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Pachyderm Luncheons Every Tuesday
Double Tree Guest Suites

5353 Westheimer (two blocks west of the Galleria)
Noon-1:15 PM \$14.00 per person No Reservations Required
Parking \$1.00

Program



May 2nd. 2006

Jared Woodfill, Chairman Harris County Republican Party will speak on challenges for Republicans.



May 9th. 2006

Ken Hoagland, FAIR TAX issues. Ken Hoagland will speak on the strengths of the Fair Tax proposal to re-place current income tax



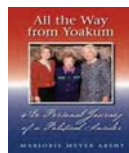
May 16th. 2006

Bill King, former mayor of Kemah will speak on the Evacuation Taskforce being proposed and other issues facing our voters.



May 23rd. 2006

Bobby Eberle, GOPUSA Editor current seeking nomination as Vice-Chairman Republican Party of Texas



May 30th. 2006

Marjorie Arshnt, author of "All the Way from Yoakum" , The Personal Journey of a Political Insider. Marjorie Will review her and her life and will have books available for sale. Marjorie Arshnt is a member of Greater Houston Pachyderm and has been recognized for her commitment to the Republican Party.

President's Column

I was in the New England / Boston area last week on a business trip. At one point, a good friend who happens to be a Democrat and an honorable person asked when I thought the War in Iraq would be over. He honestly believes that the war was ill-conceived. I do not think that he thinks that the Administration "lied", etc. I talked with him about the larger picture and the War on Terror and how this is not the end of that battle and may not even be the end of the beginning of that struggle. I don't know if he was moved from his position or not, but the conversation did remind me of a portion of a speech by President Abraham Lincoln. He gave the speech in 1864 at one of a number of "Sanitary Fairs" given by the government and various charitable groups around the country to raise money for the care of the wounded and ill soldiers who fought in the War Between the States. I think his sentiments apply today.

"War, at the best, is terrible, and this war of ours, in its magnitude and its duration, is one of the most terrible. It has deranged business, totally in many localities, and partially in all localities. It has destroyed property, and ruined homes; it has produced a national debt and taxation unprecedented, at least in this country. It has carried mourning to almost every home, until it can almost be said that the "heavens are hung in black" ... It is a pertinent question, often asked in the mind privately, and from one to the other, 'when is the war to end?' Surely I feel as deep an interest in this question as any other can, but I do not wish to name a day, a month, or a year when it is to end. I do not wish to run any risk of seeing that time come, without our being ready for the end, and for fear of disappointment because the time has come, and not the end. We accepted this war for an object, a worthy object, and the war will end when that object is attained. Under God, I hope it never will until that time."

Bob

Attention

The Pachyderm Club will not be able to provide the newsletter to members without your support. Please pay your 2006 dues no later than May 31st. if you would like to continue receiving the newsletter. THANK YOU.

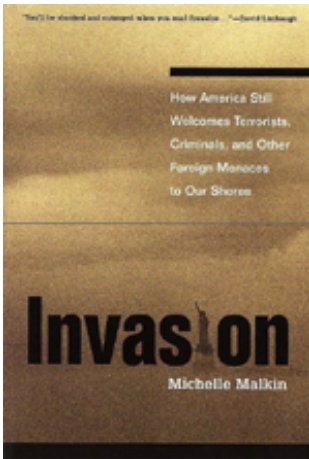
Pinning Ceremony

New members who have not received the Pachyderm pin please attend the May 30th.
Pinning ceremony meeting to receive your pin.

Reading About Immigration and Immigration Reform

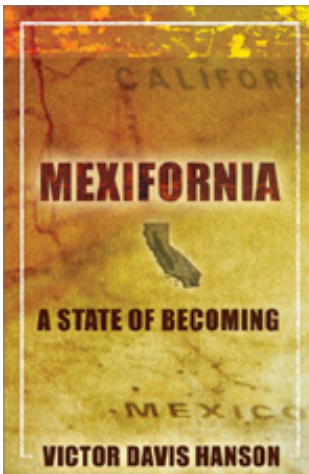
With immigration reform being at the forefront of concern in the media and in politics (and likely to remain so as the Congress wrestles with various forms of immigration reform legislation), here are two books that provide background on the immigration issue.

The first deals with the national security implications of uncontrolled and largely illegal immigration, and the second discusses the social implications of an expanding population of unassimilated immigrants and suggests some approaches to a solution.



Invasion, *How America Still Welcomes Terrorists, Criminals, and Other Foreign Menaces to Our Shores*, was written by Michelle Malkin, a nationally syndicated columnist published twice weekly in many major newspapers, including the Houston Chronicle. She herself is the daughter of Filipino immigrants to the US.

This book is an expose of how the lax immigration system in the US facilitated the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. She describes how every element of our immigration system failed, from consular offices to unguarded ports and borders to ineffective detention and deportation processes. Of more concern, driven by bureaucratic inertia, corruption, and political ineptness, little has changed since then and the US still declines to enforce its immigration laws.



Mexifornia, *A State of Becoming*, was written by Victor Davis Hanson, a classics professor, fruit farmer in the central valley of California, and a columnist for National Review, among other publications.

Illegal immigrants from Mexico and the crime associated with them have flooded in over the last 3 decades of mass migration. Although he is sympathetic to the plight of the immigrants and the conditions they are fleeing, he proposes several programs to address these issues. They include liberal, but restricted legal immigration with rapid absorption into the United States culture, effective border patrols to reduce illegal immigration, and the end of what he terms Mexican chauvinism, which produces a population that reflects Mexico, rather than the U.S.

Hanson's thesis is that the U.S. is not responsible for the prevention of social collapse in the Southwest., but he also recognizes the demand for "cheap" labor in the United States must be addressed.

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