



# The Hancock County Democrat

## Hancock County Democratic Party

### Yep, He's Crazy Bruce Workman



Trump's tweets and the verbal feces he frequently spews have always ranged between confusing lies and unhinged ranting. Lately, his ravings have become increasingly

bizarre. On Monday he staged a "press conference" in the Rose Garden. He tries to turn all of his press conferences into political rallies. This one featured four American flags behind him and two identical posters, one to each side that read, "AMERICA LEADS THE IN TESTING". Trump seems to have

adopted the Joseph Goebbels approach, "A lie told once remains a lie, but a lie told a thousand times becomes the truth".

It is uncertain whether Trump expected to be exalted for his minimal efforts and given softball questions from the press. It is becoming increasingly difficult to estimate the magnitude of his delusions. Instead, he received the sort of questions that one in his right mind would expect after making outlandish statements. Weijia Jiang of CBS News questioned why he was making COVID-19 testing an international competition, he did not reply with a straight answer (as if he could), but instead told her twice to "ask China", perhaps a dig at her ethnicity. When another reporter asked him the obvious question as to what crimes allegedly took place in "Obamagate". Trump's curt answer was, "You know what the crime is, the crime is very obvious to everybody." I don't know about you, but I sure as hell don't.

Trump embraces even the most unbelievable conspiracies if they suit his purpose. Any insult, real or perceived will make you a target. (continued on page 3)

## Thoughts on Citizenship

### Juliette Lawson

When someone talks about being a citizen of the United States and the importance of a fair democratic election do you immediately think about the presidential election? How many of us show up for all the other elections? I will admit I am no voting all-star but as time goes on and I see my country, as well as my local, regional, and state government and industry change, in

some cases, stay the same I wonder, who is directing this show?

We all know how lucky we are to live in such a great, albeit not perfect, country but how many of us take the time to shape what the future of this country is going to look like. Regional, district, board, and state elections are just as important to (continued on page 3)

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## Why I Despise the Deplorables Bruce Workman

Hate is a strong word, even in the perilous times in which we now find ourselves. After 3 years of trying to understand why any rational person could support Donald Trump, I have come to the realization that Trump's supporters are completely lacking in compassion. I have concluded that the protestors congregating in and around state capitols, the people anxious to crowd the beaches, and the armed crazies packed together outside the doors of responsible officials and medical experts, are voicing one common theme. They all do not give a damn about my life and the lives of others in situations similar to

mine. They truly are deplorable.

Trump and his most ardent supporters may not have actually spoken the words, but their discourse and actions indicate that they deem us high-risk individuals as expendable. If the hair is getting a little shaggy, then the death of a senior citizen is an acceptable cost for good grooming. If it helps the economy, the loss of some of the weaker among us is just part of the game. I am in particular danger from form exposure to SARS-CoV2. I am over 65 years of age, I have two underlying (continued on page. 3)

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## For the Love of Guns Cathy Weygandt Jan, 14, 2020

Letter to the Editor

After reading how State Rep Jon Cross presented to the local GOP recently, I found it quite disconcerting that he is at odds with Governor DeWine's STRONG Ohio gun-control proposal. Considering poll after poll nationally, that the majority of Americans are for stricter gun control, I don't understand why our elected official would be opposed to DeWine's efforts. Cross even stated, "We're pleased to have a governor we can work

with, ". What a juxtaposition that Cross doesn't want to work with those who put him into office about this issue..

Reading through the governor's proposals, I couldn't find a single fault that citizens should be opposed to or afraid of. According to DeWine's website, it "will preserve constitutional rights, expand treatment options, and prevent violence through:

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## Who's Afraid of the IRS? by Bruce Workman



At issue before the current session of the Supreme Court of the United States is whether Congress has the subpoena power to compel Trump's longtime accounting firm to release Trump's tax returns. Another case before a lower federal court concerns whether Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin violated the law that requires the Treasurer to provide any American's tax returns upon request by Congress. This latter case may also be taken up by SCOTUS. One problem with this latter

case is that it involves a modern law, the like of which have been overturned with relish by the "Originalists" on the court..

An old and seldom cited statute may be the best approach for Congress and its associated investigations might be a statue that has been on the books since 1789. One would have to go back to the Constitution to get any more 'original' than that. (continued on page 4)

## Yep, He's Nuts (continued from page 1)

. Among the baseless accusations, he has trotted out this week, is the assertion that Joe Scarborough was culpable in the death of a staffer, 19 years ago. Does he have any evidence to support these sinister conspiracies? Of course not! Truth is a stranger to him. When I combine Scarboroughgate with Obamagate and Chinagate I am astonished by the week he has had. Then, I remember that it is only Wednesday as I write this and realize he has three more days of craziness remaining.

I have seen some recent musing about why

the Democrats are worried even while things are looking good for them. It is not the candidacy of Joe Biden or his ability to unite the party as these pundits opine. We are worried because there is a slight possibility that the orange lunatic will remain as president. When you combine that with the possibility that the Senate will remain under the control of spineless Republicans and the evil geezer, Mitch McConnell there is good reason to worry. I am certain that it would mark the end of anything that resembles a democratic-republican government. It is that reason and only that reason that Democrats remain ill at ease.

## Thought on Citizenship (continued from page 1)

the construction of our future as national elections, if not more. Voting down-ballot and on off-election years should be a priority on all of our lists because in the end if we only show up to a few elections how can we expect our elected officials to work with other officials who may have been elected on platforms important to only a minority of voters.

I am sure many of you are thinking, this is a strange time to bring this up considering the

primary is only months away and is shaping up to be a high turn out. Well, recently, I received mail regarding the Board of Trustee elections for my electric cooperative and I wondered, how many of us vote for these? How well does our energy co-op board actually reflect the community's views or does it reflect those of just a few avid voters? I ask you all, where applicable, do your research and cast your vote for a trustee. And as the smoke settles after the presidential election, no matter how the chips fall, keep in mind there are many more elections that construct our future and we need to be part of all of them to ensure a stable, safe, and sustaining society.

## Why I Despise the Deplorables (continued from page 2)

lung diseases (COPD and pulmonary fibrosis), and I have Type II diabetes; a sort of COVIC-19 trifecta.

Some are more at-risk than me and they are met with the same endemic indifference to their health and well-being. So yes, I do hate these people. Whether they are evil, stupid, or just suffer from generalized sociopathy, I find them inexcusable and I believe I would even if I were not among the endangered. I have not yet reached the point where I have the same indifference to their possible deaths, but I would find a mass case

of kidney stones that could not be passed for at least a month acceptable.



## Guns (continued from page 2 )

- Safety protection orders
- Thorough background checks
- Rigorous due process
- Ongoing help to those in crisis
- New state background checks
- Greater penalties for gun crimes”

How many more mass shootings and killings need to occur before those in office

start working for their constituents and not for the NRA? Every little town where a mass shooting has happened always has someone saying “I didn’t think it would ever happen here”...

I do appreciate that Representative Cross has opened himself up to many public office hours in the district. I hope and pray that he opens up his mind and heart to the need for gun control. Americans are dying for a change.

## Who’s Afraid of the IRS continued from page 2

If the House invoked this law, they would likely have the tax returns in hand well before the election. For the “originalists” to overturn this would be akin to them declaring the entire separations clause unconstitutional.

Buried four paragraphs under the heading “Reports” in 31 U.S.C. § 331(d), requires the Treasury secretary to provide the House or Senate with any information they request. It reads: “The [Treasury] Secretary shall report to either House of Congress in person or in

writing, as required, on matters referred to the Secretary by that House of Congress.” By law, the House could require Steven “buy aA Vowel” Mnuchin to investigate Trump’s taxes and report findings in person.

The Supreme Court has previously said that existing laws originally passed by Congress in 1789, must be interpreted today as Congress interpreted them immediately after passage—that those laws are de facto constitutional unless specifically found otherwise. This statute, which has been used often throughout U.S. history and the executive branch has always complied without any court challenge.

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