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TW3

By Sid Dinerstein
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TW3 = That Was The Week That Was, a political satire show using music and humor to skewer all the newsmakers of the time. What time? The early 1960's. The writers included David Frost and Gloria Steinem. (Go figure.) Once in a while there is a very consequential week. The Cuban missile crisis took too many days. Two atomic bombs in one week is more than consequential. We just had one more of those—consequential weeks, not atomic bombs. And here I am connecting all the dots. One day the historians will view the week of June 10, 2018 to June 17 as the jumping off point for the post-World War II reset and for the 21st century. Let's start at the very beginning:

It's June 10 and the G-7 meeting is just wrapping up. The usual communique is written so people will know that nothing happened, nothing will happen and any and all decisions that need to be made will be cans kicked down the road to the G-7 successors. Or not. You see, there's this guy named Trump, President Trump to the deniers, and he just doesn't get this whole can-kicking exercise. President Trump had a different idea. He thought that the G-7 relationships, going back to the end of World War II, were no longer applicable. He suggested that the premise of those relationships was that everybody benefits at the expense (literally) of the

United States. No mas. President Trump argued that Free Trade was not Fair Trade and the American middle class was subsidizing the Canadians and Europeans. Presidents Trump and Trudeau (Canada) started a global shouting match leading to a global trade war leading to . . . who knows. So let me say it for the first time: I don't know how our trade relationships are going to end up. But I do know one thing. We're not going back. The past is dead and the future is coming at us. Hold on.

Two days later it's Singapore and Chairman Kim of North Korea. For all the can kickers in the world, the Koreans are a major triumph. North and South Korea are still separated. The Korean War "ended" in 1953 and President Trump decided it's time to have a global discussion on Nuclear Proliferation, and we, the Americans, will now take the nega-

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tive. In other words, President Trump went to make Chairman Kim an offer he couldn't refuse: Give up your nukes and you get to keep your job and your country. There were handshakes all around. The pundits ran the gamut from peace to bluff, from victory to sucker. So let me repeat: I don't know how our nuclear proliferation demands are going to end up. But I do know one thing. We're not going back. The past is dead and the future is coming at us. Hold on.

And that got us to Thursday, June 14, President Trump's 72nd birthday and the release of the much anticipated Office of the Inspector General of the Federal Bureau of Investigation report. Apparently, while nobody was watching, the relationship between the Executive Branch of the United States government and its subordinate Intelligence agencies changed. It seemed like President Trump had no ability to hire, fire, and move the chairs around at the Department of Justice. There were rumors of rogue FBI agents using improper procedures to try to affect a presidential election. There were rumors of illegitimate leaking and partisan investigations. There was speculation of campaign spies and campaign confidential informants. And there was the Inspector General's report. There was something for everyone. Republicans got to read the quotes from FBI agents that were clearly pro-Clinton and anti-Trump. The Democrats got to read the report's conclusion that those quotes did not affect the investigations. America got to read about an FBI it didn't fully recognize. And Lindsey Graham, an

anti-Trump Republican Senator (South Carolina) got to ask the country: "Where's my FBI?" So once again I repeat: I don't know how our Intelligence oversight is going to end up. But I do know one thing. We're not going back. The past is dead and the future is coming at us. Hold on.

Now is not the time to draw conclusions. But there is one thing we can all agree on. President Trump, love him or hate him, is one very consequential President. And the Clinton's, Bushes and Obama's are rapidly fading from our memory. So one more time: I don't know how trade relationships, nuclear proliferation and Intelligence oversight is going to end up. But I do know one thing. We're not going back. The past is dead and the future is coming at us. Hold on. It might take years (or even decades) for the dust to settle because TW3, June 10–June 17, 2018.

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Current Tariff Folly Vindicates GOP's Support for Free Trade

By George Blumel

Since the end of the Second World War, the Republican Party has been the party of free trade. Under its leadership, often enlisting bipartisan support, the number and severity of global tariffs and other protective measures have been drastically reduced. Global trade has surged, to the great benefit of American consumers and producers.

“The freer the flow of world trade, the stronger the tides of human progress.”

—President Reagan

Last month the Trump administration deviated from the GOP's free trade stance by imposing 25% and 10% tariffs on steel and aluminum, respectively, on our closest neighbors, Mexico and Canada, as well as various tariffs on the European Union and other trading partners. The effect of these new tariffs—and the brewing trade war they are triggering—already demonstrate how destructive protectionism is for Americans and for our party:

- Harley Davidson is being forced to consider moving some motorcycle production abroad as the huge increase in steel and aluminum will make them uncompetitive with U.S. production.
- The EU predictably vowed to levy retaliatory tariffs of \$3.3 billion on iconic American products such as Kentucky bourbon, orange juice, and Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Most of the targets are being chosen due to their importance to Republican electoral victory. For instance, Florida—the major orange juice producer—is an important swing state.
- The lobster dealer Maine Coast Co., founded in 1985, current revenues \$57 million, its biggest customer is China. The EU is removing tariffs on lobster imports for Maine Coast's competitors in Canada but not on U.S. suppliers. This one company's wholesalers and processors employ about 4,000, and they license 4,500 fishermen, and will soon find its product uncompetitive.
- Anheuser-Busch has since 1974 had a big operation in Jacksonville, where it produces aluminum beer cans—up to 2,500 a minute—a thriving operation that is threatened by the tariffs on imported steel and aluminum.
- Peter Quinter, a Florida lawyer involved in customs and international law, noted the victims aren't just companies and workers but also American consumers: “The effects will be everywhere—the construction of a building, an A.C. unit, a can of beer. . . . Steel and aluminum are the basis of much of what we use. Everything will go up.”
- Lyon and Republic dominate the market for American-made lockers. The companies report \$100 million in annual sales and employ about 400 full-time workers at three manufacturing plants in Indiana and Illinois. Tariffs on steel and aluminum, if maintained, will doom the

firms. “This is do or die for businesses,” President John Altstadt told the *Wall Street Journal*. “Either you fix this problem, or if you can't fix it somehow, the business will have to close completely because you can't have a negative profit on the product you sell.”



- Publisher Steve Forbes reports that “Since March a tariff of up to 30% on Canadian paper has raised the price of newsprint, making it difficult for cash-strapped newspapers . . . tariffs are a heavy new tax on struggling businesses and an unjustified burden on a cherished institution, the American newspaper.”
- American bourbon—much of it from Sen. Mitch McConnell's state of Kentucky—is surging in popularity right now internationally but is under attack with retaliatory tariffs. The European Union has slapped 25% tariffs. China followed suit. Then Mexico (25%) and Canada (10%).
- Governor Rick Scott has made increased free trade with foreign countries one of the pillars of his plan to grow jobs in Florida, which puts him at odds with President Trump, whom he has endorsed for president. In the middle of a U.S. Senate race, Scott is suddenly caught between the president he supports and the business community that has backed him for eight years, but which staunchly opposes Trump's trade policy, as it is bad for jobs and the economy.
- Meanwhile, opponent Sen. Bill Nelson, seeing advantage in the situation, is taking the (rhetorical) high road on trade despite his weak voting record on the issue. During a tour of an Anheuser-Busch plant Nelson said, “Starting a trade war with our closest allies is the last thing we should be doing. No one wins in a trade war, especially hardworking families who may have to pay more for the goods they buy every day.” Sadly, he's right.
- Many major and especially smaller companies and farmers are in fear and dread of the tariffs that will hurt their profits, competitiveness or even, their existence.

With the tax cuts and reduced regulations, the United States *should* continue to add jobs and enjoy economic growth. It is not too late for the administration to drop these destructive tariffs. Tariffs should be reduced, not raised. The GOP has long understood this and America—and the world—is more prosperous as a result.

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Belief or Faith in What?

By William J. Skinner

As July 4th comes around for the 242nd time, we see comments about our “belief” and “faith” in such papers as the *Wall Street Journal*. This \$500-per-year subscription newspaper advertised on July 3, 2018 that it is “Trusted on the Left” and “Trusted on the Right,” according to several polls listed at the bottom of the two-page advertisement on pages A8 and A9. Its authors write about beliefs and faith but fail to give credit to the most important of these. Somebody has to tell you, so let it be me.

Gerald F. Seib, writes in his Capital Journal column about “The Dangers of Losing Faith in Democracy.” Both political parties think the election in 2016 was rigged. Democrats say that two out of the past five elections were won by Republicans while they received the most popular votes. Moreover, gerrymandering has cost the Democrats seats in the legislature. Now the Democrats are not getting to vote on their Supreme Court nominees.

Seib writes, “A functioning democracy depends on the belief that the system is fair, that votes count and that the proper recourse for unhappy citizens is the electoral process. If that faith is lost, the chances that citizens will resort to other, darker means for venting their frustration go up significantly.” Quoting presidential historian Michael Beschloss, “It doesn’t lead to a good place if people on both sides continue to feel this way for very long.” American democracy has flourished because citizens “had the faith that if you wait for a while the system would, from their point of view, correct itself. People are losing their faith.”

Seib thinks we can correct this situation if leaders are committed to making the political system fair and effective. Starting with making an end to gerrymandered congressional districts.

Evidence that the system still works is that Trump got elected—proof that the establishment is not in control—and that Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez beat Democrat Rep. Joe Crowley.

Likewise, Walter Russell Mead, in his Global View column writes under the headline, “America’s Decline Never Seems to Arrive,” that Benjamin Franklin said there were no guarantees that our constitutional system would work. But constitutions cannot breathe life into dead polities, Mead says. “It is the union of sound institutions with a strong national spirit—ordinary Americans’ patriotism, democratic faith and enterprising ambition—that has made America such a force in the world.”

Lesser known, Joseph Tartakovsky, a former deputy solicitor general of Nevada and author of *The Lives of the Constitution: Ten Exceptional Minds that Shaped America’s Supreme Law*, concludes his opinion piece titled “The Culture That Sustains America’s Constitution,” with “Constitutionalism is not a mere form but a culture—a set of sen-

timents, habits and assumptions, a permeating spirit that animates an otherwise lifeless paper scheme. Without this instinctive loyalty, the Constitution’s checks and balances are barricades of foam and counterweights of butterflies’ breath. It is not in having a constitution that our strength lies, but in cherishing it. So long as we keep the faith, our Constitution will be displaced no sooner than an ant tips over the Statute of Liberty.”

So what beliefs and faith have been most important to the success of our Founders’ Constitution?

On July 1, 2018, two days earlier if you count them, the *WSJ* answered this question when it accepted a one-page advertisement from Hobby Lobby, Hemispheres, and Mardel Stores on page A9 (you might ask at one of these retail outlets if they have copies of this page). In the upper third of this ad is a red, white and blue banner containing the words. “Blessed is the Nation Whose God is Lord.” Psalm 33:12.

The bottom two-thirds of the page is filled with:

- 1) Quotes from Presidents Washington, Madison, Jefferson, and John Quincy Adams;
- 2) Quotations from Supreme Court cases: *Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S.* (1892)—Unanimous Decision Declaring America a Christian Nation, and *Vidal v Girard’s Executors* (1844)—Unanimous Decision Commending and Encouraging the Use of the Bible in Government-Run Schools;
- 3) Quotations from Founding Fathers Jedidiah Morse, Patrick Henry and Benjamin Franklin;
- 4) Quotations from the Senate Judiciary Committee Report of January 19, 1853 and the House Judiciary Committee Report of March 27, 1854;
- 5) Quotations from the Harvard 1863 Student Guidelines and from the Yale 1787 Student Guidelines; and
- 6) Quotations from Alexis de Tocqueville, French observer of America in 1831, author of *Democracy in America*; and quotations from Achille Murat, French observer of America in 1832.

The aspect of our culture that is weakening the application and operation of our Constitution is the diminished and sometimes absence of belief and faith in Providence, a Higher Power, or in God as Lord. The Founders discovered that prayer and reflection on writing the new constitution allowed them to finish their debates and write the document.

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The country under President Lincoln fought a terrible Civil War, signed the Emancipation Proclamation, and got the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery. Lincoln came to a new faith as he served as President. Americans went to the aid of Europe twice, in WWI and WWII. Americans have prayed and fought for freedom all over the world and have developed an economic powerhouse that supports millions of families across the world.

Americans who read the Bible and look for a Higher Power to solve our great problems have never been disappointed. As long as we work toward solving problems by applying the teachings of Jesus and his Disciples, we are headed in the right direction. The right beliefs and faith in a Higher Power have made many people a success. Why not try this way?

Resistance, arguing for unfair advantage, and civil disobedience against elected or appointed officials will only bring us trouble. Who needs these things?

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Our Trip to Israel—My Own Observations

By Marion Frank

I sat down to write about a unique observation I had recently in Israel and came to the realization that everyone will find fault with something I have written. I kept writing and erasing. Whenever you combine politics and religion it is controversial. Just keep in mind when you read my personal observations, you are free to disagree and you are free to use this space to write your own observations.

The first time I went to Israel was in 1974, the year of my Bat Mitzvah and a year after the Yom Kippur War. I grew up in a section of Queens, NY that was half Jewish and half Christian. You found out who was who in December when the houses were either adorned with Menorahs or Christmas lights. There was no guessing. Everyone got along fine.

As a child, I attended our local Conservative Hebrew School three days a week. I thought I got a pretty good education about Judaism and Israel. I didn't learn a thing about any other religion besides my own. If the name Jesus ever came up, the answer was we didn't have him, he wasn't mentioned in our religion. We only had G-d. (I learned not to ever spell out the name of G-d on paper, unless you plan to keep that paper forever. Papers or books with the name of G-d or Hebrew prayers cannot be thrown away like garbage; they have to be buried. So, like many others, I just use the dash.)



This is the spot where Jesus was crucified. It is located in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City.

I always wanted to go back to Israel since my first time in 1974, but my husband repeatedly said it was not the right time, it is too dangerous. So many of my friends, Jewish and Christian, had come and gone over the years, and everyone came back enlightened and safe. I was finally able to convince my husband to go on Tom Trento's United West group with special guest Judge Jeanine Pirro this past May. I told him I was going with or without him. He came. If you read my essay in the last newsletter, you read that our trip was awesome and historic, being in Jerusalem for Jerusalem Day, the 70th Anniversary of the State of Israel, and the opening of the U.S. embassy.



In addition to the celebrations, the other thing that I found incredibly noteworthy is how much the Jewish Israelis have embraced the Christianity side of Israel. I think the Israelis finally came to grips that they will not survive as the only democracy in a hostile Middle East, surrounded by enemies, without the love and embrace of Christians all over the world. There are simply not enough Jews in the world who believe in the concept of Zion, that Israel is, and has always been the home of the Jews. There are far too many liberal Jews who hate Israel. A code word that is often used by liberal Jews is *Tikkun Olam*, which loosely translated has come to mean social justice. Some of these people favor terrorists like Hamas and Hezbollah over Israel. They need to take a tour of Israel with their own eyes to see how misguided they are.

It is truly astounding to see people from all over the world; all walks of life come to Israel to share in its historical and biblical significance. For Jews, it is preordained in the Torah that Israel is our home. For Christians, who also read from the same Old Testament, Israel is the home of the Jews, and one Jew in particular, Jesus, who was born in Bethlehem, grew up in Nazareth, preached along the Sea of Galilee, walked the steps in the Old City in Jerusalem up to the temple to offer sacrifice, relish in the fact they can retrace these steps. To see the very spot where Jesus was crucified and is housed in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where anyone can go and have a look is life altering for some.

The Israelis are very mindful and respectful of the artifacts of all religions and want visitors to come and enjoy them. I can't say the same for the Muslims in Israel. They want you believe that Israel, particularly Jerusalem belongs

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This is the Dome of the Rock, a holy site for Muslims that sits on the ruins of the destroyed second temple.

to them. But just consider one thing. The Dome of the Rock is built on top of the ruins of the Second Temple, so the Muslims certainly can't claim they were there first. The large landing area where the Dome sits was given back to the Palestinians after the 1967 war, much to the consternation of most civil people in the world. This was done to make peace, but the Palestinians don't want peace, they want to rid Israel of all Jews and Christians.

After seeing Israel again with my own eyes, I have a renewed vision that people from all religions can stand



This piece of marble is located just to the right side of the front door of the Dome of the Rock. You can clearly see the devil is imprinted into the marble. Only Muslims are allowed into the building. All others are chased away.

together and celebrate each other's customs and traditions without having to tear each other down or trying to convert people to your way of believing. It's a work in progress. But just a few weeks ago when Charles Krauthammer passed away, someone said to me it's too bad he won't be going to heaven because he never took Jesus into his life. I take great offense to this. Charles was born into an orthodox Jewish family. He didn't maintain his orthodox roots but he remained Jewish. I'm certain there is a warm and cozy spot for Charles within the gates of heaven regardless of his feelings for Jesus. There is still much work to be done on tolerance and respect of others.



Miniature version of the Old City located at the Israel Museum showing the Temple where Jesus ascended to give sacrifice.

Talking Points:
The Left Again Demonstrate Futility
By Larry P. Horist

Protests were covered well by the media, but perhaps were not as big and powerful as they were reported.

It had the same call “to take to the streets.” It had the same promises of overwhelming opposition to President Trump. It has the same pre-demonstration promotion from the left-leaning media. It was predicted that hundreds of thousands of protesters would respond to the call. The goal and early media reports predicted that more than 100,000 would descend on Washington—and tens of thousands more in cities across America. As planning proceeded, the Washington Post lowered the expectation to 50,000 for the nation’s capital.

In addition to Washington, the commons of some 700 cities will be awash with thousands of protesters. The issue of children being separated from parents was the catalyst *de jure* for yet another demonstration of the power of the left wing #NeverTrump resistance movement.

So, what happened?

In their *post mortem*—a very apt label in this case—some television activists and pundits did their best to put a positive spin on the day of demonstrations as a huge success. In a bit of media hyperbole, CNN described the gatherings as “massive.”

Looking around the nation, it appeared that the number of cities in which serious demonstrations took place fell far, far short of the 700 predicted—unless you count every hand full of people with signs standing on a street corner or in a park.

Interestingly, in its follow-up report on the Washington demonstration, CNN failed to give an estimation of the size of the crowd. Even without such a count, it was obvious that the turnout did not reach even the lowered 50,000 prediction. Demonstration organizers declared a crowd of 30,000 in Washington, but history shows that organizers always inflate the numbers by multiples. In filtering through all the hype, the D.C. crowd was probably less than 20,000—even as little as 12,000.

That is still a lot of people, and they can disrupt a city by blocking streets and access to buildings to get maximum coverage. They can make a lot of noise. Television cameras focus on concentrations of people with their paraphernalia and signs—making the crowd appear larger than it is.

Of course, the gathering had the predictable appearances by the celebrity left—politicians and entertainers. They were the same old faces who show up for every such event as a matter of course. Singer John Legend took to the podium in Los Angeles to admonish the gathers to keep engaged and “do something.” California Senator Kamala Harris and LA Mayor Eric Garcetti also took to the microphone. And what left-wing event would be complete without an appearance by Cher. These celebrities provide box office that draws the media to the platforms, giving more attention-grabbing glamour to a movement that the lesser luminaries simply cannot.

What can be said about the Saturday demonstration is that it did not live up to the advertisement. It was not really big when compared to a lot of past demonstrations. It was a failure. Oh sure! It got the participants all steamed up and played well to the already converted. It did not, however, do much to advance the causes that brought them out of their homes. In fact, a good case could be made that in terms of national political support, they may have actually lost ground.

Often the media interviews people who brag that they have been taking to the streets in past demonstrations—mostly for any purpose deemed to be anti-Trump, anti-Republican, anti-conservative and all too often, anti-American. They have a visceral hatred for the American culture of personal freedom, free speech (except their own) and free enterprise capitalism.

Those who make demonstrating an avocation hate the military and law enforcement. They do not believe in the rule-of-law, preferring the rule of the streets—mob rule. They want to be the recipients of government hand-outs in a powerful top down socialist society. I refer to them as the perma-pissed.

While these malcontents are not the majority of protesters by any means, they comprise a significant force within the larger movement. Significant because they are the most disruptive and the most violent.

While most of the political left does not embrace the kind of violence that such groups as ANTIFA bring to the movement, there is a general disrespect for the rule-of-law of a less violent nature. While we have a constitutional right to demonstrate and protest, we do not have a right to disrupt traffic, to block the entrance to commercial enterprises, to harass and assault others or to close down government buildings. Yet these are the common tactics of the left. They deploy these illegal tactics because they are generally allowed to do so.

A bit of an exception took place in what might be called a “rehearsal demonstration” for the main event. On Thursday, three days before the BIG show, a group of demonstrators attempted to illegally shut down the Hart Senate Office Building in a protest calling for the disbanding of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE). According to ABC News, 600 demonstrators were arrested, including members of Congress. The illegal protest was cheered on by a number of left-wing legislators, including presidential wannabe Elizabeth Warren. If history is any example, virtually all of them will be released without charges.



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The first indication of the failure of the Saturday demonstration to reach critical mass was the next day reporting—or lack thereof. On many stations, including the most favorable to the left, the demonstrations did not make the top of the news. The Sunday interview shows hardly mentioned the demonstration—and some not at all. There was no prolonged praising analysis—just a few seconds of comment.

There are probably several reasons why the Demonstration failed to draw out the promised numbers and failed to capture the positive attention of the general public. First and foremost, there was a sense that we had seen this movie before—too many times. All the imagery and language had the feeling of a re-hashed old script. The language was trite, clichéd. Its images were fungible, almost appearing to have come from the dusty media archives of years gone by. (In the case of the detained children, some images on the television screen were really from years gone by).

The second problem was the subject itself—the situation of family separation at the border. There was a seeming lack of urgency. While the speakers and spokespersons talk in the most Draconian terms of the plight of the children and the suffering of the parents, many Americans saw kids receive excellent care and recognize that the parents had broken the law. The images were described as horrific but did not actually look horrific at all. Horrific is that iconic image of that dead child on the beach in Europe during the Syrian migration triggered by President Obama's tragic leading from behind policy.

The imperative of the demonstration was undermined by the fact that a policy to reunite the children has been put in place. So, the issue was not reunification, but how fast. That is not the kind of call to arms that stirs a lot of passion.

Finally, like many of these demonstrations, there was a loss of focus. Though it was advertised as an event to get kids reunited with their parents, all the other planks of the radical left platform homogenized on the streets. There were demonstrators opposing the yet-to-be-named nominee for the Supreme Court and protestors pushing back against the reversal of gay marriage—although such a notion has not been part of any serious discussion by political leaders on either side of the aisle.

The most obvious sub-demonstration was the call for the disbanding of ICE. With more than two-thirds of the American people opposed to disbanding ICE, that clarion call was not about to recruit more participants or allies. Quite the opposite. It played into a widely held belief that the left and the Democrats favor open borders.

So, what did the demonstration accomplish? Even bigger ones have accomplished very little. Yet, there have been times when demonstrations, protest and civil disobedience have altered the course of public policy. Martin Luther King's crusades of the 1950s and 1960s made a huge difference. Before that, the labor protests of the early Twentieth Century brought about better working condition, higher pay and the end of child labor. At around the same time, the movement to secure the right to vote for women resulted in the Nineteenth Amendment—the so-called Susan B. Anthony Amendment.

Before that, demonstrations and riots led up to the end of slavery—even if it did require a civil war.

So, what is so different about these quintessential left-wing demonstrations that they come and go like snowflakes (pardon the double entendre) on a spring day. Perhaps it is because they are so highly political in a partisan sense. While they claim a moral underpinning, they lack the imperative and obvious injustice that characterized the fight for such basic rights as voting, integration and working safely. The injustices being addressed by of those earlier successful public movements were obvious to any fair-minded person. The modern demonstrations are more a matter of opinion.

Because of the seriousness and justifications of those successful movements, protesters and proponents risked life and limb in the pursuit of justice. The modern movement seems more of a social occasion—posing little more of a risk than a wine and cheese party. The only thing that creates any sense of danger is a fear that ANTIFA might join in.

Unlike the successful protests, the recent ones offer no solutions. They curse what they see as darkness without lighting a single candle. The marches for civil rights, labor rights and women's rights all were pro-active. Their objective was to achieve a specific and worthwhile result. They were not demonstrating against. They were demonstrating for.

The modern protests seem little more than an opportunity to vent spleens, voice belligerent threats, insult those who hold different opinions and assure the world that "THEY shall overcome." They can sing that anthem of the civil rights movement, but they cannot legitimately attach it to their cause. It is a form of political blasphemy.

Finally, the modern demonstrations are also self-mocking. They have more of a carnival or Mardi Gras atmosphere than a life and death fight for justice. There is no comparison to the images of innocent blacks being beaten and attacked by dogs. Women wearing "pussy" hats or dressed up like oversized vaginas are not only offense and vulgar, it distracts from any serious message they hope to deliver.

In a few days, this latest national demonstration will fade in the face of new issues, new events and new news. It leaves nothing enduring in its wake. In fact, by the time you read this commentary, they may already be gone from the public consciousness.

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Socialist Ocasio-Cortez Spells Trouble for NYC (And Israel)

By Alan Bergstein

The recent Democrat primary defeat of NYC Congressman Joe Crowley by 28-year-old Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez should send a shiver down the spines of all Americans but primarily of those supporters of Israel. In this hardcore Democrat stronghold of Queens, she is sure to be the seat holder for many long years to come. Not something to be overjoyed about. Rather, the contrary

Ms. Cortez is a radical in every way shape and form. She's backed by Bernie Sanders and is a member of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) which is an organization devoted to the destruction of Israel through the group's support of the BDS movement. Cortez, by winning the primary in this liberal district is assured of being seated in Congress next year to undermine President Trump's support for Israel. She will join other members of the DSA now in the House such as Keith Ellison, Maxine Waters, Barbara Lee, Steve Cohen and Jerrold Nadler.

With Ellison being the vice chair of the Democrat National Committee, he is the guiding hand behind the virulent actions of the DSA. Throw in Bernie, with his popularity still flourishing after his primary loss to Hillary, touring the country, leading the way with the recruitment of thousands of high school students who know very little of their history, the DSA will be, within our own borders, a most intolerable thorn in the sides of Israel.

Their most current platform of these socialists condemns Israel with these claims: *"Israel has since the blockade engaged in three wars against Gaza, which included sustained aerial bombing and the use of white phosphorous. Widespread bombing is by its very nature a war against civilians. Since 2007 Israel has maintained a ruthless siege of Gaza, home of 1.9 million Palestinians, limiting access to food, electricity, restricting movement and transforming Gaza into an open air prison. The Democratic Socialists of*



America supports BDS and the Movement For Black Lives Platform which also includes support for BDS."

Let's throw Ms. Cortez's own words into the kettle-full of Israel hatred from the DSA. In a May 14 tweet, she said Israel's killing of Palestinians along the Gaza border was a "massacre," and that "no state or entity is absolved of mass shootings of protesters." But her scary words and ones to be echoed when she arrives in Congress call for community and national support. She says: "Democrats can't be silent about this anymore. I hope my peers have the moral courage to call it such." So, to all the Queens voters who put this virulent Israel hater in Congress, we hope you lose sleep over your choice! In such a rabid, Democrat district, she's there for life unless she creeps up the political ladder to higher office. If her militancy in words are any indication of what she'll be like in Congress, she should earn the title of, "The Wicked Witch of Queens."

Alan Bergstein is president of the Judeo/Christian Republican Club of Palm Beach.

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Congratulations, Madame Ambassador!



Congratulations to the Honorable Robin Bernstein, who was confirmed by the Senate in late June to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic. Robin, a long-time Palm Beach resident and a staunch Republican, was a delegate to the 2016 Republican National Convention and was proud to be a Florida elector for Donald Trump. She was active in the 2016 Trump presidential campaign, working with Women for Trump and with the Jewish Coalition. Robin is pictured here with her husband, Richard. (Photo by Debbie Schatz/Daily News)

Now We Know Why

By *CS Bennett*

I am often asked why is it that the Black community constantly votes Democrat, when at heart the majority of Blacks are freedom-loving, God-fearing, and conservative-minded people. My answer is usually met with astonishment and surprise. Because I grew up in that environment, I will share a few things with you.

On an average day, a Black man, or woman, wakes up and watches the local news, which is usually on one of the alphabet channels. After breakfast, they tune into CNN, MSNBC, or PBS for their world news updates. If it is a day off from the job, they may catch one of the alphabet morning news shows, like *Good Morning America*, *The Morning Show*, or *CBS This Morning*, all liberal-leaning shows.

When they return from work, they cook dinner, and then read the newspaper, usually a left-wing-leaning paper, then they watch more of the left-leaning alphabet news line-up, to include CNN, MSNBC and PBS. After the news, they may take in a few comedy shows, or a drama, all usually serials with an anti-American message. Or they may watch a documentary on HBO or PBS, which is often down on America and capitalism and our men and women in uniform.

If they are driving and are listening to the car radio, they may tune into NPR (National Public Radio), which is another propaganda wing of the Democrat Party, much like PBS is. They are good at mixing cultural shows into their programming, such as jazz music, interviews with celebrity types and left-leaning icons of the day, and touchy-feely exposés about the downtrodden and the forgotten, all victim-based narratives to make themselves look rounded out in their programming. Not all of their programming is left-wing leaning, but definitely 90 percent of them are cast in a liberal/progressive context.

On Sundays, they attend church, like other Americans, and when they return home, the women may head into the kitchen to cook and bake the dinner meal, while the men watch ESPN or some other sporting event on a liberal channel that condones the taking of a knee during the singing of the National Anthem, or where the sports commentators add a political spin to their broadcast; most usually left-wing leaning, as well. They may watch a comedy show, or an awards event at night where conservatives and our president are being bashed, ridiculed, and made fun of.

For entertainment outside of the home, Blacks may go to a theater to watch a Spike Lee movie with a plot that cries foul when it comes to our American culture, traditions and wholesome values. Most of the left's war movies are anti-war movies, which is not bad in itself. However, in their war movies, the United States is often positioned as the bad guy, or bully. Blacks may take in a Broadway play that mocks the American way of life and the American sense of honor and fair play.



Blacks, those who listens to the radio, are often fans of the Steve Harvey Show, the Tom Joyner Morning Show, and the Michael Baisden Show, all three highly liberal content shows. The latter two are the worse when it comes to bashing the president, the Republican Party, and conservatives. They save their most toxic vitriol for Black conservatives. The only other thing they hate more than Black conservatives is the Fox News Channel. These talk radio hosts continuously feed into this distrust and hatred of the Fox News Channel.

My point is this, the Black community is bombarded twenty-four/seven with liberal/progressive propaganda. More than anything, their children are being indoctrinated in our schools and colleges—and big time. When everything they watch and hear, and are being told, especially on an emotional level, is left-leaning, and their entrusted political leaders are adept at leading them down the path of government dependency, and they are taught, and eventually convinced that they are victims, why would it be any surprise that they vote Democrat?

Many Blacks are waking up, thanks to courageous Black conservatives, who are speaking out against the Democrat agenda, and even President Trump can take some credit. He has done more for the Black community in one year than the “Anointed One,” Barack Hussein Obama, did in eight years. As for Blacks who have not waken up, now you know why. And you also know why they are prone to vote Democrat.

My point is this, let's support our Black conservative brothers and sisters in their efforts to liberate their ancestral bloodline from the bondage of modern-day enslavement, brought to you by the Democrat Party, which seems to be their long, and infamous, history. If we provide more economic growth for the Black community and free them from liberal indoctrination tactics, we lessen the Democrats' hold on that community. We do that and the Democrat Party fades away into obscurity. I bet you knew that already. . . .

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News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County

Another Successful Meeting of the Republican Federated Women of South Florida



The Republican Federated Women of South Florida held their monthly meeting at the Boca Country Club on Thursday, June 21, and welcomed a stellar lineup of guest speakers. County Commissioner **Steven Abrams** gave a Palm Beach County update and entertained with some personal anecdotes. **Michael Barnett**, Chair of the Palm Beach County Republican Party and Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Florida, spoke about the activities of the County GOP, and discussed the upcoming elections. Also in attendance and speaking briefly were **Scott Maxwell**, the new Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Republican Party; **Matt Spritz**, who is running to represent District 89 in the Florida House of Representatives; **Tracy Caruso**, speaking on behalf of her husband **Mike Caruso**, who

arrived later and is also running for Florida House District 89; and **Al Zucaro**, a candidate for Mayor of Boca Raton.

The club was happy to welcome Tracy Caruso as Membership Chair.

The Republican Federated Women of South Florida will not hold meetings in July or August, so our members can participate in two summer events. The July 14 Candidates Jamboree will be held at the Lawton Chiles Pavilion of the South County Civic Center, fun for the whole family, with delicious barbeque, live entertainment, and candidate speeches. For information or to RSVP, please contact Rosemary O'Mara at 561-997-9381. Lobsterfest will take place on Thursday, August 9 at the Polo Club in Boca Raton. HUD Secretary **Ben Carson** and former Secret Service agent **Dan Bongino** will be the guest speakers, and **Dr. Gina Loudon** will be the emcee. For tickets to Lobsterfest, please go to lobsterfest.gop.

For information about the Republican Federated Women of South Florida, please contact Rosemary O'Mara at rosemaryo625@aol.com.



Shown at the Republican Federated Women of South Florida's June 21 meeting (left to right): Al Zucaro, candidate for Mayor of Boca Raton; Matt Spritz, candidate for Florida House District 89; Scott Maxwell, Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Republican Party; Michael Barnett, Chair of the Palm Beach County Republican Party; Mike Caruso, candidate for Florida House District 89; and Rosemary O'Mara, RFW President.

Letters

Nationalism on the Rise

Nationalism is on the rise in a variety of minor EU countries. Unfortunately, for some of the heavy weights like Germany, England, France and Belgium, it is too little too late. For the US, we have consistently failed to push back on many cultural issues. Case in point—homosexuality. It went from “don’t ask don’t tell” to transsexual bathrooms in schools. Gun control has gone from banning guns in schools to suspending a young boy because he chewed his pop tart into the shape of a gun.

We need to fight Islamization tooth and nail using the same technique the mosques use—education and the courts. I cringe every time I see a company or school set aside a room for Muslim prayer because they give up rather than be educated on the facts that prayers can be postponed. We must not allow one religion (Islam) to be elevated above another.

God bless.

—Jeffrey S Sanow

Anti-Semitism in the Public Schools

Dear Friends,

We state with sadness that the disease of Israel/Jew hating has now metastasized within our school systems from coast to coast. On our western coast, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), the second largest school district in America, is co-sponsoring “professional development” workshops for K–12 teachers to “Learn about Islam and the Arab World.” And to do so, they have partnered with the group, Fellowship of Reconciliation, or FORUSA, who, according to The Israel Group, is linked with the Council on American Islamic Relations, an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood and Black Lives Matter, who has an anti-Israel platform. And right smack in the heart of our own Manhattan, the public high school known as the Beacon School, held a building-wide moment of silence for Palestinians killed while trying to break through the border fences and invade Israel.

The LAUSD is propagandizing their teachers that Israel is bad, Palestinians are good. A person attending these classes reported to The Israel Group that, “The workshop was nothing more than lectures proclaiming the virtues of Islam” and that, “All negative information about Islam was labeled as lies, mistranslations, ignorance, prejudice and hoaxes.” At least 200 K–12 teachers in the LAUSD have

attended these anti-Israel workshops since 2005. They absorb what they are told and feed it back to their students.

And in Manhattan, in the highly selective Beacon School, their recent loudspeaker announcement for all students to stand in silent memory of what they claim were innocent mothers and their kids, ostensibly slaughtered by the IDF at the Gaza border, shocked some students and their parents. “I am extremely upset because I did not send my child to a NYC public school to pray for Hamas operatives,” said one father. A student stated: “As a Jewish student, I could see a lot of my Jewish friends get very weird when the moment of silence started. They don’t know how to feel.” That says it all. The kids don’t know how to feel, so many absorb and take the messages they are given by their superiors and accept them as factual. And in these schools the meaning is clear—to label Israel as the aggressor against the poor, helpless, peaceful Palestinians. Bad Jews!

Dear readers, if all of us Jews ignore this demonization of Israel in our schools, teaching our impressionable youth that Jews are purposely killing Palestinians, all of us will soon be labeled as supporters of this “villainous,” “hateful” Jewish state. Then watch us turn into another France, Holland and Belgium, where Jews have to look warily behind them for their attackers. It’s coming.

(For this piece, the Beacon School and its School Board #3 were called for comments. There were no callbacks from them.)

—Alan Bergstein
Boca Raton

“SuperFan” a New REC Member

It was my most recent pleasure to assist Gene Huber of Boynton Beach with his application to become a member of the Palm Beach Republican Executive Committee at the upcoming meeting July 11, 2018. Some people may recall that Gene was brought up onto stage with then-candidate Donald Trump at an event in Melbourne, Florida, in February 2016. He was recognized as “SuperFan” after camping out 12 hours and being first to enter the arena.

Now Gene enters a new arena. Trump supporters are proudly wearing their pride on their sleeves. No amount of distorted news coverage or pulling at heart strings will deter the mission to keep our President in office for the next six years.

—Tom Vaughn, Precinct #4024
Boynton Beach

Mort's Meanderings

By Mort Kuff

It is painfully clear that as a national security policy, our government should not permit state-of-the-art military aircraft, armaments, hardware and software to be sold to foreign governments that have not proven over an extensive period of time to be playing ball in our court. And so, no Boeing planes sold to Iran.

How painfully stupid to follow any other path.

Speaking as a guy who has logged some nine decades plus, on this old Earth and has seen a lot of bad stuff along the way including WWII, I cannot but thank my lucky stars that a guy named Donald J. Trump has come along at precisely the time his talent and temperament were most sorely needed.

What Trump has brought to Washington, D.C. that was lacking in the last half-century of presidential bunglers and most particularly, in those eight years of Obama-nation horrors, is intuition and gut feeling. Plus, his entire life of rock-em-sock-em business experience and absorbing the skills of negotiation with all comers, has provided him with the ability to see several moves ahead. What he has accomplished in his first 500 days as President, against every conceivable kind of unprecedented opposition, has been nothing short of miraculous.

The gaggle of stubbornly stupid, self-centered, unpatriotic, myopic political thugs who still cling bitterly to their many-times failed creed of greed—who still arrogantly refer to themselves as “Progressive” Democrats—are precisely and blatantly, *The PROBLEM*. That segment of American voters who elect and support today’s so-called Democrats, who have the destruction of our Constitution, our American traditions and above all, the obliteration of President Donald J. Trump as their primary objectives, have

relegated themselves to the “*All Wrong, All the Time*” category of failure. Those who *can*, but *will not* see. As my old grandmother used to admonish us wayward kids—“**IF YOU DON’T LISTEN, YOU WILL FEEL.**”

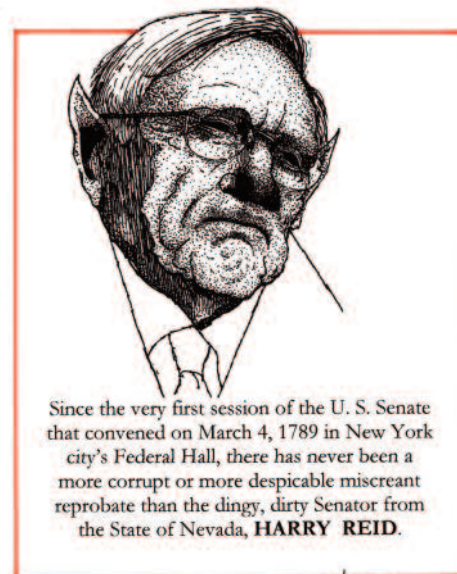
I think it would be beneficial if every candidate for election to the U.S. Congress was required to spend at least 60 days living outside the United States. Not in an American embassy or luxury hotel or among the upper class, but among the common people in a foreign country where the primary language is not English. Let every candidate be exposed to what life is like outside our borders. That would, I believe, add an essential quality of understanding about what it means to be an American citizen that many elected representatives fail to comprehend. Anyone serving in the armed forces at an overseas deployment quickly gains that quality of understanding.

Other mandatory requirements to qualify as a candidate for national public office would include: A comprehensive, factual course in American history that includes a primer in the Constitution of the United States. A course in common law. A course in ethics and integrity. Those who have earned college degrees in these disciplines should be willing to undergo an examination of their knowledge gleaned from those courses, that approximates what they should know to be in line with the knowledge level gleaned from the prescribed courses taken by candidates without the college experience.

Further, if elected, candidates who have undergone the preparation described above, should have booster shots prior to the opening of each new session of the Congress.

I rust my case.

—MORT



Book Review

***China's Great Wall of Debt: Shadow Banks, Ghost Cities, Massive Loans, and the End of the Chinese Miracle*, by Dinny McMahon. New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2018. Hardcover, 256 pages.**

For decades, we've been told that China will some day overtake the United States in economic output, and we've watched with growing apprehension as those predictions seem to be coming true. Our apprehension springs from the fact that while China claims her rise is peaceful, her rapidly increasing military might and aggressive claims to ownership of the entire South China Sea raise serious questions about her true intentions toward us and her neighbors. This book takes the view that there is a derailment ahead in the heretofore unstoppable train leading to inevitable global Chinese economic preeminence in the form of a growing, "staggering mountain of debt."

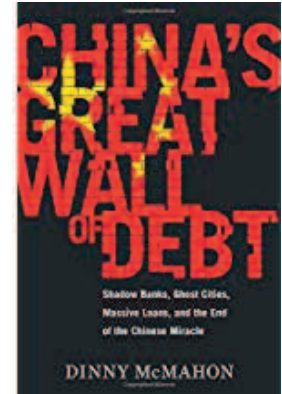
The author of *China's Great Wall of Debt* seems eminently qualified for the task. Dinny McMahon, an Australian who is fluent in Mandarin, worked in China for quite some time, "covering the Chinese economy and financial system for the *Wall Street Journal* and for the Dow Jones News Service. He's also a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC.

The story of rapidly rising debt in China begins with the 2008 financial crisis. Unlike the West in general and the United States in particular, "which used government spending to finance stimulus, China used its banks," and this is very revealing. Revealing in the sense that it shows the shadowy control of the economy by the highly centralized authorities in Beijing. On the surface it appears that those sources of power no longer control the economy of China, but that is only what they want outsiders to think and it's working.

Virtually everyone I've talked to about China believes that China's leaders have instituted free-market capitalism. "Companies make their own business decisions, there is private ownership and everyone is out to make a profit." There are also indications of both state capitalism and crony capitalism in China's economy. "Beijing retains control over state firms that dominate industries, picks winners, subsidizing industries like robotics and semiconductors, and nurtures state-owned champions at home with monopolies and perks before sending them abroad to buy resources and strategically useful infrastructure."

But these three forms of capitalism do not really give one a true picture of what is at the heart of the system of

economy that China has developed. Hidden from view beneath this superficial embrace of western-style capitalism is the all-pervasive, all-controlling hand of the Chinese Communist government, which is "ubiquitous." The Chinese Communist Party itself has revealed as much at times if you look closely. Five years ago they publicly stated that with regard to China's unique model of economy "markets play a decisive role while the state plays a dominant role."



A free-market economy is crucially dependent on the rule of law, but in China the Communist Party controls "all three branches of government as well as every provincial, city, township and county government, and it can bend, manipulate or ignore laws as it sees fit."

That brings us to the banks in China. Simply put, according to the author, they are giving us a "falsely positive view" of Chinese economic expansion that is keeping secret its achilles heel—mounting uncontrolled debt that makes worrisome U.S. debt look small in comparison. What we have in China is a bunch of behind-the-scenes, above-the-law, despotic, central authorities in the Chinese Communist Party that are allowing "economic actors to borrow [from the banks] with abandon." And are they ever! By 2015 China's state-owned firms had debt equivalent to 163% of the size of its economy! Compare that to other countries around the world that are thought to be engaging in dangerous levels of deficit spending and you will get a sober appreciation for the magnitude of Chinese red ink: South Korea—105%. UNITED STATES—71%. Germany—52%.

In the U.S. "some banks are too big to fail," but in China, "public's feelings of entitlement makes them believe that no investment is too small to bail out." Sound familiar? This book is an eye-opener, not just about the People's [not so] Democratic Republic of China's unique embrace of western-style free-market economics with Chinese characteristics, but the lessons it teaches here in America about the dangers of listening to those in the Democrat Party hell-bent on centralizing power and economic planning in Washington DC.

—Tom Mullings

Book Review

***The Fisherman's Tomb: The True Story of the Vatican's Secret Search*, by John O'Neill. Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor, 2018. Paperback, ISBN: 978-1-68192-140-2; eISBN 987-1-68192-141-9**

For more than 30 years, I have been a reader of a magazine, *Biblical Archeology Review*, so when I saw this book I could not wait to get it to fill in some blanks. The publisher is located in Huntington, Indiana, the place where Dan Quayle grew up, and has a museum, the opposite end of the state from where I lived my first 25 years. Having read the book during the week it arrived, I thoroughly enjoyed the history lessons and expected excitement this book will give to the authors who write for *BAR*.

This Fisherman is Peter, a Jewish fisherman from Galilee, now in Syria, who Jesus named “The Rock” and depended on to lead the disciples after the crucifixion. After Emperor Nero executed Peter around 66 A.D., the body was buried on Vatican Hill, lost to history. Now we know where Peter rests and you can go visit if there are openings for the tour and you can get a reservation.

This story covers the time since the beginning of the Common Era, termed by many as the *Anno Domini* years. It is written by John O'Neill, a lawyer and best-selling author who has spent part of his life visiting and researching early Christian sites. O'Neill is a 1967 graduate of the Naval Academy, a former law clerk to Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist, and senior partner at a large international law firm. O'Neill practiced law in Houston with oil firms and came to know about George Strake and his family.

In 1939, the year I was born, the head of the Catholic Church, Pope Pius XII, sent 30-year-old Priest Walter Carroll, a close confidant, to Houston to see oilman Strake. Carroll was the right-hand man to the Pope's Secretary, Giovanni Montini, who was later better known as Pope Paul VI. Strake was a Catholic and had made a great amount of money selling oil and investing in businesses like RCA. Carroll explained the project to Strake saying it was an undercover project requiring financial support for many years. Strake agreed to help. Strake believed he was a partner with God and his money was meant to help the Pope with this project.

When Pius XII began to prepare a place to bury Pope Pius XI, the area below the Vatican was explored. The workers fell through a floor and found rooms decorated as burial chambers. One room led to another until many rooms and corridors were found. All of the work had to be done by hand and no big equipment could be used. The Church was nearly broke because of the Great Depression when they started digging.

Over many years the digging went from 15 to 60 feet below the current surface to the original road on Vatican

Hill where many tombs were constructed in the prior 2,000 years. Today the Vatican is only 110 acres, more than half consisting of gardens dating back to 1200 A.D. There the St. Peter's Square and the Renaissance-era St. Peter's Basilica are part of the smallest state in the world.

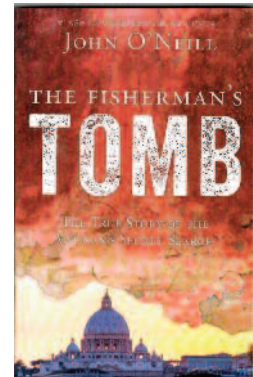
In time, many new discoveries were found, including bejeweled Romans with labeled remains. Pope Pius XII was informed about the new discoveries and he had to decide whether to continue to evacuate, possibly proving once and for all that Peter was not buried there, or to cease digging as it was once in 1626. Pius XII decided to seek the truth. Pius XII believed Christ's promise to Peter that he would build his Church on him to be both symbolic and the literal truth.

The Pope selected Ludwig Kass to head up the evacuation. But Antonio Ferrua, a priest who had obtained a PhD in archeology in 1937, “maneuvered” in and assumed control of the project. Several others joined the team inside the project while Giovanni Montini took control of the “outside” work with George Strake, Walter Carroll and later Joseph McGeough. They began research in the Vatican Library and the Bible. Then the Ferrua team began digging, ignoring common archeological precautions.

By 1942 the inside team was looking for the Trophy of Gaius and a bronze sarcophagus created by Constantine to honor Peter directly under the center of St. Peter's Basilica. These items were covered over in 150 A.D., again in 600, the 12th Century, and in the 17th Century. Outside, the world was oblivious to the evacuations. The Red Wall was encountered and a second wall, the Graffiti Wall, was uncovered. They were looking for items between these two walls.

Margherita Guarducci had moved from Crete to Rome to teach at the University of Rome. “She was consumed by inscription puzzles and she had a special sight—a combination of deduction and genius—that would allow her in time to decipher the clues leading to Peter.” WW II was consuming Europe. By July 1943 the Allies had taken North Africa and crossed to Sicily. Hitler targeted the Jews in Italy. Pius established the Refugee Bureau to save the Jews and Rome, but let the world think they were aiding the Allies. Carroll and McGeough, both Americans, were assigned to the Bureau to help Montini in its work.

Fast forward to 1949 when there was a flood under the city. The *New York Times* and *Time Magazine* published a



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story about St. Peter’s bones being discovered. Pius XII affirmed the discovery. Strake remained anonymous until 2018. Walter Carroll died in 1949 and Strake and others built a bell tower in Pittsburgh at Carroll’s home church as a memorial. The greatest discoveries lie ahead for Guarducci to make.

In 1952 Kass passed away. The bones rested in the Pope’s apartment. Montini was uncomfortable with the work that had been done and invited Guarducci to take a look. She was horrified at the way the diggers had destroyed things. After talking to Pius, she was put in charge. Ferrua did not like this. Ferrua had removed a stone with the inscription “Peter is here” to his home to study it. Pius ordered it back. One can feel the intensity of these times.

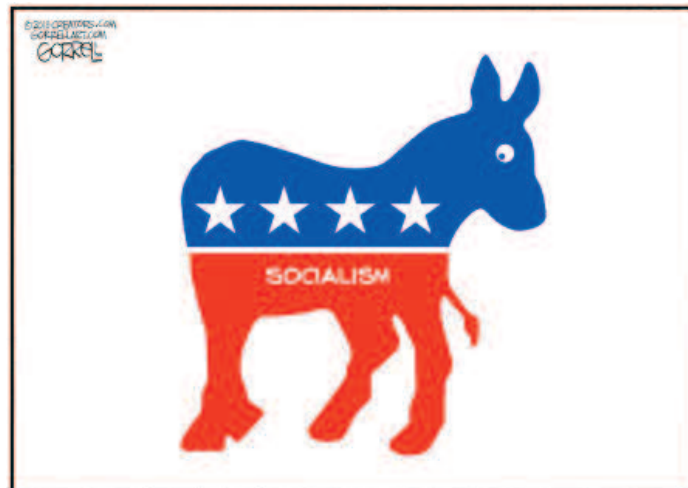
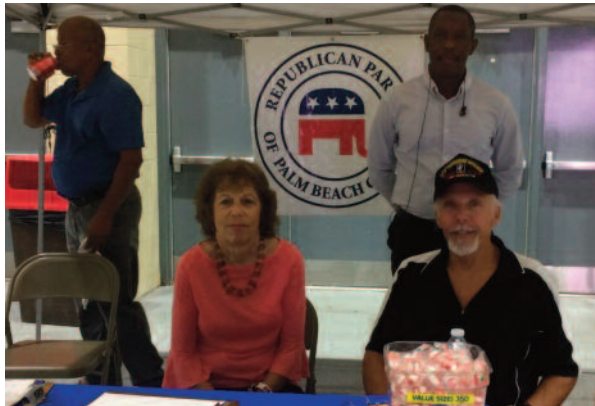
From 1953 to 1958 Guarducci focused on understanding various inscriptions she had uncovered during her time on the dig. She discovered early Christians had developed an inscription “code.” This code became a voice to her and she was able to confirm which bones were Peter’s bones. So far this review covers only about two-thirds of the book.

O’Neill has written a tale full of suspense and wonder that you must read as these real life characters played their roles in the mysteries of burial places from 2000 years ago. O’Neill has dedicated any money he makes from the book to be used to help Christians in the communities under siege today in the lands of Peter and Jesus. He finished the book with multiple cancers and he praises God for letting him complete the book under these dire conditions.

—Reviewed by William J. Skinner

Palm Beach County GOP at the 5th Annual Haitian American Festival

The Palm Beach County Republican Party was once again represented at the 5th Annual Palm Beach Haitian American Festival, held at the South Florida Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 30. As a sponsor of the event, the County’s GOP had a booth and was listed on the event’s fliers. The booth was happily manned by the Party’s Executive Director Scott Maxwell, along with Jean Dorzin, Bosquet Polynice, and Tom and Cheryl Mullings. A good time was had by all!



Editor’s Postscript

On the Precipice of an Originalist-Dominated SCOTUS!

By Tom Mullings

Elections have consequences

—President Barak Obama

We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution.

—President Abraham Lincoln

Sen. Chucky Shumer, D-NY, finally said something I agreed with, on Monday before President Trump revealed his pick for the Supreme Court. He said that “the country was burned by past nominees,” and he couldn’t be more right on that score. What he’s clueless about, however, is that the names of the people doing the burning are Sotomayor, Kagan, Ginsburg and Souter, and Chucky’s one of those who lit the match.

Infinitely more important than the latest utterance of Sen. Upchuck occurred Monday night at 9PM EST, when President Trump exercised his constitutional prerogative and nominated Brett Kavanaugh to fill the seat of retiring Justice Anthony M. Kennedy on the Supreme Court of the United States.

Judge Kavanaugh was chosen by Mr. Trump from a list of potential names crafted by Leonard Leo, Executive Vice President of the Federalist Society, in the interest of transparency, sending a signal to his supporters that he intends to keep his word about promises he made during the 2016 presidential campaign. That signal he was sending made it undeniable that in the numerous interviews he conducted

that Mr. Trump was looking for one quality above all others in the parade of distinguished legal minds that trooped up to the White House—an “Originalist” judicial philosophy like that of the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, which prizes the Constitution over legislating from the bench. For over 60 years our nation has been engaged in a battle royal “between those who believe the Constitution speaks for itself and others who believe it says whatever the judges think it says, or even should say.”



Conservatives have been waiting for this opportunity all their lives and now it is at hand. “Elections have consequences,” a famous man, dear to the hearts of the Dems once said some years back, to which they cheered wildly, but they’re not cheering now. President Trump has made the most important decision of the first two years of his presidency, doing his best to ensure that there will be a “strict constructionist” direction for the highest court in the land for as far into the future as we can see.

With regard to the pool of eminent jurists he decided to choose from, one name stood out for this observer. Her name is Judge Amy Coney Barrett. She’s 46 years old and serves on the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. In her younger

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days she clerked for Antonin Scalia and I could think of no better way of learning about “Originalist” philosophy of jurisprudence than from the master himself, but that was just my preference. Earlier, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said that “the President was looking for individuals who have the right intellect, the right temperament, and that will uphold the Constitution” and with Mr. Leo of the Federalist Society compiling the transparent list of nominees, anyone the President could have chosen would have an excellent chance of being an “Originalist.”

After twelve days of interviews, the President nominated Judge Kavanaugh of the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, telling the nation “Judge Kavanaugh has impeccable credentials, unsurpassed qualifications, and a proven commitment to equal justice under the law.” The smart money was saying that he might be the “safe pick,” more likely than any of the others to calm the concern of wavering Republican Senators such as Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, but igniting worries in some conservatives that he might be too safe to ensure consistent “originalist” opinions on the bench. Nonetheless, I believe most conservatives in the country are OK with him, have faith in the judgment of Mr. Leo of the Federalist Society, and more than anything else, trust in Trump.

The Dems are at a supreme disadvantage on the partisan tug of war over the Supreme Court seat, given the fact that numerous other Democrat Senators are up for election in pro-Trump states and may be reluctant to go against the President’s pick for the Court, such as Claire McCaskill of Missouri, John Tester of Montana, Joe Manchin III of West Virginia, and Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota.

No doubt about it, this will be one of the most momentous decisions made by a President of the United States in memory and I have every confidence that President Trump has done his best to exercise extreme care in choosing his second pick for the Supreme Court in less than two years in office. For decades, Democrats frustrated with the amendment process, which is the constitutionally mandated method for change, have been doing an end run around our Constitution by appointing arrogant activist judges whose legislating from the bench has taken prayer out of public schools and made abortion the law of the land. Speaking for the liberals, Oliver Wendell Holmes once said: “The provisions of the Constitution are not mathematical formulas having their essence in their form; they are organic, living institutions transplanted from English soil.” From this sprang the idea of a “living Constitution” which is being taught in public schools throughout the country and has led to the belief that “the Constitution is what the judges say it is.” For many decades this lawless activism has been, too often, the way of the courts in America, but hopefully, all that is about to change. A long overdue new era is dawning and somewhere I suspect, looking down on it all from his heavenly vantage point, Antonin Scalia is smiling with much satisfaction at the high drama unfolding in his beloved Supreme Court of the United States.

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The Republican Party of Palm Beach County is committed to promoting Republican ideals and principles; recruiting and electing qualified candidates for public office; developing a grassroots organization that will motivate the electorate to vote; and raising the funds necessary to complete these objectives.

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Republican Executive Committee Membership Application

The Republican Executive Committee (also known as the REC) is the governing body of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County. The REC elects the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Party. Members of the REC also approve the Party's constitution; Rules, Policies & Procedures; and budget.

Members of the Republican Executive Committee represent the registered Republicans who live in their precinct. They serve as the Party's liaison to the Republicans in their precinct. REC members are expected to maintain contact with the Republicans living in your precinct and to keep them informed as to what is going on in the Republican Party. This can be done through E-mail or other means like regular mail, phone calls and walking your precinct. The REC is the basis for our grassroots efforts and we rely on REC Members to organize and develop their precincts, recruit new volunteers, recruit candidates to fill vacancies on the REC, find sign locations for Republican candidates, register new Republican voters and work to get out the Republican vote in their precincts during elections. The role of committeeman or committeewoman is essential to Republican Party's and our candidates' success in Palm Beach County.

REC Committeeman & Committeewoman Duties and Responsibilities

1. Expected to donate financially to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County
2. Attend REC Meetings
3. Organize your precinct and carry out the policies and programs of the Party within your precinct. Active participation in the various programs of the Party is expected.
4. Serve on a Party Committee.
5. Develop a presence in the broader community by joining a Republican Club; serving on a local board or committee; or monitoring local media for relevant material.

ALL APPLICANTS FOR THE REC MUST BE A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN IN PALM BEACH COUNTY. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REC APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT ALONG WITH A PHOTO COPY OF THE FRONT OF YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD. ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED WITHOUT A COPY OF THE APPLICANT'S VOTER REGISTRATION CARD WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING REC APPLICATIONS IS 11:00 AM, 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REC MEETING.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Profession: _____ Precinct #: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

I am applying for the position of:



Committeeman



Committeewoman

Please return your REC Application to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County Headquarters,
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 210, West Palm Beach 33401 or fax (561) 686-1898. Phone (561) 686-1616



Republican Party of Florida Party Loyalty Oath

I, _____, swear and/or affirm that during my term of
(Name of Member – Please write clearly)

office I will not actively, publicly, or financially support the election of any candidate seeking election against:

- (1) The Republican Party's nominee in a partisan unitary, general, or special election that includes a Republican nominee; or
- (2) A registered Republican in a non-partisan election except that this provision does not apply to judicial races under Chapter 105, Florida Statutes.

I further swear or affirm that, in a contested Republican primary election, I will not support the nomination of one Republican candidate over another in my capacity as a Republican County Executive Committee member unless the Party has voted to endorse under RPOF Rule 8. This provision does not preclude me from supporting in any manner my personal Republican candidate of choice in a contested Republican primary election, provided I do not express such support with public reference to my title or office within the Republican Party of Florida.

Signature of Member

Signature of Witness

County/Precinct #

Date

Office: _____

**(State Committeeman, State Committeewoman; Precinct Committeeman, Precinct Committeewoman;
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Address, as it appears on voter registration

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Phone Number

**CANDIDATE OATH -
PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN AND
COMMITTEEWOMEN**

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OATH OF CANDIDATE (Section 99.021, Florida Statutes)

I, _____
(PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT * -- NAME MAY NOT BE CHANGED AFTER THE END OF QUALIFYING)

am a candidate for the office of Precinct Committeeman Committeewoman Precinct Number _____,

I am a qualified elector of _____ County, Florida; I am qualified under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): _____

* Please print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot for persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form):

STATEMENT OF PARTY (Section 99.021, Florida Statutes)

I am a member of the _____ Party; I have not been a registered member of any other political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which I seek to qualify; and I have paid the assessment levied against me, if any, as a candidate for said office by the executive committee of the political party, of which I am a member.

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Signature of Candidate	Telephone Number	Email Address	
Address	City	State	ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this _____ **day of** _____, **20** _____.

Personally Known: _____ or

Produced Identification: _____

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Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public
