

The Pass Democrat

Newsletter of the Pass Democratic Club—September 2017 Visit the Pass Democratic Club website: www.passdems.org and the Pass Democratic Club on Facebook and Twitter (@DemocraticPass)

GARY H BOSWORTH AWARDS LUNCHEON

Here's one you won't want to miss. On Sunday, October 29, 2017, the Riverside County Democratic Party will present their annual awards luncheon. In the years since its inception, this annual event has become legendary, and this year it will offer the perfect Democratic "Trifecta" of guest speakers: California Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, California Senator Toni Atkins and California Democratic Party Chair Eric Bauman.

This is going to be a great event! Mark your calendars and make your reservations. Don't miss out on this one! Pass Democratic Club Members and friends make check payable to RCDP. To be at the PDC tables mail \$67,50pp to Jackie Atwood, 2384 N Murray St, Banning CA 92220, questions to 951 849-4986 or robeat-wood@aol.com.



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Saturday, 9/23, 6 to 9 PM
5549 W Pinehurst Dr, Banning
(mention PDC at SL gate)
What to Bring:

A – G Appetizers or Salads, H – O Entrees, P – Z Desserts RSVP to Betty (951) 769-6636 or msmac777@aol.com (\$20 PP or \$35 per couple)

September Meeting

Wednesday, September 20h

175 W. Hays St., Banning (10 freeway, exit 8th St N, right Ramsey, left 2nd, right Hays)

Doors open at 5:45pm Meeting begins at 6:30pm**

Special Presentation: To Be Announced

How the Nazis Were Inspired by Jim Crow

AUGUST 16, 2017 By Becky Little

In 1935, Nazi Germany passed two radically discriminatory pieces of legislation: the Reich Citizenship Law and the Law for the Protection of German Blood and German Honor. Together, these were known as the Nuremberg Laws, and they laid the legal groundwork for the persecution of Jewish people during the Holocaust and World War II.

When the Nazis set out to legally disenfranchise and discriminate against Jewish citizens, they weren't just coming up with ideas out of thin air. They closely studied the laws of another country. According to James Q. Whitman, author of *Hitler's American Model*, that country was the United States.

"America in the early 20th century was the leading racist jurisdiction in the world," says Whitman, who is a professor at Yale Law School. "Nazi lawyers, as a result, were interested in, looked very closely at, [and] were ultimately influenced by American race law."

In particular, Nazis admired the Jim Crow-era laws that discriminated against black Americans and segregated them from white Americans, and they debated whether to introduce similar segregation in Germany.

Yet they ultimately decided that it wouldn't go far enough.

"One of the most striking Nazi views was that Jim Crow was a suitable racist program in the United States because American blacks were already oppressed and poor," he says. "But then in Germany, by contrast, where the Jews (as the Nazis imagined it) were rich and powerful, it was necessary to take more severe measures."

Because of this, Nazis were more interested in how the U.S. had designated Native Americans, Filipinos and other groups as non-citizens even though they lived in the U.S. or its territories. These models influenced the citizenship portion of the Nuremberg Laws, which stripped Jewish Germans of their citizenship and classified them as "nationals."

A copy of the Nazi-issued Nuremberg Laws. (Credit: Fine Art Images/Heritage Images/Getty Images)But a component of the Jim Crow era that Nazis *did* think they could translate into Germany were anti-miscegenation laws, which prohibited interracial marriages in 30 of 48 states. "America had, by a wide margin, the harshest law of this kind," Whitman says. "In particular, some of the state laws threatened severe criminal punishment for interracial marriage. That was something radical Nazis were very eager to do in Germany as well."

The idea of banning Jewish and Aryan marriages presented the Nazis with a dilemma: How would they tell who was Jewish and who was not? After all, race and ethnic categories are socially constructed, and interracial relationships produce offspring who don't fall neatly into one box.

Again, the Nazis looked to America. "Connected with these anti-miscegenation laws was a great deal of American jurisprudence on how to classify who belonged to which race," he says. Controversial "one-drop" rules stipulated that anyone with any black ancestry was legally black and could not marry a white person. Laws also defined what made a person Asian or Native American, in order to prevent these groups from marrying whites (notably, Virginia had a "Pocahontas Exception" for prominent white families who claimed to be descended from Pocahontas).

The Nuremberg Laws, too, came up with a system of determining who belonged to what group, allowing the Nazis to criminalize marriage and sex between Jewish and Aryan people. Rather than adopting a "one-drop rule," the Nazis decreed that a Jewish person was anyone who had three or more Jewish grandparents.

Which means, as Whitman notes, "that American racial classification law was much harsher than anything the Nazis themselves were willing to introduce in Germany."

It should come as no surprise then, that the Nazis weren't uniformly condemned in the U.S. before the country entered the war. In the early 1930s, American eugenicists welcomed Nazi ideas about racial purity and republished their propaganda. American aviator Charles Lindbergh, a public admirer of Adolf Hitler's, received a swastika medal from Nazi leader in 1938.

Once the U.S. entered the war, it took a decidedly anti-Nazi stance. But black American troops noticed the similarities between the two countries, and confronted them head-on with a "Double V Campaign." It's goal? Victory abroad against the Axis powers—and victory at home against Jim Crow.

Notable Headlines

Federal Judge Rules President Trump Plausibly Incited Violence at Rally as Candidate

Goldman Sachs puts odds of government shutdown at 50/50

Real presidents ... go to the Kennedy Center honors

CA District 49 has been at Darrell Issa's office every week since inauguration. Join us every Tues at 10am to get the richest man in congress out!

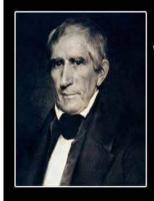
Alarmed by Trump, Obama alums launch campaigns of their own—About a dozen former Obama aides have moved home to run for Congress

Critics Say Scott Pruitt Is Carrying Out His E.P.A. Agenda in Secret

Quietly, under the radar, Congress has been trying to write Trump's rushed anti-environment orders into law.



Rep. Raul Ruiz & Shawn Holt organized an informative day of training for candidates.



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William Henry Harrison
had a more successful
first 100 days.

And he was dead for 69 of them.



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Executive Board Meeting: Wednesday, Oct 4, SLCC Atrium 6PM

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THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL MOVES TRUMP MADE LAST MONTH:

Fires Reince Priebus Hires John Kelly Hires "The Mooch" Fires "The Mooch" Hires fourth communications director Publicly shames AG Sessions "Repeal and replace" fails Shames Republicans who voted against it Tweets transgender military ban Gets political in Boy Scout speech Makes up Boy Scout leader call Makes up Mexican President call Thanks Putin for expelling Americans Begrudgingly signs Russia sanctions, then blasts Congress for it Condemns, then endorses anonymous White House leaks Encourages cops to rough up suspects Publicly shames Mitch McConnell Embraces unpassable immigration plan Threatens North Korea with nukes Tells Guam it'll help tourism Bannon says no military option Threatens Venezuela Blames "both sides" in Charlottesville Denounces white supremacists Back to blaming both sides Says "fine people" at Nazi rally Shames CEOs who ditch business councils Two business councils disband Retweets right-wing conspiracy theorist Considers Sheriff Arpaio pardon Promotes his Charlottesville winery Pushes myth during terror attack Receives condemnations from: **Democrats** Republicans The last two Republican Presidents World leaders Allies His own staff And the Pope.

RESISTANCE

If you would like to either post an event your club or group will be hosting, or you would like to know what other events are scheduled in your area, just follow these instructions:

THE WIDENING GAP BETWEEN THE RICH—AND EVERYONE ELSE

Republicans would have us believe that tax cuts will benefit the middle class. Proposed tax cuts include lowering corporate taxes, capital gains taxes, estate/inheritance taxes and possibly income taxes. Even if proposed tax cuts are concentrated on or include the middle class, the proposed repeal of estate and capital gains taxes for the rich will far surpass the benefits of any income tax cut benefits for the middle class. The United States has been the richest, most prosperous and powerful country ever due to its having had the largest middle class in the history of the world. However, the middle class eroded over the last 40 years, and our prosperity declined proportionately. Without increasing the middle class, our prosperity as a country will continue to decline and no amount of benefits to the rich will reverse that trajectory.

VOCALLY OPPOSE ANY TAX CUTS FOR THE RICH.

ESPOUSE ANY BENEFITS TO THE MIDDLE CLASS, ENRICHING OUR COUNTRY AS A WHOLE.



Dr Ruiz at our August General Meeting—THANK YOU!

Go to the *Resistance Near Me* website at https://resistancenearme.org/. Type in your zip code. If you want to know what events are scheduled within 75 miles, click on FIND AN EVENT. Scroll down thru posted events and click on one or more that you would like to attend or learn about. If you want to receive emails advising of an event within 75 miles, click JOIN US. Then click SIGN ME UP. Complete the form.

EVENTS!

United4Love2

Upland CA Sat, September 9, 2017 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Celebrate California Native American Day

5500 University Pkwy San Bernardino Fri, September 22, 2017 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Shaun King Speaking at the University of Redlands in California

1200 E Colton Ave Redlands CA Wednesday, September 27, 2017 7:00 to 10:00 PM

As Democrats, we all withstood the turbulence of the 2016 presidential race; first with the powerfully-fought Democratic primary, followed by the bitter contest of the general election which culminated in the crushing election night news. Much has happened in the ensuing nine months as we have watched an erratic. unstable, emotionally adolescent Republican egotist in the White House prove unable to lead his paralyzed and unproductive Republican Congress.

Surely, such a scenario offers a perfect opportunity for Democrats to make sweeping gains in next year's mid-term elections. Right?

Maybe not. Just as the 2010 Republican Tea Party movement and its offshoot, the

Congressional Freedom Caucus have made the Republican-led Congress an ungovernable mess with their rigid stands on guns, taxes and spending, now comes a strong effort from within the Democratic Party to promote a "litmus test" under which Democratic candidates who don't swear to support singlepayer health care will be kicked out of the party by "purist" challengers in the 2018 primaries.

This movement calls for all Democrats to swear an oath to implement single-payer health care, regardless of any other circumstances impinging upon their individual races.

Single-payer healthcare for all is coming to this country. We are moving in that direction. The Affordable Care Act, with its many shortcomings, was a first start. The Republican's clumsy efforts to repeal that landmark legislation have led to howls of complaint from people across the country afraid of losing the health coverage they now enjoy. But, forcing a litmus-test on all Democratic candidates to slavishly support this goal is exactly the recipe for failure the Republicans followed so successfully. Today we see where that got them.

> Dana Milbank Washington Post August 11, 2017





On **Labor Day** valley leaders including Rep. Ruiz will hold a rally in **Cathedral City** to engage, mobilize, and organize voters to turn their grassroots energy into electoral wins for Democrats and progressive candidates who are focused on creating an economy that works for all, increasing access to affordable health care and ensuring a secure retirement.

Monday, September 4th, 5:30 TO 7:00 pm
Town Square Park, 68700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero
Directions: Hwy 111 to Cathedral Canyon Drive, right on Lalo Guerrero. Park in structured parking FREE

RSVP at http://my.democrats.org/page/event/detail/resistancesummerevent/4vg3r