



PM Note: Hole-in-One During Bipartisan Fore! Play, Fusion Examines '86 'Amnesty'

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Special Edition - Our friends at Fusion have a look back at the 1986 Immigration “amnesty” ushered through by a Democratic Capitol Hill and President Ronald Reagan. That event still resonates today as lawmakers consider another large-scale immigration bill and whether it should have what they today call a “pathway to citizenship.”

But first: Bipartisan Monday Fore! Play – <http://abcn.ws/ZBtkFR>
Republican Sen. Saxby Chambliss hit a hole-in-one on the 11th at Andrews AFB during a foursome today with President Obama. If it means anything for a debt deal or immigration reform, it could be either a good omen or a jinx. We’re not sure.

His spokesman was humble: “We had a delightful day of golf with folks who enjoy playing the game. We talked some business, but it was mainly a day for everyone to get away from the office for a little while.”

Why did Obama pick Republicans Bob Corker and Sen. Saxby Chambliss and Democrat Mark Udall? Surely to discuss the weighty issues of the day. But Ann Compton forwards this graph from a 2011 Golf Digest ranking of DC handicaps:

“Top-ranked among elected officials—after considering reports from multiple sources and a shortage of posted rounds by him or his closest contenders—is Sen. Mark Udall (D-Colo.), a widely acknowledged 2-handicapper. (Udall was the leading proponent of the novel bipartisan seating arrangement at this year’s State of the Union address.) He earns the honor over Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Rep. John Yarmuth (D-Ky.). Yarmuth, the former publisher of Kentucky Golfer, has a +0.4 Index but says he’s closer to a 3. Corker, who told us in 2008 he’d have a hard time playing to his then-4.7 Index, has improved to a 2.1—as noteworthy as Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.) improving from a 14 in 2008 to a 7.5.”<http://golfdig.st/YANYj1>

'86ed – What Happened 27 Years Ago? A Special Series from Fusion –
Video Primer – Watch This – What The '86 Amnesty Did – 2.7 million residents became legal permanent residents... <http://uninews.us/11LRtQg>

Who Was Affected? Hugo Ortega - From undocumented immigrant to legal resident to award-winning chef... One '86 success story <http://uninews.us/15r3vFo> (@Emily_DeRuy)
Braceros to Ronald Reagan: More Faces of '86 – <http://uninews.us/17HPr7L>

See Also: Who is Here Now? - More from Emily DeRuy – Latinos of Mexican

origin make up nearly two-thirds of all U.S. Hispanics. While there were less than a million Mexican immigrants in the country in 1970, there were more than 12 million by 2007. Over the last six years, however, that number has declined as fewer Mexicans have arrived in the U.S....Between 1980 and 2000, the driving factor in the growth of the Mexican-origin population was immigration. After that, it was fueled by births within the U.S. Mexican immigrants in the U.S. today are older and better educated than they were in 1990, but median household income has dropped. The economic recession hit Mexican immigrants especially hard. <http://abcn.ws/10jIO6l> (Emily de Ruy)

Chuck Schumer's Moment - Jordan Fabian and Ted Hesson profile the New York senator trying to hold things together despite his own reputation as a spotlight hog – “As Bob Dole famously said, the most dangerous place in Washington is between Chuck Schumer and a camera.

But as leader of the so-called “Gang of Eight,” Schumer has generally shied away from (most of) those traits. Instead, he has largely earned praise from both sides of the aisle for his efforts to find common ground between Republicans and Democrats. “I’ve been around the legislative process enough to know when someone wants a deal and someone wants an issue, and I believe he wants to solve the problem,” Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) told Politico in February.

This bipartisan approach has its roots in the 1986 reforms Schumer helped broker. uninews.us/13hdJTZ

A \$6.5 Trillion Immigration Bill? Not So Fast – From Jim Avila and Serena Marshall: Is the report unveiled on This Week by the anti-immigration, right-leaning Heritage Foundation statistically sound data or biased research designed to give those against reform political cover?

Other conservative groups including American Action Forum and the Cato Institute call the Heritage Foundation methodology “narrow-based,” and its findings of a whopping \$6.3 trillion price tag “grossly exaggerated.”

In the Heritage Foundation report released today, the conservative think tank said an exorbitant price tag for the “Gang of Eight” bill currently before the Senate would come from entitlements and benefits that undocumented individuals would be able to draw upon once they complete a 13-year pathway to citizenship.

“If you do a cost-benefits study of only cost, then there is only one way it can turn out,” said Doug Holtz-Eakin, the Congressional Budget Office director under President George W. Bush who currently is president of the right-leaning think tank American Action Forum. “What is most important about this study is what’s left out.”

On the Clintons and Rock - Fleetwood Mac and Led Zeppelin - Bill Clinton apparently tried to broker a Led Zeppelin reunion for the recent Hurricane Sandy benefit concert. Led apparently said no. <http://abcn.ws/10CNdjC>

Hillary 2016 Tea Leaf 1,000 — Bill and Hillary quietly went to a Fleetwood Mac Concert in Little Rock on Friday night. (don't know of pictures.) Here's the local paper write-up:

As Jack W. Hill wrote in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette:

“Anyone attending the Fleetwood Mac concert Friday night at Verizon Arena in North Little Rock could have easily guessed what the band’s climactic song was destined to be: “Don’t Stop (Thinkin’ About Tomorrow),” which became something of an anthem for the 1992 Clinton presidential campaign. But not that many in the sold-out crowd of 14,613 also guessed that former President Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, the former secretary of state, were in the audience. Hours after the dedication of the Little Rock airport that now bears their names, the Clintons took in the Fleetwood Mac concert in a skybox on about what would have been the 50-yard line if the arena were a football stadium.”

John Kerry to Talk Boston Bombing, Syria in Russia Trip – Secretary of State John Kerry was on his way to Moscow this evening amid new unrest in Syria and at a time when the United States is investigating the biggest terror attack on American soil since 9/11 – an attack that has ties to Russia. Kerry will meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov Tuesday to discuss pressing geopolitical issues that, beyond Syria and global terrorism, include Iran, North Korea and stability in the Middle East. However, the larger goal on Kerry’s first trip to the Kremlin as secretary of state, according to senior State Department officials, is to highlight areas of common ground between the countries and ways they can work together. <http://abcn.ws/11cA9ZR> (Dana Hughes)

Diplomat Reignites Benghazi Controversy – The top deputy to the U.S. ambassador killed in the Sept. 11, 2012 attack in Benghazi, Libya, is prepared to deliver testimony this week that could contradict the administration’s explanation of the deadly attack, renewing the controversy over whether all available resources were utilized while the attack unfolded. Gregory Hicks, the deputy chief of mission for the U.S. in Libya, is set to testify Wednesday before the House Oversight and Government Reform committee. Hicks, a 22-year Foreign Service diplomat, became the highest-ranking civilian in Libya after U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens was killed in the attack, which the administration initially characterized as a spontaneous demonstration protesting a controversial Internet clip that devolved into civil unrest. During a transcribed interview April 11 with investigators from the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Hicks said he had repeatedly asked whether any “big military” support was on the way as the attack continued. <http://abcn.ws/10eDjoo>