

## Mid-Summer Dream

Mid-summer passed without fanfare. It never does make a fuss. Yet, sometimes you can sense it without even the slightest difference in heat, humidity, light. There is an awareness that the languid days – even for those of us working every day – will end. Autumn brings a new focus, an intensity it seems, to real work until the big break at CHRISTmas. Then, there is the dead seriousness of work after New Years until Memorial Day. So, you will forgive me if this column is like the random thoughts you have lying in a hammock looking at the march of majestic clouds across the blue sky.

Really important things are happening in the wars around the world. Significant and often terrible events happen every day and Americans are part of them. But, little is happening politically in Virginia this summer. Our Democrat Governor Mark Warner is hiding his tax plan. We really must insist on seeing the econometric modeling they did – I mean it. Otherwise, the ‘analysis’ is just political bunk. I wouldn’t trust it if it came from a Republican. Show us the numbers!

Then, we can talk principles for taxing. We should have chatted earlier, but so it goes.

The U.S. Supreme Court did terrible things to the Constitution attacking the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to create racial bias and the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Amendments to create a right to sodomy. At our Poquoson Republican meeting a retired Air Force officer long time ‘move in’ from Northern climes commented on how terrible the judicial tyranny to destroy the Federal system of government, etc. I laughed and told him that when my ancestors made that argument against federal executive tyranny his ancestors came down here and beat the snot out of them – for precisely the same arguments. ‘Who decides what’ is the issue. The Constitution is written in English but read by the judicial oligarchs looking at the – get this – penumbras (shadows) of words. Not much will happen this summer, but stay tuned when political season cranks in September.

The Republican Party at all levels must support the sanctity of marriage – one man and one woman period – or lose the base. Look at Toynbee’s history of the world – all 47 civilizations (ours is just one) – and none had marriage except between men and women. Many tolerated sexual perversions, but none honored or confused perversion with the proper place of marriage and family to support civilizations. Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis is a co-sponsor for the Constitutional Amendment to protect marriage from the tyranny of the courts.

The Republican Party can kill government racism through the legislatures as Ward Connerly’s initiative is in Michigan – forbid naming race and gender and taking it into consideration by government. We need to move that forward in Virginia. Lead the way to a colorblind society or remain a color bound society for more than 25 years forecast by Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. Our General Assembly can finesse the racism of the courts.

Virginia power de-regulation needs a lot of study. We will pay rate increases, or not, in January 04.

In June there was no valedictorian at Poquoson High School. More importantly, there was not a whisper of protest. So, the citizens of the city are

happy that the academic tradition of recognizing singular scholarly achievement is dead. Valedictorians were slain on the altar of politically correct fears about 'unhealthy' competition. Government education belongs to every taxpayer, not just the parents of the school children. As in all government issues, we get the government – and the schools - we deserve based on our education, participation, and quality of contributions.

Practice for Fall sports begins soon. How quickly time passes. Yet, how wonderful every day is unto itself. Happy Midsummer.

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