

GOP Has Tough Choices On Voting Rights Act

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ATLANTA — When the U.S. Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights act last week, it handed Republicans tough questions with no easy answers over how, and where, to attract voters even GOP leaders say the party needs to stay nationally competitive.

The decision caught Republicans between newfound state autonomy that conservatives covet and the law's popularity among minority, young and poor voters who tend to align with Democrats. It's those voters that Republicans are eyeing to expand and invigorate the GOP's core of older, white Americans.

National GOP Chairman Reince Priebus began that effort well before the court's decision by promising, among other initiatives, to hire non-white party activists to engage directly with black and Latino voters. Yet state and national Republicans reacted to the Voting Rights Act decision with

a flurry of activity and comments that may not fit neatly into the national party's vision.

Congressional leaders must decide whether to try to rewrite the provision the court struck, but it's not clear how such an effort would fare in the Democratic-led Senate and the GOP-controlled House. And at the state level, elected Republicans are enacting tighter voting restrictions that Democrats blast as harmful to their traditional base of supporters and groups the Republicans say they want to attract.

States like North Carolina and Virginia provide apt examples of the potential fallout. An influx of non-whites have turned those Republican strongholds into battlegrounds in the last two presidential elections, and minority voters helped President Barack Obama win both states in 2008 and Virginia again in 2012. Nationally, Republican Mitt Romney lost among African-Americans by about 85 percentage points and Latinos by about 44 percentage points, margins that virtually ensure a Democratic victory.

Yet presidential math doesn't necessarily motivate Republicans who control statehouses and congressional districts in states most affected by the Voting Rights Act. Core GOP supporters in the region react favorably to voter identification laws and broad-based critiques of federal authority.

Against that backdrop, Southern Republicans celebrated Chief Justice John Roberts' opinion that effectively frees all or parts of 15 states with a history of racial discrimination from having to get advanced federal approval for any election procedure.

The so-called "preclearance" provision anchored the law that Congress renewed four times since its 1965 passage as the crowning achievement of the civil rights movement for black Americans. The law contains an "opt-out" provision that allowed a jurisdiction to ask a federal court for release from preclearance if it has established a record of non-discrimination. Roberts said that process — never used successfully by an entire state — wasn't enough.

Statue Of Liberty Reopens, U.S. Salutes Fourth

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NEW YORK — The Statue of Liberty reopened on the Fourth of July, eight months after Superstorm Sandy shuttered the national symbol of freedom, as Americans around the country celebrated with fireworks and parades and President Obama urged citizens to live up to the words of the Declaration of Independence.

Hundreds lined up Thursday to be among the first to board boats destined for Lady Liberty, including New Yorker Heather Leykam and her family.

"This, to us, Liberty Island, is really about a re-birth," said Leykam, whose mother's home was destroyed during the storm. "It is a sense of renewal for the city and the country. We wouldn't have missed it for the world."

Nationwide, Boston prepared to host its first large gathering since the marathon bombing that killed three and injured hundreds, and Philadelphia, Washington and New Orleans geared up for



CHARLES SLATE/MYRTLE BEACH SUN-NEWS/MCT
The fourth Salute From The Shore vintage aircraft flyover passes Litchfield Beach, South Carolina, Thursday afternoon on their way to Hilton Head Island.

large holiday concerts. A Civil War reenactment commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg drew as many as 40,000 people to Pennsylvania. In Arizona, sober tributes were planned for 19 firefighters who died this week battling a

blaze near Yarnell.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, speaking at the re-opening of the Statue of Liberty, choked up as she told the crowd she was wearing a purple ribbon in memory of the fallen firefighters.

"Nineteen firefighters lost

their lives in the line of duty, and we as a nation stand together," she said through tears.

The island was decorated with star-spangled bunting, but portions remain blocked off with large construction equipment, and the main ferry dock was boarded up. Repairs to brick walkways and docks were ongoing. But much of the work has been completed since Sandy swamped the 12-acre island in New York Harbor, and visitors were impressed.

"It's stunning, it's beautiful," said Elizabeth Bertero, 46, of California's Sonoma County. "They did a great job rebuilding. You don't really notice that anything happened."

The statue itself was unharmed, but the land took a beating. Railings broke, docks and paving stones were torn up and buildings were flooded. The storm destroyed electrical systems, sewage pumps and boilers. Hundreds of National Park Service workers from as far away as California and Alaska spent weeks cleaning mud and debris.

Obama Climate Plan Faces Challenges

BOW, N.H. (AP) — President Barack Obama's push to fight global warming has triggered condemnation from the coal industry across the industrial Midwest, where state and local economies depend on the health of an energy sector facing strict new pollution limits.

But such concerns stretch even to New England, an environmentally focused region that long has felt the effects of drifting emissions from Rust Belt states.

Just ask Gary Long, the president of the Public Service Co. of New Hampshire, the state's largest electric company.

Long says the president's plan to impose limits on carbon dioxide emissions suddenly raises questions about the fate of the state's two coal-fired power plants, electricity rates for millions of customers and the ability to find new energy sources. And he also notes that New England has already invested billions of dollars in cleaner energy, agreed to cap its own carbon pollution and crafted plans to import Canadian hydroelectric power.

"New Hampshire's always been ahead of the curve," he says. "Does no good deed go unpunished?"

Investigation Launched In McCann Case

LONDON (AP) — British police say they have launched a full investigation into the disappearance of Madeleine McCann, and want to trace 38 "persons of interest" in the case.

Detectives say it's possible that Madeleine, who vanished from a Portuguese holiday resort six years ago, is still alive.

Scotland Yard said Thursday that 12 of the individuals of interest are British, and the rest from a variety of European countries. The force says it is working with governments across the continent to find out more.

McCann vanished from a vacation home in Portugal's Algarve region on May 3, 2007, days before her fourth birthday. The case has generated intense media interest.

Detective Chief Inspector Andy Redwood said police "continue to believe that there is a possibility that Madeleine is alive."

Morales: Plane Dispute Was Plot By U.S.

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Bolivian President Evo Morales said Thursday that the rerouting of his plane over suspicions that National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden was on board was a plot by the U.S. to intimidate him and other Latin American leaders.

Morales, long a fierce critic of U.S. policy toward Latin America, received a hero's welcome from a cheering crowd in La Paz airport late Wednesday night.

His return followed a dramatic, unplanned 14-hour layover in Vienna that ignited an international diplomatic row. Bolivia's government said France, Spain and Portugal refused to let the president's plane through their airspace, forcing it to land in Austria. He was flying home from a summit in Russia.

Latin American leaders were outraged by the incident, calling it a violation of national sovereignty and a slap in the face for a region that has suffered through humiliations by Europe and several U.S.-backed military coups. Several South American presidents were headed to the Bolivian city of Cochabamba on Thursday to show their support for the leftist leader.

Morales said the incident involving his plane was a provocation to the region, and he urged European nations to "free themselves" from the U.S. "The United States is using its agent (Snowden) and the president (of Bolivia) to intimidate the whole region," he said.

OBITUARIES

Donald Paul

Graveside services for Donald L. Paul, 80, of Tyndall will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 5, 2013 in the Czech National Cemetery, rural Tyndall, with Fr. Gerald Thury officiating. The graveside services will be preceded by live music beginning at 9:30 a.m. Military gravesides rites will be performed by the Pike-Wagner American Legion Post #2 and the Simek-Ptak VFW Post #6895 of Tyndall and the South Dakota Army National Guard Military Funeral Honor Guard.

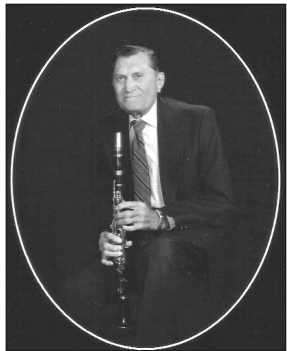
Don died on Monday, July 1, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Arrangements are under the direction of Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall and online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Don Paul was born to Steve and Elsie (Uherka) Paul on January 12, 1933, a day so cold that the water on their kitchen stove froze in the kettle. His growing-up years on his family farm near Tyndall were filled with hard work, but the long winter nights gave Don plenty of time to perfect his snooker skills with his brothers. During the especially snowy winter of '48-'49, Don moved to town so that he was able to regularly attend high school. It was that winter, spent with his Grandpa Uherka, a fine musician, that he discovered the clarinet and his love of music. Don graduated from Tyndall High School in 1950. He joined the Army in 1952, studied at the Navy School of Music in Washington, D.C., and spent the next 3 years as a member of the Fifth Army Band.

After graduating from the University of South Dakota, Don taught instrumental music in Sitka, Alaska, where he met his future wife Susan Holmes. They were married in Tyndall in 1963 and Don continued to teach for about another decade. He was a devoted, inspiring educator and many of his students went on to become accomplished, professional musicians; many more gained a lifetime love of music and learning.

As he turned his focus from teaching to farming, the same hands that had nimbly played "Flight of the Bumble Bee" in college



Donald Paul

began picking rocks, mending fences, and repairing machinery. The adventure-some spirit that had taken him to Europe during his dance band years took him to Australia one winter to combine wheat during their harvest season.

In later years, health issues limited Don's activities but never diminished his fun-loving, optimistic spirit. He continued to appreciate local music performances, to mentor young musicians, to be interested in the activities of neighboring farmers. Don was always an important part of the daily lives of his children and grandchildren, delighting in their activities and antics and administering advice only when asked, which turned out to be often because what he said invariably was sage and right and true.

Don is survived by his wife of 50 years, Susan; daughters Fern, Natalie, Grace, Stephanie; son-in-law John; grandchildren Stefan, Raquel, Reese, Quintin, Grace, Elise, and Cooper; and brother Ken. He was preceded in death by brothers Vern and Steve and sons-in-law John Frerichs and Christian Aviles.

In his memory, the Don Paul Memorial Fund has been established at the Tyndall Security State Bank. The fund will support music in the community and encouragement of aspiring musicians.

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Paul Nadenicek

Paul Joseph Nadenicek, age 95, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Wednesday, July 3, 2013, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 6, 2013, at the First United Methodist Church in Yankton, South Dakota with Reverend Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Bohemian Presbyterian Cemetery in Wagner, South Dakota.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, July 5, 2013, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral on Saturday at the church. Pallbearers are Jon



Nadenicek

was born June 20, 1918, in Youngstown, Ohio, to Rev. Joseph and Mary Louise (Holmka) Nadenicek. He attended Adams Elementary School, Woodrow Wilson Jr. High School, and graduated, in 1936, from South High School in Youngstown, Ohio. In 1934, Paul started playing the guitar, teaching himself how to play and continuing well into his 90's. He moved with his family to Yankton in

Nadenicek, Rev. Jeff Adel, Mark Adel, Joseph Nadenicek, Rick Medema, and Bill Medema.

Paul Joseph Nadenicek

1936, where he attended Yankton College and started playing with the Campus Muscats. He joined the Army Air Corps during World War II where he played with the Army Air Corps Band. After the war, Paul moved back to Yankton where he started working at Gurney's Seed Company until it closed.

Paul was a member of First United Methodist Church, the American Legion, and the VFW in Yankton. Paul loved traveling all over the United States playing Big Band Music in several musical groups. He loved his family and loved serving the Lord on the Praise Team and in the Choir at First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his brother, John (Betty)

For obituary and online condolences visit hansenfuneralhome.com.

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Warren Witt

Funeral services for Warren J. Witt, 86, of Creighton, Neb., are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 6, 2013, at Christ Lutheran Church, rural Creighton. Pastor Terry Huber will officiate, with burial in the Christ Lutheran Cemetery. Military Honors will be conducted by VFW Post 1151 and American Legion Post 74, both of Creighton.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m. today (Friday) at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Creighton.

Warren died Wednesday, July 3, 2013, at Plainview Manor, Plainview, Neb.

Max Schamber

Max Schamber, 96, of Freeman passed away Tuesday at the Menno-Olivet Nursing Home.

Max married Kathryn Stahl in 1946. Kathryn died in 2002.

Max is survived by a son Arlen (Mary) and daughters Sharleen (Lynn) Harnisch and DeVandolyn (Allen) Gibson. 7

Nadenicek of Kingman, Arizona; sister, Harriet (Larry) Adel of Armour, South Dakota; sister-in-law, Marcene Nadenicek of Yankton; and 13 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Joseph Nadenicek; sister Martha Medema; and brother-in-law, Ray Medema.

To send an online sympathy card, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Online condolences at:
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grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. A sister Susan Schultz and a brother Elmer.

Funeral services will be Saturday at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Freeman on Saturday at 2 p.m. with Visitation with the family present will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday at the Walter Funeral Home.

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Tom Booth

Memorial services for Tom Booth, 41 of Niobrara, Nebraska, will be 10 a.m. Friday, July 5, 2013, at First Presbyterian Church in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, located at 701 Chicago Avenue. Burial will be in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, rural Nehawka, Nebraska.

Brian Harvey Funeral Home of Plattsmouth is in charge of arrangements, with Brockhaus Funeral Home of Niobrara assisting with local arrangements.

To extend condolences to the family, please visit bpharveyfuneralhome.com, or brockhausfuneralhome.com

Tom died Monday, July 1, 2013, at Avera Creighton Hospital in Creighton, Nebraska.

Memorials are suggested to the family.



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