. We must limit a Corporate mindset which considers their workers to be throw-aways, who refuse to pay a fair wage and provide benefits for their employees. To do that, we will need a President and Congress who will put people ahead of donors.

Here in Florida, August 28th is the day we must grab Trump and his cronies by the Primaries. We must move those Primary winners to the November election and win there.

Then we need to start all over again for November 10th 2020. ☺

Many of you have been asking about recommendations for the Judicial Candidates in the August 28th Primary. Judges are difficult to fathom. They all work hard at looking neutral.

The following list comes from the Stonewall Democrats of Pinellas.

6th Circuit Pinellas/Pasco

Group 4 : Dave Ellis

Group 9 : Christine Helinger

Group 36 : Doneene Loar

Group 40 : Tommy Minkoff

Group 45 : Rebecca Hamilton



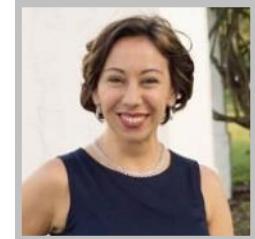
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August, 20, 2018 MEETING 6:30 Social 7:00– 8:45 Meeting

Come hear from four (4) great candidates.

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

Amy Kedron — Candidate for PCBOCC District 6/ Dr. Amy Kedron was born in Buffalo, NY . Amy left frosty Buffalo for sunny Florida in 2010 and began working as a professor at USF St. Petersburg and Ringling College, teaching students how to build stronger businesses, organizations and communities.



Pinellas County School Board

Jeff Larsen — Candidate Jeff Larsen is a middle school reading teacher at a Title I school. He is proud to call Tarpon Springs home and has served the city as a Commissioner and Vice Mayor for the past six years.



FL House District 66

Alex Heeren — Alex is an educator with Pinellas County Schools. He is running for the Florida House of Representatives in District 66. His life has been dedicated to serving our community, and he now wants to serve by taking our voices and our values to Tallahassee.



FL House District 67

Dawn C. Douglas— Most of us know Dawn as Lorena Grizzle's Campaign Manager (during her run for HD 66), well, this time she's decided it is her time to be the Candidate. Dawn has been a classroom teacher for many years and has a passion for our shared and inalienable rights, which have been regularly trampled by our Republican-controlled State Legislature. ☺



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



Sally Boynton Brown

Former President of the Florida Democratic party, Sally Boynton Brown will be our speaker in September.

October will be a discussion of the Ballot Initiatives; there are pending court challenges to a couple of them; see page 9 for current recommendation

November we plan to hear from one of our winning candidates.

We are trying to book Lindsay to speak to the Club as soon as her schedule allows.

Q&A: Jeff Brandes' Democratic Florida Senate challenger **Lindsay Cross**

Tampa Bay Times

Kirby Wilson

Aug 2, 2018



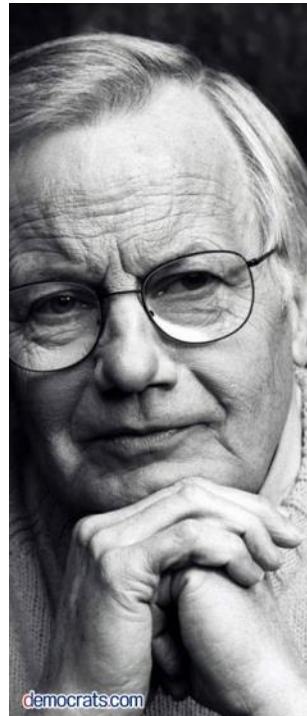
On Monday, July 30, **Lindsay Cross**, the executive director of a land conservation group [*ed.-Florida Wildlife Corridor*], stepped in at the last second to challenge Republican incumbent state Sen. Jeff Brandes.

Cross sat down with the *Times* for a phone Q&A Wednesday evening, in which she discussed her plans to reform Tallahassee and how she'll overcome what will likely be a significant fundraising gap between her and Brandes.

Here's a transcript of her conversation with the *Times*, which has been lightly edited for space and clarity.

Kirby Wilson: What do you think is the

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THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT: THE CORPORATE CONSERVATIVES AND THEIR ALLIES IN THE POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS RIGHT ARE ACHIEVING A VAST TRANSFORMATION OF AMERICAN LIFE THAT ONLY THEY UNDERSTAND BECAUSE THEY ARE ITS ADVOCATES, ITS ARCHITECTS, AND ITS BENEFICIARIES. IN CREATING THE GREATEST ECONOMIC INEQUALITY IN THE ADVANCED WORLD, THEY HAVE SADDLED OUR NATION, OUR STATES, AND OUR CITIES AND COUNTIES WITH STRUCTURAL DEFICITS THAT WILL LAST UNTIL OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN ARE READY FOR RETIREMENT AND THEY ARE SYSTEMATICALLY STRIPPING GOVERNMENT OF ALL ITS FUNCTIONS EXCEPT REWARDING THE RICH AND WAGING WAR.

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number one problem facing Senate District 24 voters?

Lindsay Cross: I think we have several key issues in SD 24 and statewide. I think some of the most pressing ones are finding affordable health care for all of our families and residents; making sure that we have good quality schools that are not letting our kids down; and making sure that we're protecting our natural environment. Having clean drinking water, having places that we can swim and recreate with our families. Those are some of the top things that are important to me and to the families of Pinellas County.

KW: What did you think was the best piece of legislation passed by the Legislature last year and what was the worst and why?

LC: There was a lot of both good and bad legislation last year. I'm not going to point to one in particular. You know that we made some progress in funding Florida Forever, which is an important land conservation program, so I'm happy that we're starting to make progress on that. And that would be something that I would continue forward in trying to fully fund.

KW: And a piece of legislation that you didn't like so much?

LC: I think we haven't

made the investments in our public schools that we need to, so that's something that I would fundamentally like to change. Looking at ways that we can make sure that our education systems are working for our students rather than the for-profit companies that are benefitting from that.

KW: What about your background makes you an ideal candidate for this district?

LC: I think I am the voter here in Pinellas County. I come from parents who were both educators. I went through public school. I had opportunities and chose to come down to Pinellas County because of the quality of life here, the amazing natural beauty — and I've seen that that's changed in the time that I've been here. I want to make sure that the families living here today have those same opportunities and are able to find high-quality jobs and their kids graduate school and are able to raise their families in Pinellas County as well.

KW: What do you think has been Brandes' biggest failure?

LC: Sen. Brandes is working more for special interests and for his funders than he is for the rest of Pinellas County.

KW: What do you mean by that? Which special interests?

LC: Some of his initiatives related to the voucher system are more geared towards putting money in the pockets of these for-profit education institutions rather than putting the money into the public schools, which have so much opportunity to develop the young leaders of our community.

KW: Sen. Brandes is an incredibly well funded state Senate candidate, and you're entering the race late. How do you plan to overcome the massive fundraising gap between you and him?

LC: Fundraising is certainly an important part of any campaign, but it's more about reaching the voter and talking about the issues that are important to them. Finding out how we can tackle these big issues and make sure that health care is more affordable, that we're investing adequately in our infrastructure and our public schools and protecting our natural environment.

KW: So how do you plan to reach the voter?

LC: I'm going to be spending a lot of time talking to my neighbors and our families. I'm so excited to be out on the street and hearing what's important to the voter. I think that one of the failures in Tallahassee is not listening to really what the people want, but do-

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ing what's in the interest of them and some of the big corporations. So this is such an incredible way to make a difference for the people of Senate District 24.

KW: Why did you have to quit your job to run for this office?

LC: You said it before, I'm entering this race late, there's a big financial need here and I need to put all my attention into this. I am determined to be the best candidate for Senate District 24 and make some of these changes in Tallahassee that need to be made. We've had 20 years of Republican rule that hasn't been serving the citizens of this county and this state. It's important enough for me to invest 100 percent of my time and energy to make sure that we take back Tallahassee.

KW: You mention the 20 years of Republican rule. Why have Democrats been so unsuccessful these past 20 years in Florida?

LC: I think we're seeing places where we're making a lot of great strides around the nation. We're seeing upset races because the voters are coming out and the constituents are listening to what's important to them. I think this is just the start and we have so much opportunity to look for-

ward and not look back. This is just the beginning of an amazing time in Florida's history.

KW: Is there anything else you'd like to add or anything else you'd like the voter to know?

LC: I'm just so excited about this opportunity to serve the families in District 24 to make sure that this is the best place to live, work and play in our state and around the nation. 🎶



Democratic Party News



DemDaily: Tuesday's Primaries: The Rundown

August 15, 2018

While last night's primaries in **Connecticut, Minnesota, Vermont** and **Wisconsin** affirmed President Trump's appeal among GOP primary voters, the **strong Democratic turnout underscored the energy and motivation of Democratic voters going into the general election.**

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CRC update



RECOMMENDATIONS

- #1 **NO** Increases the amount of a home's value exempted from property tax (Will force local governments to cut public services or raise local taxes)
- #2 **NO** Makes the cap on non-homestead (2nd homes and commercial) property assessment increases permanent (Will continue to limit resources available for public services)
- #3 **YES** Requires voter approval of casino gambling (Removes authority to expand gambling from the legislature and returns it to voters)
- #4 **YES** Restores right to vote for most people with felony convictions upon completion of sentences (Gives 1.5 million Floridians the right to vote after paying their debt to society)
- #5 **NO** Requires 2/3 vote of legislature to impose or increase tax or fee (Will tie the hands of future legislatures making it nearly impossible to address budget needs, such as teacher raises and natural catastrophes)
- #6 **NO** Adds a Marsy's Law (victims' rights) to state constitution, increases judicial retirement age; prohibits judges from deferring to admin agencies to interpret law (Victims' rights already protected in the Constitution; Eliminates an existing provision that protects the constitutional rights of the accused)
- #7 **NO** Requires death benefits for first responders and military members, a supermajority vote for college fees, and adds state college system structure to constitution (3/4 majority vote to increase fees makes it very difficult to meet university needs)
- #8 **NO** Establishes school board term limits; allows state to operate non-board established schools; requires civic literacy (DPCF opposes term limits; amendment takes authority for charter school approval and oversight from local school boards and gives it to Tallahassee politicians)
- #9 **YES** Bans offshore oil and gas drilling and vaping in enclosed indoor workplaces (Concern for the environment overrides concern about putting vaping in the Constitution.)
- #10 **NO** Prohibits counties from abolishing certain local offices, changes start date of legislative sessions, and adds an executive office and executive department to constitution (Takes away control granted to charter counties limiting ability to respond to local conditions)
- #11 **NO** Repeals some obsolete language; repeals a provision saying that changes to a criminal statute are not retroactive (Impact of criminal statute portion is unclear and disputed. Other repealed provisions are already unenforceable or expired)
- #12 **NO** Prohibits public officials from lobbying for compensation while in office and 6 years thereafter (Applied too broadly at local level; will not solve problems of money and influence in politics)
- #13 **YES** Prohibits betting on dog races (Ends legal wagering on inhumane dog racing)

For more information on the Amendments: www.progressivefl.org

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Sources: Ballotpedia; League of Women Voters of Florida



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Highlights from July Meeting



Fifty –seven members and guests gathered in July to hear our speaker Anna V. Eskamani. But first, Amanda Murphy, running for senate district 16 thanked the club for its generous donation. Amanda is concerned about the ways our Florida is being governed and looks forward to speaking for Pasco and Pinellas families in Tallahassee.

Alex Heeren, our club member and first-time candidate for house district 66, spoke briefly in thanking the club for its much appreciated donation. Alex said he needs the club members' help with his campaign. He has a workday of phone bank calling and canvassing scheduled for next Saturday at 141 1st Avenue NW in Largo.



President Ambrose said that she was delighted to turn over the introduction of Anna Eskamani to Mary Freeman who asked to present the introduction. Mary Freeman introduced Anna Eskamani as Florida native, daughter of immigrants and relentless activist for women's rights. Anna was included as one of the "avengers" in the January 29, 2018 issue of Time Magazine.

Anna opened by saying that it was wonderful to be here and that she is always honored to be invited to speak to loyal Democrats. She went on to explain that she has worked at Planned Parenthood of Southwest and central Florida for six years. She is currently a PhD student and an adjunct professor at the University of Central Florida. Anna is proud to be a daughter of immigrants who met and married in Orlando. Her father also attended UCF and her mother worked at a fast food restaurant. Anna's mother died way too young, but her loss brought a sense of purpose to Anna that has sent her down her current path. Throughout her employment with Planned Parenthood, Anna explained that she has learned how great the needs are for women in Florida. In Orange County, as an example, sex-education is limited to learning about abstinence. Other birth control opportunities are discouraged and this ignited her passion as an activist for women's rights. After the outcomes of the 2016 elections, for Anna the need for her involvement came into sharp focus.

As a Democratic candidate for Florida's house district 47, Anna said she is proud to have become one of her area's leading voices against President Trump's dangerous agenda. Gun violence in Florida should and could be addressed. If the legislature had passed sensible gun laws following the massacre at Pulse, the murders in Parkland might not have happened. She went



Speaking for Mayor Levine, for Governor

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on to say that we should be very worried about Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Kavanagh. Rallies are being planned, be a part of them and be sure to make phone calls to your elected officials to voice your opinion.

Anne said that she believes that Florida is filled with potential and that is now imperative that we work to begin this change. She asked the listeners to visit her website for more information and to contribute: AnnaforFlorida.com.

Next President Ambrose gave the microphone to a representative for Mayor Levine of Miami Beach, a two-term mayor who is a democratic candidate for Governor. She reported that the Mayor is working hard and that he has the experience, ability, inclination and strength to make a serious difference for Florida. She stated that the campaign will continue to knock on doors and they need help. ☠

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Florida Supreme Court will hear challenges to constitution amendments

By: [Bill Cotterell](#),

Tallahassee Democrat 8/15/18

One challenge — seeking to scratch an amendment ending greyhound racing — has already succeeded in circuit court. The state is appealing to the Florida Supreme Court.

A common thread running through the multiple legal complaints is that the CRC, even assuming good intentions, went about it all wrong.

Commissioners said the **combined multiple topics** into few amendments to avoid “ballot fatigue” – the fall-off of voter interest at the end of a long ballot – but plaintiffs **contend that such merging of ideas prevents voters from knowing what they're voting on**.

Or, worse, that it makes voters take the good with the bad – that there's no compelling state reason for such conflicted choices.

Former Supreme Court Justice Harry Lee Anstead and Robert Barnas, a former member of the State Elections Commission, petitioned the Supreme Court to strike six of the eight amendments approved by the CRC. They argued that combining multiple unrelated topics will make millions of Floridians vote for things they don't want, in order to get things they do want — or to vote against some things they like, in order to prevent something else they can't abide.

Consider, for instance, the CRC proposal to change the convening day of the Legislature in even-numbered years, create an Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism in the Department of Law Enforcement, require (rather than allow) maintenance of a Department of Veterans Affairs (which already exists), and forbid county charters to appoint, rather than elect, some important local officers.

Then there's one to prohibit oil and gas exploration in state waters and forbid indoor use of those electronic smoking gadgets, known as “vaping.” Both are nice ideas, but why should they share a ballot spot?

And what, pray tell, does covering college tuition for dependents of military veterans and first responders killed on duty have to do with requiring a two-thirds vote by collegiate trustees to increase fees? That one would also put the state college system in the Constitution, where the University System already is.

Filling in the little “Yes” oval on the ballot two or three times for those amendments would not exhaust many Floridians.

The list goes on. Anstead and Barnas contend each amendment should be a choice, not a trade-off.

Citizens putting amendments on the ballot via public petition campaigns are bound by a single-subject rule. That doesn't apply to amendments originating in the Legislature or coming from the CRC. But all amendments, of whatever provenance, require a 60 percent public vote for passage.

Anstead and Barnas came up with a unique term for the CRC's log-rolling. They called it “issue gerrymandering.” Just like legislators can re-jigger the boundaries of legislative or congressional districts to elect or defeat certain candidates (and then deny doing it) the CRC can pair some likely lemons with one or more probable winners — or handicap some other idea by sandwiching it between a couple of losers in the same referendum.

They told the court the CRC's bundling of “independent and unrelated measures infringes on the voters' First Amendment rights and those guaranteed by (state law) to vote without paying a price of voting for a measure one opposes in order to vote for a measure one supports, or of voting against a measure one supports in order to vote against a measure one opposes.”

The justices gave the state until close of business Monday to file its response to the petition. They need to act quickly, so county elections supervisors will know how many — and which — amendments the voters can decide on, in the fall.

Bill Cotterell is a retired Tallahassee Democrat reporter; email him at .at bcotterell@tallahassee.com.

Home Rule Takes Center Stage at Candidates Forum at Hollywood

The **Florida League of Cities**, in partnership with the Florida League of Mayors and Leadership Florida, hosted a candidates forum in Hollywood, Fla., on August 15. With nearly 200 in attendance, gubernatorial candidates **Gwen Graham, Jeff Greene, Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum** and former **Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine** discussed how our cities are incubators for innovation with some of our state's future leaders

Democratic candidates talk local issues at gubernatorial forum

Florida Politics

Several Florida gubernatorial candidates were on hand at The Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood on Wednesday for a forum hosted by the Florida League of Mayors. Many of the state's mayors were on hand for the forum, which was also held in cooperation with the Florida League of Cities and Leadership Florida. Unsurprisingly, many of the questions honed in on how the candidates would work with mayors on local issues. The main focus was on so-called "Home Rule powers." Those powers come from Article VIII, Section 2(b), and essentially allow cities to enact local ordinances without prior state approval. But advocates, including many of those mayors in attendance, worry those powers are being stomped over by the state government through the passage of preemption laws which seek to take authority away from local governments on various issues. [Source](#)

Democrats tell Florida mayors they support local rule

Associated Press

Four of Florida's Democratic gubernatorial candidates told the state's mayors Wednesday that if elected they will return power to the cities that the Republican-controlled state government has removed over that last 20 years. Businessman Jeff Greene, former U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham, Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum and former Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine all told the Florida League of Mayors they support "home rule" — the idea that cities should have more power to regulate activities within their borders. Over the last two decades, Republicans have controlled both the Legislature and the governor's mansion and have banned cities from enacting ordinances in several areas, including guns, the minimum wage and plastic containers. [Source](#)

Opinions

Who's afraid of Nancy Pelosi?



By Paul Krugman
NY Times 8/13/18

Normally, a party that gives away \$2 trillion without worrying about where the money will come from can buy itself at least a few votes. But

Donald Trump's tax cut remains remarkably unpopular, and Republicans barely mention it on the campaign trail — in fact, Democrats are running against the tax cut more than Republicans are running on it.

Nor are Republicans talking much about Trump's trade war, which also remains unpopular.

What, then, does the G.O.P. have to run on? It can hype the supposed menace from illegal immigrants — but that hasn't been gaining much traction, either. Instead, Republicans' attack ads have increasingly focused on one of their usual boogymen — or, rather, a boogeywoman: Nancy Pelosi, the former and possibly future speaker of the House.

So this seems like a good time to remind everyone that Pelosi is by far the greatest speaker of modern times and surely ranks among the most impressive people ever to hold that position. And it's interesting to ask why she gets so little credit with the news media, and hence with the general public, for her accomplishments.

What has Pelosi achieved?

First, as House minority leader, she played a crucial role in turning back George W. Bush's attempt to privatize Social Security.

Then she was the key figure, arguably even more crucial than President Barack Obama, in passing the Affordable Care Act, which produced a spectacular fall in the number of uninsured Americans and has proved surprisingly robust even in the face of

Trumpian sabotage. She helped enact financial reform, which has turned out to be more vulnerable to being undermined, but still helped stabilize the economy and protected many Americans from fraud.

Pelosi also helped pass the Obama stimulus plan, which economists overwhelmingly agree mitigated job losses from the financial crisis, as well as playing a role in laying the foundation for a green energy revolution.

It's quite a record. Oh, and whenever you hear Republicans claim that Pelosi is some kind of wild-eyed leftist, ask yourself, what's so radical about protecting retirement income, expanding health care and reining in runaway bankers?

It's probably also worth noting that Pelosi has been untouched by allegations of personal scandal, which is amazing given the right's ability to manufacture such allegations out of thin air.

So how does Pelosi stack up against the four Republicans who have held the speaker's position since the G.O.P. took control of the House in 1994?

Newt Gingrich was a blowhard who shut down the government in a failed attempt to blackmail Bill Clinton into cutting Medicare, then led the impeachment of Clinton over an affair even as he himself was cheating on his wife.

Dennis Hastert, we now know, had a history of molesting teenage boys. Personal behavior aside, the "Hastert rule," under which Republicans could support only legislation approved by a majority of their own party, empowered extremists and made America less governable.

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John Boehner didn't do much except oppose everything Obama proposed, including measures that were crucial to dealing with the aftermath of the financial crisis.

And Paul Ryan, the current but departing speaker, is a [flimflam man](#): a fake deficit hawk whose one legislative achievement is a budget-busting tax cut, a fake policy wonk whose budget proposals were always [obvious smoke and mirrors](#), pretending to address the budget deficit but actually just redistributing income from the poor to the rich. In the final act of his political career he has also shown himself to be a coward, utterly unwilling to stand up to Trump's malfeasance.

Looking at modern House speakers, then, Pelosi stands out as a giant among midg-ets. But you'd never know that from her media coverage.

While in office, Hastert was generally portrayed as a stolid embodiment of middle-American values. Ryan was for years the recipient of fawning media coverage, which lauded him as the ultimate serious, honest conservative long after his phoniness was obvious to anyone who paid attention. But Pelosi is typically referred to as "divisive." Why?

I mean, it's true that she's a political partisan — but no more so than any of the Republicans who preceded and followed her. Her policy stances are far less at odds with public opinion than, say, Ryan's attempts to privatize Medicare and slash its funding. So what makes her "divisive"? The fact that Republicans keep attacking her? That would happen to any Democrat.

Or maybe it's just the fact that she's a woman — a woman who happens to have been far better at her job than any man in recent memory.

Does all this mean that Pelosi should become speaker again if Democrats retake the House? Not necessarily: You can make an argument for a new face despite her extraordinary record.

But her achievements really have been remarkable. It's a sad commentary on Re-

publicans that they have nothing to run on except demonizing a politician whose track record makes them look pathetic. And it's a sad commentary on the news media that so much reporting echoes these baseless attacks.

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After Trump sided with Putin over the US, Republicans in Congress:



Blocked increased funding for election security;



Blocked attempts to have Congress question Trump's translator;



Blocked Congress from investigating NRA ties to Russian money



Concluded House "business" and retired for a long weekend.

In case you were still confused about where the GOP loyalties lie, this should clarify it.



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Why Join the Largo/Mid-Pinellas Democratic Club?

The club provides a variety of ways to stay informed and involved in local, county, state and national political discussions. But we're not just about talk. We will be part of the action in finding the best candidates and getting them elected, as well as supporting the most important causes. We will write letters, make phone calls, knock on doors, register voters, and whatever else it takes to bring change to our communities, our county and our state. But, just as important, we also want to make time to enjoy each other's company and celebrate each other's efforts at social events throughout the year. Grassroots politics is effective and fun!

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- Meet other active Democrats
- Meet and get to know your elected officials and potential candidates
- Raise funds and work for candidates
- Participate in community service projects
- Hear speakers and discuss issues of local, state and national importance
- Attend special events and monthly meetings.



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