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Debbie Matenopoulos Talks to TNH about Greeks and Cooking

By Constantinos E. Scaros

BEVERLY HILLS, CA – “Charming” is the word cardiologist Michael Ozner uses to describe Debbie Matenopoulos in the foreword of her new book, *It’s all Greek to Me*. That adjective certainly applies to her – as do a dozen other praiseworthy ones – but her most evident quality, as revealed in an interview with TNH, and arguably the greatest quality a person can

have, is that she is just plain “nice.”

The youngest permanent daytime host in television history (at 21, on ABC’s *The View*), and having spent the following two decades on USA, TBA, the TV Guide Channel, Fox, the E! Network, and the Hallmark Channel, the friendly, courteous, and good-natured Matenopoulos embodies the phrase: “success hasn’t gone to her head.”

Though this Virginia-born and New York City-educated Greek-American now lives in Beverly Hills, the land of TV and movie stars, and continues working in that glamorous industry, her biggest professional passion is the launch of *It’s Greek to Me* – which contains 120 of her family’s most delicious Greek recipes – and this is only the beginning: “the first in a series of other cookbooks and Greek lifestyle products I plan to continue developing,” she told TNH.

Dr. Ozner, who wrote *The Complete Mediterranean Diet*, praises Greek cooking for its healthful benefits, and Matenopoulos is living proof. Having been raised in an all-Greek family – her parents, sister, and brother were all born in Greece, she was the first of the bunch to be born in the United States – Matenopoulos grew up eating Greek. By the

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Obama Picks Greek-American as HHS Secretary



Burwell will be Top-Ranked Greek Fem. In Fed. Government

By Constantine S. Sirigos
TNH Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, DC – President Barack Obama has nominated Sylvia Mathews Burwell, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to replace outgoing Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

Arguably, by taking over the reins of healthcare reform, Burwell, along with Secretary of State John Kerry in foreign affairs, will oversee activities that to a great extent will determine Obama’s historical legacy.

Calling Burwell, a Greek-American from Hinton, WV, “a proven manager” who knows how to get results, the president has placed great faith in her, although commentators suggest one of his motives for nominating Burwell, who was confirmed by the Senate 96-0 for her current post last year, seems to be avoiding an election-year confirmation fight.

“Last time, she was confirmed unanimously,” Obama said. “I’m assuming not much has changed since that time.”

When he appointed her OMB Director, Obama said, “Sylvia knows her way around a budget,” Obama said. “But as the granddaughter of Greek immigrants, she also understands that our goal when we put to

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Western Christians Join 250 Million Orthodox for 2014 Easter

When Eastern and Western Easter coincide, as happens this year, a feeling of Christian unity accompanies celebrations that are usually one week and sometimes one month apart. The National Herald wishes Kalo Pascha to all our subscribers, advertisers and friends.

The Greeks in Mexico: Where Opa! Meets Ole!

By Georgia Boutsianis

MEXICO CITY – This year’s Greek Independence celebration took place on the exact date commemorating the occasion – March 25, which is also the date of the commemoration of the Annunciation of the Holy Virgin Mary – at the official residence of Greece’s Ambassador to Mex-

ico, Polyxeni Stefanidou, who offered an elegant reception.

After playing the anthems of Greece, Mexico, and of the European Union, the diplomat started her speech in front of more than 350 people and inviting the Greek community to honor the 1821 revolution by Greece 193 years ago against the Ottoman Empire.

Stefanidou spoke of the excellent diplomatic relations between Mexico and Greece, initiated in 1939, emphasizing that Mexico is a beautiful country and that it is an honor for her to be working here.

The ambassador thanked the public for joining her on such an important day, presented the Greek Dance Group Aegean, and then offered the guests a buffet consisting of an array of Greek food.

Continuing the festivities, Comunidad Hellenica de Mexico - the Hellenic Community in Mexico, along with Ambassador Stefanidou celebrated Independence Day, as it has every year from its inception in 1956.

On March 30th, His Eminence, Archbishop Athenagoras, the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of Mexico, Islands of the Caribbean, Colombia and Venezuela, officiated the Divine Liturgy, the Orthodoxy, and ordained a deacon and a protopresbyter in the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Hagia Sophia. The deacon, Anastasios, is of Mexican origin, and the protopresbyter, Father Christopher, is from Texas.

After the Orthodoxy to the Virgin, everyone was invited to the Community Center across from the Cathedral, where Stefanidou, Athenagoras, and the Greek Consul opened the festivities by solemnly singing both Greek and Mexican anthems with the public.

Ambassador Stefanidou spoke to the Greek community, both in Greek and in perfect

Spanish, highlighting the importance of March 25th as an important day for the Greeks all over the world commemorating the struggle that led to the independence. She emphasized

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Greek Monsters Have Invaded New York City

By Constantine S. Sirigos
TNH Staff Writer

NEW YORK – When New Yorkers are ready to confront their inner and external monsters, they can begin the ordeal in a humorous vein in the atrium of the Olympic Tower on Fifth Avenue. They will have plenty of time to peek in on the exhibit, dive into their own subconscious minds, and consult with their priests and therapists because the “Greek Monsters” Exhibit sponsored by the Onassis Foundation (US) runs until July.

The invitation says that “The Minotaur, the Cyclops, the Stryphalian birds, Scylla and Charybdis, and more bizarre creatures that haunted heroes’ deeds in ancient Greek mythology unite in New York to tell their stories.”

Their stories need to be told, because they have been misunderstood – like Greece.

The creatures that are known to most through books, movies, and teacher’s stories come to life

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Intrigued guests filled the Atrium of the Olympic Tower for the Onassis Foundation’s (USA) Greek monsters exhibition opening. There are guided tours for children and families.

Our Easter Recipes and Wine Pairings

By Lauren Loeffler and Anna Skamangas-Scaros

Our March 29th issue featured five Lenten recipes from the 40 that appeared on our website, thenationalherald.com throughout the period of Great Lent. As we prepare for Easter, here is a full Greek Easter meal, complemented by select Greek wines.

Kalo Pascha kai kali orexi!

[Recipes by Anna Skamangas-Scaros, wine pairings by Lauren Loeffler]

Naturally Dyed Red Pascha Eggs

Red dyed Easter eggs are a staple at the Greek Pascha table. Commercial dyes are available, but many of them contain questionable ingredients. So, better to use plant based options like in the recipe below.

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Zeus + Dione = Aphrodite, and Mod Creativity

By Constantine S. Sirigos
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NEW YORK – Greek myth and art retain their power to inspire creativity and fascinate young minds, and when the engines of the Greek spirit are hitting on all cylinders, good things happen on multiple scales, from the 2004 Golden Olympics to the exciting new companies created by the younger generation of Greece’s entrepreneurs.

One of those entities is Zeus + Dione, a new fashion and home ware brand based in Greece and created by Dimitra (Mimika) Koloutoura and Mareva Grabowski, has caught the attention of the global marketplace through its unique products and its partnership with the leading British fashion e-store MATCHESFASHION.COM.

The two friends “revisited the Greek folk and high art heritage with a fresh eye and created a brand...that features handmade,



Traditional crafts and contemporary tastes are combined in Zeus + Dione clothing.

high quality products based on refined craftsmanship. In collaboration with different entities such as manufacturers, small workshops, artists and designers from all over Greece,” according to company communications.

Greece’s classical heritage has also had a powerful impact on the authors of the endeavor. According to some myths, Zeus and Dione are the parents of Aphrodite, the goddess of love, beauty, pleasure, and procreation. The products of Zeus + Dione tap into both the beauty and simplicity of the Mediterranean world.

Mareva studied marketing at Harvard and worked for a Swiss bank before she came to Greece. She and Dimitra began to have discussions about the richness of Greece’s folk art, furniture and clothing traditions, as well as cultural heritage and resolved to find ways to share them with the world through products of high quality.

Mareva’s passion for traditional Greek crafts and products drives her travels to places like Metsovo, Nafplion, Soufli and Crete. Dimitra, whose parents are from the island of Syros, has the stronger connection to the fashion industry. Her artistic side drew her to studies in architecture and photography.

Silk shirts, pants, airy caftans and leather sandals are some of the handmade creations inspired by Hellenic traditions.

Mareva discovered silk and cotton pieces weaved on traditional looms in the town of Soufli in Northern Greece, whose silk industry dates to Byzantium, and crochet items are knitted by local women in Attica and other parts of Greece and silver handmade fastenings created by Athenian silversmiths. Dresses and shirts are weaved in Metsovo, and in Crete. Embroideries based on traditional pat-

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GREEKS AROUND THE US

"Melaki" Sounds Better than "Body and Blood"

By Dr. Constantina Michalos

HOUSTON, TX – The first sentence of "Salvation," an autobiographical essay by Langston Hughes, immediately raises serious questions. "I was saved from sin when I was going on thirteen. But not really saved."

How could that be? Hughes goes on to explain his revival experience. He has been reassured by his Auntie Reed that the children's service would "bring the young lambs to the fold." She tells him that when he is saved, he will see a light; he will see, hear and feel Jesus. And he believes her. Therein lies the problem of language that the essay so poignantly exposes. Langston expects to see, hear and feel Jesus. His Aunt is speaking in the figurative language of faith, but this idiom is incomprehensible to such a young boy. The pastor inverts the parable of the 99 lambs and scares all the little girls into moving over to the mourners' bench to be saved.

Old people, no longer recognizable to Langston, surround him, asking why he won't come to Jesus. Because he is still waiting to see Jesus. He is disoriented, hot and embarrassed, "ashamed of myself, holding everything up so long." His lone companion, Westley, finally gives in and whispers to Langston, "God damn! I'm tired o' sitting here. Let's get up and be saved." So he gets up and is saved.

A parent at my former university, who scoured every text we used for offensive language, insisted we remove "Salvation" from our reading list because of Westley's swearword (we did not). But more significant than the actual oath is Langston's response to it. He has been taught not to take the Lord's name in vain and not to lie. And here, Westley has done both – at a revival, no less – and nothing has happened to him. God did not strike him dead, the old people are rejoicing and Westley is off the hook. So Langston decides to lie as well, say that Jesus has come, and be saved. That night, when Auntie Reed overhears Langston crying in his bed, she believes it is because he has seen



It's easier for little Greek kids to embrace Holy Communion when they're told it's "melaki" than "the body and blood of Christ."

Jesus and the Holy Spirit in his life. But Langston reveals that he is crying because he cannot admit his lie, and because he no longer believes in Jesus since Jesus did not come to help him.

This is an incredibly sad story. But it is also an incredibly important one. Everything that Langston Hughes was told about God, everyone he had ever put his trust in had failed him at his most vulnerable moment. But the reader apprehends that the failure is not God's nor Auntie Reed's nor even Langston's. The failure is in language. Matters of faith are ineffable; hence they must be rendered figuratively. Children are prosaic creatures; hence they must be taught literally. So how do we explain the tenets of Orthodoxy to children and not scare the

daylights out of them. After all, Jesus is their best friend. They should not be afraid of Him.

Because Orthodoxy is a sacramental religion and we practice infant baptism, our children are welcomed into a community of believers before they are even sentient beings. Our responsibility as members of that community is to teach, guide, explain, help and nurture the child as an Orthodox Christian. But so much of religion is logically inexplicable. That's why it's called faith. I don't remember how my parents explained Communion or the Resurrection to me. I just know that they have always been inextricably linked to my identity.

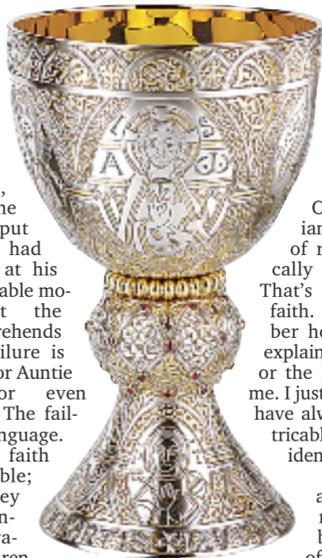
But think about it. Communion is the body and blood of Christ, the eternal iteration of His sacrifice. Did I know that each Sunday that I received? No. My mother called it "melaki." I never asked her why; however,

had she said it was the body and blood of Christouli instead, I would have balked at the suggestion. One Sunday years later, I chose to stay with my younger daughter in her Sunday School class. I usually dropped off my children and retrieved them for Communion. But on this day, o Theos me fotise, and I stayed. The teacher was a lovely, bubbly young woman, perfect for four year-olds. We were sitting on the floor, and she said to the children, "Guess what we're going to do today?" Their eyes widened and they asked with one voice, "What?" "We're going to receive Communion." The children smiled and some even clapped. And then she asked, "Boys and girls. Do you know what Communion is?" My heart stopped. What were the odds she'd say "melaki"? Zip to none. The children leaned in for her answer. "The body and blood of Christ." Their little heads snapped back, and their eyes widened in horror. I felt my daughter stiffen in my lap. So we went into the sanctuary, and the children dutifully followed one another, shuffling their feet as they approached the solea. As Father bent down to each of them, children he had baptized just a few years earlier and who received Communion every Sunday since then, he recited, "The servant of God..." One after the other, they back away from the chalice.

Christmas is easy. A birthday party – and we all get presents. Easter, on the other hand, is trickier. The Easter Bunny works for just so long. But Great Lent, Holy Week in particular, Easter Sunday itself and the 40 days thereafter – now that takes some finessing. How do we explain to children that Jesus was betrayed by a friend, died a painful death for us, people He didn't know, even though He hadn't done anything wrong, and yet, three days later, He was alive again? If it's true for Jesus, what about my puppy? My Yi-ayia? Well, they're in Heaven. Where's that? Can I go? Why not? When can I see them?

And the questions persist until that epiphanic moment when it all makes sense.

Christos anesti.
Alithos anesti.



GOINGS ON...

■ THRU MAY 1

BOSTON, MA – Boston University is currently accepting applications for the 2014-2015 Eleni Gatzoyiannis Scholarship through May 1. The scholarship is available to full-time undergraduate and graduate students of Greek birth or ancestry who have completed at least one semester at Boston University, are in good academic standing, and demonstrate financial need. To apply, eligible students must complete a two-page application and write a short essay. To obtain an Eleni Gatzoyiannis Scholarship electronic application, contact Liberty Collom, Senior Assistant Director BU Financial Assistance, via email at lcollom@bu.edu. In advance of the May 1 deadline, completed applications should be returned to Liberty Collom via e-mail, postal mail or hand-delivery to the BU Financial Assistance, 881 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

■ APRIL 20

PASADENA, CA – Please join Saint Sophia and 2500 Greek Orthodox Parishioners from throughout Southern California at our 92nd Annual Greek Easter Picnic in Brookside Park, 360 North Arroyo Boulevard in Pasadena on Easter Sunday, Apr. 20, 1-7PM. A beautiful park setting next to the Rose Bowl with tents, picnic tables, chairs, and umbrellas provided. Live Greek music and dancing. Free rides, activities, and the Easter Bunny for the children. Great Greek food, Greek sweets, Greek beers and wines for purchase or bring your own picnic lunch. Plenty of free parking. No pets please. Contact Ted Pappas, chairman, for directions and with any questions at 818-515-4095. We hope you will join us to celebrate Greek Easter!

■ APRIL 22

MANHATTAN – The Association of Greek American Professional Women (AGAPW) is pleased to invite you to their Conversation with Women Leaders Series featuring Oscar and Golden Globe award winning actress Olympia Dukakis. Discussion will be moderated by film director Stavroula Toska. Tuesday, Apr. 22, 6-9:00PM at The World Bar at the Trump Tower, 845 United Nations Plaza (First Avenue, corner of 48th Street) in Manhattan. Minimum suggested donation \$75. Special appetizers and open bar offering wine, beer, and refreshments. Please RSVP at www.agapw.org. Preregistration is required by April 20. There will be no admittance without pre-registration. For further information, please contact Dr. Olga Alexakos at 917-405-6833 or oalexakos@nyc.rr.com.

■ APRIL 25-27

ASTORIA - The Mikrokosmos ensemble with special guest artists from Greece, vocalist Stavroula Manolopoulou and the bouzouki soloist Christos Vidiniotis, led by Grigoris Maninakis, will present a concert in tribute to Manos Eleutheriou at the Archdiocesan Hellenic Cultural Center at 27-09 Crescent in Astoria April 25 and 26 at 7:30PM and on April 27 at 5:30 PM. Admission is \$25. The concert, which is being presented in cooperation with the Nisyrion Society of New York, has as its theme "Ta logia kai ta xronia - Words and years," will be narrated by Stelios Taketzis and will include young Greek-American guest vocalists, Elena Toumaras, Stavroula Traitses, Vasilis Sitaras, and Aggeliki Ksirou accompanied by Mikrokosmos' Glafkos Kontemniotes on piano, Kostas Psaros on bouzoukis and vocals, Megan Gould on baglama, Panagiotis Andreou on bass, and Spiros Arnakis on drums.

■ APRIL 29

MANHATTAN – Psychologist James Koutrelakos will present "Ethnic Identity: Cultural Practices That Strengthen Sustain Ethnic Identity Across Generations" on April 29 in the ballroom of the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity at 337 East 74 Street in Manhattan. The lecture is based on research he conducted on how cultural practices preserve ethnic identity. His surprising findings challenge existing studies and reveal surprising insights into the acculturation processes of Greek-Americans.

■ APRIL 30

MANHATTAN – The 2014 Annual Career & Internship Fair will take place on Wednesday, Apr. 30 4:30-7PM at the Holy Trinity Cathedral Center Ballroom, 337 E. 74th Street in Manhattan. Job seekers should come with their

resume. Company representatives can discuss career and internship opportunities. Sponsored by Cyprus-U.S. Chamber of Commerce and The Cyprus Young Professionals, in cooperation with the American Hellenic Institute NY, Hellenic American Bankers Association, Hellenic American Lawyers Association, and Hellenic Organizations of University Graduates of America. Admission is free. Companies interested in participating, please contact: Despina Axiotakis (201) 444-5609 or email: directory@cypruschamber.com.

■ MAY 1 – DEADLINE

LONG ISLAND CITY – The Greek Teachers Association Prometheus with the cooperation of the Hellenic Medical Society of NY is sponsoring the second Student Essay Contest in memory of the great Greek American medical scientist, and discoverer of the PAP test, Dr. George N. Papanicolaou. We would like to ask you to disseminate the information to all your faculty members and have some of your students participate in the Essay Contest: Essay Title: "The Life and scientific achievements of Dr. George N. Papanicolaou: How I feel as a Greek American." Open to students Grades 7-12. To be written in Greek, eight typed pages and four photos. Four awards of \$250 each will be given.

The winners will be announced at the Dr. George Papanicolaou Symposium at the Cornell Medical School, at New York Hospital on 69th Street and York Ave in Manhattan, on Thursday, May 8. Essays must be mailed by Thursday, May 1 to: Greek Teachers Association Prometheus Attention: D. Triantafyllou, President, PO Box 5852, Woosley Station, LIC, NY, 11105. For more information, call D. Triantafyllou at (201)768-0161.

■ MAY 1

MANHATTAN – The Hellenic American Bankers Association (HABA) requests the honor of your presence for our 32nd Anniversary, honoring KPS Capital Partners Co-Founder and Co-Managing Partner Michael G. Psaros at the 2014 Executive of the Year Award Dinner, Thursday, May 1 at the Union League Club, 38 E. 37th Street in Manhattan. Registration \$200 HABA Members, \$300 guests. For additional information, please contact info@haba.org.

■ MAY 2

TENAFLY, NJ – A benefit concert to feed the needy in Greece The Hellenic Relief Foundation in cooperation with the community of the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral of St John The Theologian, Tenafly, NJ present a tribute to Manos Eleutheriou "ta logia ke to xronia" a musical tribute with Grigoris Maninakis and the Mikrokosmos ensemble with special guest artists from Greece, Stavroula Manolopoulou-Vocalist and the renowned Bouzouki soloist Christos Vidiniotis. They will be accompanied by the young Greek American guest vocalists, Elena Toumaras, Stavroula Traitses, Vasilis Sitaras and Aggeliki Ksirou. Narration will be by Stelios Taketzis. Friday May 2 at 8PM at the St John Cathedral Fellowship Hall, 353 East Clinton Avenue in Tenafly. Ticket price: \$50 pp (covers one package of lamb and other food items for a family). All net proceeds will be used to provide Easter Food Distribution to families in Greece that are affected by the economic crisis. For reservations please call the church office at 201-567-5072 and or 347-201-1821 or info@hellenicrelief.org.

■ MAY 8

MANHATTAN – A Symposium of Dr. George N. Papanicolaou will be held on Thursday, May 8 at the Cornell Medical School, 69th Street and York Ave. in Manhattan. 5:30PM. This is a great opportunity for our students to get to know the achievements of Dr. George Papanicolaou whose PAP TEST has been saving millions of women from cancer. For more information, please call D. Triantafyllou (201) 768-0161.

■ JUNE 27-29

CINCINNATI, OH – Come join us this year as we celebrate our 40th annual Hellenic Festival! Where? St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 7000 Winston Road, in Cincinnati. When? Saturday, Jun. 27 through Monday, Jun. 29. For more information, updated details, and a countdown calendar to the big date, please visit our website: http://www.holytrinity.oh.goarc.h.org/panegyri.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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Obama Picks Greek-American as New Sec of Health and Human Services

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gether a budget is not just to make the numbers add up. Our goal is also to reignite the true engine of economic growth, and that is a strong growing middle class, to offer ladders of opportunity for anybody willing to climb them."

Obama praised Sebelius "for helping to steer his health care law's comeback after a rocky rollout, even as he nominated a successor aimed at helping the White House move past the political damage," AP noted.

Burwell still faces steep challenges at HHS if she is confirmed, even with the first enrollment window complete. The Administration has to improve customer service.

On the political front, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell welcomed Sebelius' resignation and appeared to indicate openness to a dialogue with Burwell even as he declared that "Obamacare has to go," as AP quoted him.

Burwell, 48 years old and Washington veteran known for her low profile, has earned the respect of some Republicans. ABC quoted House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, (R-WI), "Burwell has led an impressive career in both the public and private sectors [...]. She has first-hand experience in budgeting responsibly. She helped a Democratic president commit to a balanced budget and work with a Republican Congress to get it done." Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., tweeted on Thursday: "Sylvia Burwell is an excellent choice to be the next HHS Sec-



President Barack Obama hugs his nominee to become Health and Human Services Secretary, current Budget Director Sylvia Mathews Burwell as outgoing HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius watches at right, Friday, April 11, 2014, in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, where the president made the announcement.

retary."

Burwell joined the Obama Administration last year, but she held several posts in the Clinton Administration, including Deputy Chief of Staff to the President, Chief of Staff to the Secretary of the Treasury, Staff Director of the National Economic Council and Deputy Director of OMB from 1998 to 2001.

Her career took a philan-

thropic turn after 2001. Burwell served as president of Walmart's charitable arm and led the global development program at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

She also became a Director of MetLife and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in January 2004.

ABC news reported that "the West Virginia native graduated from Harvard University cum

laude with a bachelor's degree in government, and then received a second bachelor's degree in philosophy, politics, and economics from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar.

In 1982, she was an YFU exchange student in Japan and interned for West Virginia Congressman Nick Rahall when she was in college.

"In the course of her career, Burwell gained skills crucial for her potential new role as HHS secretary. Not only has Burwell managed billion-dollar global budgets and gained experience on fiscal policy, she has also gained expertise in crisis management over the past decades. Burwell became deputy chief of staff for policy in the late 1990s just as news of the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke. Burwell's main task was to keep the White House focused on its agenda while Clinton fought off impeachment," according to ABC.

Last year during the government shutdown Obama called her "a rock [...] who helped navigate the country through a very challenging time."

Mathews was born and raised in Hinton, WV. She is the daughter of Cleo (Maroudas) Mathews, who has served as mayor of Hinton, and Dr. William Peter Mathews, a retired optometrist. Her maternal and paternal grandparents were Greek immigrants.

She married Stephen Burwell in 2007 and they have two children.

She returns to West Virginia frequently and often speaks at West Virginia University, which has established in her honor to support aspiring WVU political science students.

In 2005 she was chosen by the Wall Street Journal as one of The 50 Women to Watch.

Andy Manatos told TNH, "From my first counter with Sylvia Mathews over two decades ago, I realized that we were lucky to have a person of her intelligence and experience in our government. It is entirely appropriate that she is charged with dealing with one of America's greatest challenges, establishing an effective universal healthcare program. Her unsurpassed education at Oxford and Harvard speak to her intelligence...Her having been selected...by President Barack Obama to run the powerful White House Office of Management and Budget speaks to her managerial competence."

He concluded that "We are certain to be made proud as Greek-Americans by the second cabinet level and first female cabinet level appointee from our community. Sylvia epitomizes the best of Hellenism."

Leon Stavrou, a veteran in the Washington policy and philanthropic worlds knows Burwell as a member of the Board of the Next Generation Initiative, often referred to as Hellenext, that he co-founded in 2003. Burwell held one of its first Master Classes for Young Leaders when she was COO of the Gates Foundation.

"More recently, before she was appointed head of OMB, Sylvia took part in the Finals of our Greeks Give Back National Student Competition while serving as president of the Walmart Foundation. We are proud of the many achievements she has marked throughout her career."

HIGH-LEVEL GREEKS

Although Burwell is only the second Greek-American to serve as the head of a department of the Federal government - Peter Petersen was Secretary of Commerce under President Nixon, the community has produced a number of assistant secretaries and equivalent officials.

Eugene T. Rossides, the founder of the American Hellenic Institute (AHI), was President Nixon's Assistant Secretary



at United States Treasury Department from 1969 to 1973. Andy Manatos, the founder and president of the National Coordinated effort of Hellenes, served as Assistant Secretary of Commerce under President Carter.

Dr. E.S. Savas was an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the Reagan administration and John N. Nasik's, was Chairman of the Federal Power Commission from 1969 to 1975.

Barbara Spyridon Pope was the highest ranking Greek-American woman until Burwell; She was Assistant Secretary of the Navy from 1989 to 1993.

John Negroponete has a double distinction. He was Director of National Intelligence, in office from 2005 to 2007 and he served as Deputy Secretary of State from 2007 to 2009.

President George W. Bush appointed Frances M. Frangos Townsend to be Homeland Security Advisor in 2004 and she resigned at the end of 2007.

George Tenet was the second longest serving Director of Central Intelligence. He held the post from 1997 to 2004.

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Greek Educator is Named in Lawsuit

TNH Staff

RIVERDALE - A Greek-American educator is being accused of sexual harassment in a lawsuit filed by a former subordinate in Manhattan Supreme Court.

Carisa Gaylaro (31) alleges that she was fired from Riverdale/Kingsbridge Academy, also known as Middle School/High School 141, where she was a probationary physical education teacher, when Sofia Memos (41) triggered an investigation into her relationship with a student after Gaylaro refused Memos' offer to have a threesome with her and her boyfriend," according to the Daily News.

At press time, TNH remained unable to reach either school officials or Memos due to the week-long Easter/Passover break.

TNH has been informed, however, that given that Memos is still teaching at the school, she is in a strong position to protect her rights, especially since she is tenured. Should action be taken against her, and to date there are no such indications, she is protected by a strong, three-step grievance procedure.

In court papers, Gaylaro charged that "she was given an unsatisfactory rating and ultimately canned after she rejected the repeated kinky offers from tenured gym teacher Sofia Memos," and Gaylaro claims that "the spurned supervisor then surreptitiously triggered a Department of Education investigation into Gaylaro's 'flirtatious' relationship with one of her students - a teen Gaylaro was mentoring. Memos made the bogus allegations in March 2013, just one month after Gaylaro 'had rejected her advances,' her lawsuit said, the lawsuit says. The complaint spurred a Department of Education probe that effectively ended her six-year career in the city school system," the News reported.

Investigators found that "Gaylaro and the teen had traded 1,000 text messages between February and March of 2013...Gaylaro told investigators there was nothing untoward about the texts - the student played three sports, and was desperate for advice on how to balance athletics and school," according to the News.

When investigators spoke with the student, whose identity is being protected, the News learned that she told investigators 'there was no inappropriate behavior, and that her parents were well aware of their relationship,' and the News reported that she and her mother filed affidavits supporting the teacher.

Gaylaro did not learn about Memos' role in the investigation until a departmental hearing in March, when she found out Memos had filed a written complaint. The suit says Memos filed a complaint saying the teacher's "rapport" with the girl makes her "uncomfortable."

Memos suggested that their behavior was flirtatious. "Gaylaro's unprofessionalism has only encouraged it by allowing (the student) to come into our office on many occasions to just chat. I have witnessed them giggling and laughing together many times," the complaint said.

Gaylaro said in her suit the supervisor's charges were "false and particularly curious and disconcerting because Memos herself had actually propositioned (Gaylaro) by text message and in person to engage in an inappropriate romantic and salacious relationship with her and her boyfriend."

The suit says, "It is tragic that [Gaylaro] lost her career and livelihood... because she was overzealous in helping a student struggling with the pressure of high school."

According to gawker.com, "Gaylaro says that the latter claim is false, and was conducted by Memos only after



Greek-American educator Sofia Memos.

Gaylaro spurned her sexual advances. Normally a case like this might be he-said, she-said, but Gaylaro asserts in her suit that Memos made advances to her via text message."

Gaylaro has sued in order to have the rating removed from her record, her dismissal annulled, and to receive back pay and benefits.

"We will review the lawsuit and respond accordingly," a New York City Law Department official said.

An eighth-grade student told the News that both Memos and Gaylaro were her gym teachers last year, she felt tension between them, even hatred. "They always had some attitude...I never saw them get along," said the student.

The school's website notes that "As a 6th through 12th grade preparatory school, the Riverdale/Kingsbridge Academy provides students with the skills needed to achieve their potential through a variety of learning styles and demonstrate mastery on standardized and performance assessments."

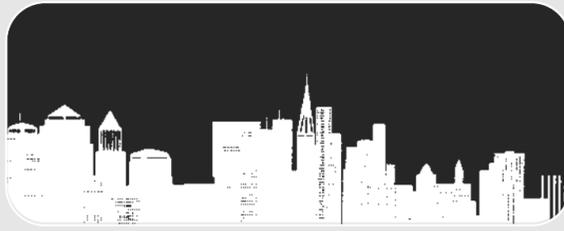
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TV Celebrity Debbie Matenopoulos Talks to TNH about Greek Cooking

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time she moved to New York, attended NYU, started working for MTV, and was handpicked out of 700 candidates by View host Barbara Walters to be a co-host on *The View*, the 21-year-old had become accustomed to a typical American eating lifestyle of fast foods and processed foods. She gained weight and lost energy. It was only when Matenopoulos reverted to her Greek culinary upbringing that she regained her shape and stamina.

GROWING UP GREEK

On a recent segment on the Hallmark Channel's show *Home and Family*, Matenopoulos demonstrated how to cook moussaka – a staple of Greek cuisine – and without warning changed gears from English to fluent and flawless Greek.

"I grew up in a very traditional Greek household," she told TNH. "We only spoke Greek in the house growing up. We went to church every Sunday, I went to Greek school twice a week, I was very active in GOYA and I was part of the Greek Dance Troupe until I graduated high school as well. I was raised around lots of love, laughter, and food!"

"There was always something happening in my house. We were always surrounded by family and extended family, cooking, laughing, and telling stories," which explains her comment on the Hallmark show when introducing her karidopita – walnut cake, and advising to always keep some on hand "because Greek people like to stop by the house without actually being announced."

"I feel so fortunate for my very traditional Greek upbringing," Matenopoulos says, and "this book really is a love letter to my father [Niko, who died in 2012 of ALS-Lou Gehrig's Disease; she is donating a portion of the book's proceeds to the ALS association], to my family, and to Greece."

A STAR IS BORN

It was somewhat by chance that Matenopoulos made history by becoming the youngest regular daytime host ever – at 21 in 1997 – a record that remains intact to this day. "I moved to NYC when I was 17," she relayed to TNH, "and began an internship at MTV while simulta-



ABOVE: On the Hallmark Channel's *Home and Family* show with host Cristina Ferrare, Matenopoulos shifts gears and explains how to cook moussaka...completely in Greek! LEFT: The ever-effervescent Debbie Matenopoulos looking giddy as she poses next to a perpetually stoic Evzone. "It's one of my favorite photos," she said.

neously going to NYU and studying journalism. When my internship at MTV ended, they hired me on full time to work as a production assistant, a story coordinator, and then finally an associate producer. I worked at MTV throughout my entire time of going to school at NYU. One night during my senior year at

nyu, I was at a friend's going-away party and I met a casting director who asked me to come audition for a new show with Barbara Walters. I didn't think much of it so I never bothered to follow up with him the next morning. He however managed to track me down at MTV and asked me to come over to Bar-

wal Productions (Barbara Walters' production company) that afternoon for a meeting. I did, and then the rest is history. I was handpicked by Barbara Walters from over 700 other hopefuls for the very coveted spot of 'the young one' on the original panel of *The View*."

DITZY DEBBIE?

Not only was Matenopoulos' stint on *The View* short-lived – her contract a year later was not renewed – but she was the subject of much lampooning by *Saturday Night Live*, being routinely portrayed as a ditz. Though in reality very articulate and not at all ditz, the good-humored Matenopoulos takes it all in stride. "Believe it or not, I loved those skits," she told TNH. "First off, SNL has been one of my favorite shows for years. I have such respect for sketch comics. I think they do such a great job." And after all, she added, "imitation is the biggest form of flattery."

"With SNL spoofing us, it really put [*The View*] on the map as a show. It never bothered me that they spoofed me as a ditz. I was very young on that show and next to Barbara Walters and Meredith Vieira, I probably did seem like a ditz. There was a huge generation gap. Also, un-

fortunately it's a bit how this business works...it's always easiest to pick on the new kid on the block. But it was all in good fun. I didn't take it too seriously. It didn't affect my career in a negative way. In fact, it probably opened more doors. I even went on SNL and spoofed myself. That is still one of my favorite career highs."

GIVING BACK

While living in London (yes, she lived there, too!) "my father became ill and diagnosed with ALS. I immediately packed my things and moved back to Virginia to help care for him. Unfortunately, he lost his battle with this hateful debilitating disease. It was the most difficult time in my life and in my family's lives alike," she recalls.

"My father was my strength, my courage, my reason, my heart, my laughter. He was my hero. To see a man so full of life and strength deteriorate so quickly before my eyes is something that changed me forever. After my father passed, I vowed to do everything I could to raise money and awareness in hopes of finding a cure for ALS," she told TNH. "I am planning on donating 10 percent of the proceeds of the sales of my cookbook to the ALS Association of

America. I am involved closely with the NYC chapter of the ALS association and I do at least a few fund raisers a year with them when I am back East."

In addition to donating to help find a cure for ALS, Matenopoulos told TNH she also plans to donate money from the sales of her books at a Barnes & Noble signing in New York City (86th Street and Lexington Ave., April 25 7PM) to local (New York) Greek schools in need of money.

GREECE IS FRESHEST

So what does the author of a cookbook, who has been all over New York, California, and Greece have to say about where to find the freshest food? "Even here on the West Coast where our super-fresh fruits and veggies are so abundant, the truth is nothing tastes quite as fresh as it does in Greece." Her entire crew for the book, who went to Greece with her, comprised of "American kids echoed that same sentiment. They were beside themselves with how the tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelon, fish, and meats just tasted so much more flavorful."

Thankfully, we can still enjoy all of Matenopoulos' Greek recipes without having to trek across an ocean for the ingredients, as long as we use "the freshest fish, meat, and produce available," she advises. But if you really want the absolute best, she says, "well, then, I guess a plane ticket is in order."



Debbie Matenopoulos' book-signing tour of *It's All Greek to Me* includes a stop at Barnes & Noble on 86th St. and Lexington Ave. in Manhattan on April 25. She hopes to donate that evening's book sales proceeds to local Greek schools.

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Cyclops and Minotaur Lead the Way as Greek Monsters Invade NY City

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in vivid orange and striking black in 3-D friezes, statues, and paintings created by the eleven employees of the Beetroot Design Group that was founded in 2000 in Thessaloniki by Vangelis Liakos, Yiannis Charalambopoulos and Alexis Nikou.

Beetroot – named for the unique though not mythological vegetable – is a “communication design office and think tank...that provides design services and solutions to a worldwide clientele,” according to its website.

They are also artists, and they want their work to make varying impressions on different people, but most of all “We want people to come here and have fun. They can play with the masks, to wear them, and there is one exhibit is a magnetic wall where you can create your own monsters,” Charalambopoulos said.

Liakos emphasized the place



ABOVE: Some of the Beetroot team in NY (L-R): Ilias Pantikakis, Markos Karelakos, George Lemonidis, Karolos Gakidis, Alexis Nikou, Vngelis Liakos, Paris Mexis, and Yiannis Haralambopoulos. LEFT: Friezes, frescos and statues portray the Minotaur, the Cyclops, the Stymphalian birds, Scylla and Charybdis, and more bizarre creatures of ancient Greek mythology in NY.



of monsters in people's inner lives. “Monsters were created thousands of years ago to enable people to confront their fears,” so he and his colleagues want

people to interact with them from near and far, to touch them and play with them.

The denizens of the exhibition are based on a book of il-

lustrations inspired the poetry of Homer and Hesiod that the company published in 2011 titled, The “Misunderstood” Monsters of Greek Mythology by

Anastasia Tentokali.

Liakos told TNH “each monster has its own story -for example, the Minotaur was very shy - and by this means we wanted to show that Greece is the misunderstood monster of Europe in the economic and political spheres.”

One part of the show contains images of the different metamorphoses of Proteus, the son of Poseidon. “During his life he needed to transform himself six times in order to overcome various challenges so he could survive,” Charalambopoulos said, perhaps another allusion to the Greek situation.

The genesis of the creatures occurred in the aftermath of the firm winning the prestigious Red Dot Communication Award as Agency of the year in 2011.

Liakos told The National Herald that parallel to their design and communications work they

also pursue artistic endeavors, so Beetroot was thrilled when after they were chosen by Red Dot, they were asked to create a presentation to be shown in Berlin.

“That was in 2011 when Greece was being beaten up in the global media,” Liakos said, and Charalambopoulos added that they intended to make political and social statements from the start.

The idea for the exhibit emerged through discussions among all the employees of the firm and the whole team helped create them.

The artwork reveals the dual nature of the Greek Monsters, both as perpetrators and victims, which also figures in the current Greek crisis narrative, but Beetroot also wanted to reinforce the movement “against racism, generalization, and exclusion, as significant philosoph-

ical attitudes and practices in contemporary design.”

The Beetroot team seems to have made friends among the ancient creatures that they hope will be repeated with the exhibition's guests “Monsters are some of the most interesting things all around us,” they told TNH. “Each of us can be a monster for others and the people we encounter can be monsters in our everyday lives.”

New Yorkers will agree. Charalambopoulos and Liakos thanked the Onassis Foundation for the opportunity to present their work in New York.

They also agreed that when Europeans view them, they should be able to recognize that the monsters they are pointing at in Greece have counterparts at home, not only in Southern but Northern Europe also. One guest suggested “the Europeans may be annoyed at the monsters of the Greek neuroses, but we have had to deal with psychoses from the North.”

The exhibit will delight children and make adults think. Carl Jung's analytical psychology helps people (and nations, according to authors like Jerome Bernstein) heal and thrive by coming to terms with their shadows, their opposites, parts of themselves they don't want the world to see – their monsters.

Numerous opposites come to mind at the Olympic Tower. The orange that stands out evokes its opposite on the color wheel, the blue of the modern Greek flag, and the black that is alternates with the orange is the aesthetic and conceptual opposite of the white that is interlaced with the Greek flags blue bands and field.

Asked if there was a connection, Charalambopoulos chuckled and responded “Could be,” though Liakos noted, that black and orange were widely used to depict monsters in ancient Greek sculptures. Another great Jungian concept, however, is that of meaningful coincidences. More information about tours for children and families is available at: guidedtoursOCC@onassisusa.org.

Zeus + Dione = Aphrodite, Plus Traditional and Contemporary Creativity

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terns are stitched by artisans on the island of Crete. They are very proud of their hand-made embroidery and crochet products.

Their first spring-summer collection was presented in September at their own showroom at Paris Fashion Week. Their first international buyers were from the Middle East, London, and they have since reached Milan and have crossed the Atlantic to stores like A'maree's in Newport

Beach, CA and are exploring venues in New York.

The Financial Times is excited. Last fall Ruth Chapman wrote: “Artisans and designers from all over Greece are employed to create a luxurious collection using traditional techniques such as embroidery and leatherwork.”

By turning their attention to a new segment of the fashion industry which they feel has not been properly explored, they believe they have found a way for

the Greek traditions, which are threatened with extinction, to not only survive but to thrive, and they have introduced their discoveries to young designers who have taken them to heart.

Their first products were sandals and the main materials were made of silk from Soufli, and cotton. Their first collection was small, consisting of 15 items whose spirit was minimalist and was inspired by Doric art. Some of the cotton items were made by nuns in Crete.

Over time artists, more designers, and craftsmen participated in the endeavor, including well-known jewelry designer Ileana Makri and the architectural firm Spacelab, which collaborates on the home ware products such as chairs.

The new 2014 collection is



Mareva Grabowski (L) and Dimitra Kolotoura are well-established in their fields within Greece and beyond, but Greek fold and classical art inspired them to do something different.

themed “The Deconstruction of the Temple.” It is inspired by the simplicity of Greece's ancient architectural heritage and how it is experienced after 2000 years. “The clothes are airy and have simple lines, and are made of cotton and silk,” TNH was told by Sophia Karagianni, the company's Communications Manager.

Karagianni agrees that despite the pain the economic crisis has brought to Greece, there are young people who are turning their difficulties into opportunities, and the company seeks to encourage younger people to take up the traditional crafts.

“We need a lot of time, but this is the beginning.” The company has grown from three people last summer, to 15 and they are all under 35.

CORRECTION

In last week's TNH issue (Apr. 12) on page 12, the word “Mother” was inadvertently omitted from the headline of an article by Margo N. Kourkoutas Morea. The correct headline is: “The Gift of Blended Cultures I Inherited from My Mother.”

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Greeks in Mexico – Where Opa! Meets Ole!

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that the existence of peace and harmony in any nation is fundamental as a

way to reach the objectives of the collective nation, and that “discord can

bring a nation to the brink of the abyss.”

Athenagoras noted the importance of the triumph of the Greek Orthodox Church, and he emphasized the respect shown by the Roman Catholic Church in Mexico for other religions. “The Orthodox live side-by-side with other creeds,” he added. He also thanked the public for their support and blessed the food.

Soon afterward, Greeks and Mexican philhellenes, enjoyed the delicious food, which included horiatiki salata, pastitsio, pita-gyros, baklava, kataifi, and other dishes. There was Lenten fare available for those fasting, such as brian and skordalia.

The Aegean Dance Group, danced for the first time in front of the Greek Community, and offered a sample of traditional representative dances of several regions of Greece. The public enjoyed the talent of these artists and cheered them on.

Later on, the Group invited the guests to take part in the dancing, and the “kefi” lasted for more than six hours; not least of which successful because of Basilio Mavridis and his bouzouki.

It was a memorable day for the more than 450 guests who once again shared and enjoyed their culture and traditions.



Greece's Ambassador to Mexico Polyxeni Stefanidou hosts the Independence Day celebration and is surrounded by performers and members of the Hellenic Community of Mexico.



When Opa! Meets Ole!, that means Mexican Greeks and Philhellenes converge to celebrate, and can barely all fit under the big tent!

Zito I Ellas and Viva Mexico!
Georgia Boutsianis is Vice Presi-

dent of Comunidad Hellenica de Mexico – the Hellenic Community in Mexico.



The cast of Raus, a satirical play by M. Reppas and I. Papatthasiou during the play's production at the Stathakion Center in Astoria. On April 24 it will be presented in Chicago.

National Hellenic Museum in Chicago Presents Raus: Get Outa Here! Play

By Constantine S. Sirigos
TNH Staff Writer

CHICAGO, IL – Satire is a Greek tradition whose preservation the nation's leaders seem to take very seriously. With or without a crisis, they strive assiduously to gener-

ate material that will keep their citizens laughing as an antidote to the pain they themselves have inflicted.

Eclipses Group Theater NY in Collaboration with the National Hellenic Museum in Chicago are doing their part to ease the pain

among diaspora Greeks by presenting Raus – Get Outa Here, on Sunday, April 25 at 4 PM at the museum.

Raus was written by Greek playwrights M. Reppas and I. Papatthasiou and Museum Director Connie Mourtoupalas told

TNH that the play's humorous plotline satirizes "things that have recently come to the surface in Greece.

The play is set in motion by a government employee's unexpected inheritance of a house. When he and his cohorts learn

that a great Greek poet once lived there - they did what comes naturally: they set up an NGO to milk the EU cow for all it is worth.

The invitation says "An unexpected heritage brings together six wildly different characters; an Official of the Ministry of Transportation, his wife - a Pharmacist, a Nurse, two Prostitutes and their flamboyant brothel Assistant."

The excitement turns to terror – and hilarity - when a German EU commissioner suddenly shows up to investigate, hence the subtitle: I Germani Xanarhonte – The Germans are Coming Back. There are also local threats as an unexpected visitor threatens them with revealing their sham.

Mourtoupalas says the play is an opportunity for Diaspora Greeks to put a humorous twist on what they see in the news and to catch up on the latest slang from the homeland – the play will be presented in Greek, but there will be supertitles, which both Greek and English speakers will appreciate.

The play continues the tradition of satire that Greece is known for from authors like Aristophanes in ancient times, through the Karagiozi puppet shows, to the Epitheorisi shows

of the 1960s and 70s. Clever Greeks got away with social and political criticism in ancient Greece's darker days, Ottoman times, during modern Greek dictatorships and the repressive periods in between – sometimes accompanied by music.

When Mourtoupalas was growing up in Greece Epitheorisi was popular. "It's something between a variety show or review, and a play; it had music and sketches and was concerned with current events...some of the commentary was very biting."

Director Ioanna Katsarou calls the play a tribute to those traditions and the performers who through subtlety and cleverness satisfied the people's hunger for social commentary and political satire.

The play stars: Antonis Armeftis, Dimitris Bonaros, Dimitris Bozinis, Ioanna Katsarou, Theodora Loukas, Diodoros Pagoudis, Elena Paloumbis and Eirini Tsiari.

The Eclipses Group Theater NY presented Raus! in Astoria at the Stathakion Center in November, 2013. The earlier Reppas-Papatthasiou comedy "The In-laws from Tirana" had a highly successful run in Greece and the United States.



Scott Stringer NYC Comptroller

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer recently invited community leaders to his Manhattan office. After congratulating them on Greek Independence, he said he looks forward to more meetings to work with them to improve their neighborhoods. He discussed growing up in Washington Heights near St. Spyridon and his Greek friends, and spoke highly of his friendship and work with Gianaris. (L-R) Eleni Psaras, Elias Tsekerides, Sen. Michael Gianaris, Manos Koubarakis, and Tasos Manessis.

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Χριστός Ανέστη
Christ is Risen

Our 2014 Full Greek Easter Meal with Greek Wine Pairings: Kali Orexi!

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Makes one dozen eggs

Ingredients:
Skin from 15 red onions
2 tablespoons white vinegar
4 ½ cups water

Stickers for decorating

Directions:

In a stainless steel saucepan, place the onion skins, vinegar and water and bring to a boil. Lower heat, cover and simmer for 30 minutes.

Strain dye into a glass bowl, and let cool to room temperature.

In a stainless steel saucepan add the cooled strained dye and eggs at room temperature. The eggs should be in one layer and covered by the dye. Bring to a boil over medium heat.

After the water starts to boil, turn off the stove, cover the pot and allow it to sit on the burner for 13 minutes. After that, remove the pot from the stove.

At this point, the longer you leave the eggs in the dye, the more color they will take. Check the eggs periodically until they are the desired color. If you want to leave them in overnight, refrigerate the eggs in the dye. Remove eggs with a slotted spoon. When they can be handled, coat lightly with olive oil and polish with a paper towel. Place stickers where desired.

Refrigerate until ready to use.



whole lamb, try a bone-in leg, as it is more flavorful and the end result is juicier. Roasting the potatoes with the lamb make them succulent like no other potato you have ever tasted.

Ingredients:
1 bone-in leg of

Roast until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the leg, away from the bone, reads 135 degrees F to 140 degrees F for medium rare, 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Most Greeks like their lamb well done. For a well done meat, heat until the thermometer reads 160 degrees F.

Transfer the lamb to a warm platter and cover with aluminum foil. Let rest for at least 15 minutes.

Strain the juices left in the pan to separate the fat. Carve the lamb and serve with the juices.

Wine Pairing: Strofilia Xinomavro, 2007

This wine is delicious on its own, and will show even better when enjoyed alongside juicy, roasted lamb. The Xinomavro is a medium-bodied wine that doesn't skimp on flavor, texture, and complexity, and the weight is a great match for lamb. Produced from Xinomavro grapes grown in the winegrowing region of Naoussa, which has a relatively high elevation, this bottling has an elegant style, featuring ripe fruit, and herbaceous, savory tones. The texture is smooth, and the finish is velvety with gentle earth notes. Nuanced and pointed, this wine will certainly make an excellent addition to your meal.

Oregano Green Beans

A wonderful complement to the roasted lamb with potatoes, this dish has a kick with the fresh oregano.

Serves 8
Ingredients:
2 cups chopped scallions
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 garlic clove, minced
1 ½ pounds fresh green beans, trimmed
1 (14 1/2-oz.) can diced tomatoes, drained
½ cup vegetable or chicken broth
1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
½ teaspoon sea salt
½ teaspoon pepper
2 teaspoons fresh lemon zest

Directions:
Sauté onion in hot oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat 6-8 minutes or until tender. Add garlic; cook, stirring often, until garlic is tender and golden brown. Add beans and next 6 ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 10 minutes or until beans are tender. Transfer to a serving platter and sprinkle with lemon zest.

Galaktoboureko

(creamy custard with flaky filo dough)

This is classic Greek dessert that makes an appearance on most holiday dinner tables, and

Easter is no exception. Many recipes call for just lemon in the syrup, but add the orange, too, for more balance.

Ingredients:
Filling -
6 cups milk
1 cup fine Farina
6 egg yolks
½ cup evaporated sugar cane juice
1 vanilla bean, split in half, seeds scraped out
2 tablespoons butter
Syrup -
1 cup evaporated sugar cane juice
1 cup water
½ lemon, washed, rind still on
½ orange, washed, rind still on
1 pound filo dough, defrosted in the refrigerator overnight
½ pound butter, melted for brushing the filo sheets

Directions:
Filling - In a large saucepan, heat the milk over medium high heat until just boiling. Add the Farina and stir with a whisk. Lower the heat to medium low.

Whisk together the eggs and evaporated sugar cane juice. Ladle a cup of the warmed milk into the egg mixture to temper

it easier to cut.

Bake in a preheated oven for 45 minutes or until the filo turns a deep golden color.

While the galaktoboureko is baking, make the syrup. Combine the evaporated sugar cane juice and water in a saucepan and add the lemon and orange. Bring to a boil over medium heat and cook for 10 - 15 minutes, until you have a simple syrup (to about 235 degrees F). Remove the lemon and orange. Remove from heat and set aside to cool.

Allow the galaktoboureko and syrup to cool completely and then gently pour the syrup over the galaktoboureko. It is best to prepare this the day before your dinner to allow time for the syrup to be absorbed.

Wine Pairing: Commandaria Alasia, NV

Opening up a bottle of this Cypriot dessert wine will take your Galaktoboureko to a new level of decadence. Produced

But try masticha instead, found at most Greek import stores.

Makes 1 loaf

Ingredients:
cup plus 1 tablespoon whole milk
2 ½ teaspoons active dry yeast
4 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
2/3 cup evaporated sugar cane juice

1 teaspoon sea salt
1/4 teaspoon pounded mastic crystals (optional)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
8 tablespoons butter
2 large eggs
1 ½ teaspoons finely grated orange zest (use organic if possible)

1 red-dyed hard-boiled egg
1 large egg yolk
1/3 cup sesame seeds

Directions:

In a small saucepan, heat cup of the milk until warm to the touch but not hot (about 115°F on an instant-read thermometer). Transfer the warm milk to a large bowl and sprinkle the yeast on top. Set aside for about 15 minutes to activate the yeast.

Sift the flour, sugar, salt,

Greek Easter Salad

A true Greek salad doesn't contain lettuce or any other greens at all. Typically, Greek cuisine follows the seasons and salads have rotating ingredients, depending on the crops that are in season. So, for Easter, I like to use baby greens and other local, fresh ingredients. Many farms grow these ingredients in hot houses, so ask around.

Serves 8

Ingredients:
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon honey
1 small scallion, minced
2 ½ tablespoons red wine vinegar
½ cup extra-virgin olive oil

Sea salt and freshly ground pepper
6 ounces assorted baby greens
4 ounces Greek feta, crumbled
1 cup Eden canned chickpeas, drained

Directions:
In a small bowl, stir together the mustard, honey, scallion and vinegar. Whisk in the olive oil and season with salt and pepper.

Put the greens in a large bowl. Add the feta and almonds. Drizzle the dressing over the salad, toss well and serve.



Wine Pairing: Domaine Sigalas Assyrtiko, 2012

Veggies and greens can be notoriously tricky to pair with wines. The Assyrtiko from Domaine Sigalas manages to mesh quite well, though. Dry, crisp, and focused, the steely minerality on this refreshing white compliments the greens without any clashing flavors. There is bright fruit on the palate, but the wine has a bracing backbone that props up those flavors and makes for a fresh style. Grown in the volcanic ash soil of Santorini, the Assyrtiko grapes hold onto the stony, flinty characteristics of their vineyards in a very beautiful way, and this will complement the mustard-based dressing nicely. Serve well chilled.

Roasted Lamb with Potatoes

If you are Greek, chances are you have roasted lamb on a spit. Maybe not in your front yard, but probably in your garage with the door open. If your party is not large enough to consume a

lamb, 6 to 9 lb.
cup dried, Greek oregano
½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
3 cloves garlic, crushed
Juice of 4 lemons
1 teaspoon each sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 heads of garlic, cloves separated and skins on (optional)
4 large Yukon Gold potatoes, washed, skins on, cut in quarters

Directions:
In a food processor, combine all ingredients except the lamb, potatoes, and cloves of garlic with the skins on and blend until slightly thick, light yellow in color, and creamy. Put the lamb in a 4-quart, 15x10-inch glass baking dish. Pour marinade over the lamb and cover with plastic wrap. Marinate in the refrigerator at least 8 hours, turning leg halfway through, and up to 24 hours.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Place the potatoes and cloves of garlic with the skins on around and under the leg of lamb. The garlic will roast as the lamb is cooking and will render a sweet flavor that is delicious spread on bread or smeared on pieces of the roasted lamb.



and then add the egg yolk mixture to the pot.

Continue to cook over medium low heat until the cream starts to thicken, stirring continuously.

When the custard has thickened, remove from heat and stir in the vanilla bean seeds and the butter. Set aside.

Carefully unwrap the filo. Most packages come in 12 x 18 inch sheets when opened fully. Using a scissor or sharp knife, cut the sheets in half to make two stacks of 9x12 inch sheets. Work quickly to prevent drying, or cover one stack with wax paper and a damp paper towel while working with the other.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Using a pastry brush, brush the bottom and sides of a 9 x 12 rectangular pan. You will use half of the filo sheets for the bottom of the pastry. Begin by layering sheets one by one in the bottom of the pan, making sure to brush each one thoroughly with melted butter.

When you have layered half the sheets, drape two sheets of filo so that they extend half in the pan and half out of the pan horizontally. Add the custard in an even layer on top of the sheets, smoothing the surface with a spatula. Fold the filo sheet flaps in over the custard layer. Add the remaining sheets on top, brushing each sheet with melted butter.

Before baking, score the top layer of filo to enable easier cutting of pieces later. You can place the pan in the refrigerator or freezer for about 15-20 minutes to harden the top to make

from the indigenous grapes of Mavro and Xinisteri, Commandaria has been enjoyed for centuries. The grapes are dried in the sun before vinification, meaning the fruit is concentrated before production. This method makes for a very sweet style wine with raisin and fig characteristics. A touch of orange rind flavors brighten the wine, and the body is both hearty and sweet.

vanilla extract and masticha together into a large bowl; set aside.

In a small saucepan, melt 7 tablespoons of the butter. Let the butter cool, then transfer to a medium bowl. Add the eggs and orange zest and beat together. Stir the egg mixture into the yeast mixture until combined.

Using a spoon, stir the flour mixture into the yeast-egg mix-



Tsoureki Avgoti (Greek Easter Bread)

No Easter table would be complete without Tsoureki (the "Avgoti" version - with a red Easter egg inside). Most recipes call for mahlepi, which is a spice seed that is very hard to find.

ture until combined. Turn the dough onto a floured work surface and knead until smooth, flouring your hands and the surface as needed. Knead for about 10 minutes. It's important to do this for at least 10 minutes, or your bread will come out lumpy. Coat a baking sheet and a large piece of plastic wrap with the remaining 1 tablespoon butter. Set the dough on the baking sheet and cover it with the plastic wrap, butter side down. Let rise in a warm place until doubled in size, about 2 hours.

Remove the plastic wrap and set it aside. Divide the dough into 3 equal pieces. Roll the pieces into 1-1/2 by 16-inch ropes. Pinch all 3 pieces together on one end to secure, then braid the ropes, entwining the red hard-boiled egg into the bread. Pinch the other end of the ropes together to secure the braid. Set the braided dough on the prepared baking sheet, cover with the buttered plastic wrap (butter side down), and let rise in a warm place until doubled in size, about 1 hour.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

In a small bowl, beat together the egg yolk and remaining 1 tablespoon milk. With a pastry brush, evenly brush the egg mixture over the risen dough and sprinkle the sesame seeds on top, pressing the seeds gently into the dough. Bake until the bread is golden brown, about 30 minutes. Let cool before serving.



ALL HISTORY

Peacefully Assembled: the Ipswich Riot of 1913 in Unlikely Rural Locale

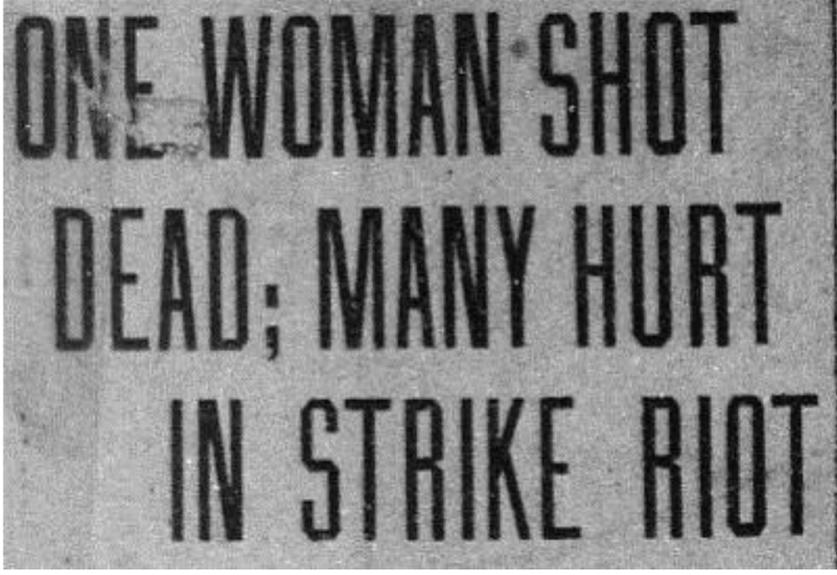
By Steve Frangos
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PART 2

CHICAGO- On June 10, 1913 in Ipswich, MA a labor demonstration unexpectedly turned into one of the most explosive riots in American labor history. Asserting that union picketers were “jostling” workers leaving the Ipswich Hosiery Mill the local police read the riot act, raised their clubs and marched into the crowd. Accounts vary widely on what occurred in what official reports claim was only a five minute period. Clearly raw emotions rather than cool reason ruled the day.

It appears the marching police were met by flying bricks and other debris. At that point the police began firing their pistols into the air and directly into the crowd. Ultimately, 1 person was killed, 6 were shot, 50 badly beaten, and 15 others were injured. Reports exist of seeing Greek men shot and being carried away by other Greeks. And we must assume something of this sort also happened with the Polish and Italian immigrant strikers, so how many suffered that day may never be really known.

Nicoletta Paudelopoulou, identified in the vast majority of newspapers and other reports as a bystander, was killed during the riot. But as subsequent events report, evasion rather than justice became the focus of official investigation. For the officials of Ipswich, circumstances were crystal clear: the whole event was caused by outside la-



ABOVE: News traveled fast, even back then as the Call, a San Francisco newspaper, had this headline on June 11, 1913 the morning after the riot in which Nicoletta Paudelopoulou was killed in Ipswich, MA. RIGHT: Women working in the Ipswich Mills, the site of a violent and deadly labor riot in 1913.

bor organizers. After that, any and all wrong doing fell on the labor leaders or the local strikers. Officially, then, the killing of Nicoletta Paudelopoulou was the result of strikers firing back at the police.

Over the next few months, with tensions ruling high on all sides, a grand jury investigation was finally convened. A great many things happened during the investigation.

Here is a glimpse of the tes-

timony of one man, John Baker: “I got half way up the street,” he testified, “when I saw an officer grabbing two women. A little further I saw a man from the mill wearing, I believe, a special officer’s badge, with a revolver in his hand. Soon after I saw a policeman pull his gun and I think both began to shoot.”

“I saw one officer near the Bancroft House ducking bricks and a moment later he fired four or five shots into the air. I

answered Baker, “I saw him on the street today. Asked if he saw him in the court room, Baker said “No” (Lewiston Daily Sun July 14, 1913).

Now, a “Mrs. Flora Cornelius, shot through the right leg, was exhausted from loss of blood when she reached the hospital. Mrs. Pahagiova Paganus was shot in the side of the head. The bullet came out through her teeth (Newport Mercury June 14, 1913).” Did Paudelopoulou know Paganus? Why is the news report so vague about the identity of the woman shot by the police officer? Given this evasive writing, we are compelled to wonder: was Paudelopoulou the woman Baker was referring to in his testimony?

Finally, was Baker ultimately asked to identify the police officer he’d seen fatally shoot the unnamed woman? No. In fact, John Baker stated it was his intent to leave town so he could

bor organizers. Sayward clearly wanted to find them guilty of murder and instigating a riot so that he could put them in jail. Sayward’s actions mirrored those of other city official’s. Following the riot all public demonstrations and “parades were forcibly stopped, meetings in the [union] hall were suppressed and the town passed an ordinance against free speech and public assemblage. Some labor reporters were denied admission into the court room. An editor of a Boston weekly was forcibly ejected from the town hall where the trials were held (Commonwealth July 17, 1913).”

Official precautions did not end with these fundamentally illegal actions. “In readiness for any developments an armed force of 600 officers has been recruited from the state police and the police of nearby cities (Chicago Tribune June 12, 1913).” Until this time Ipswich



GREEK AMERICAN STORIES

Cats!

By Phylis (Kiki) Sembos
Special to The National Herald

When Yiannis approached the table that Sunday in Dixon’s, he observed the concerned faces on everyone. “What’s happened?” he asked Kipreos. “Pspisina is missing!” he told him, recounting, briefly, about Dimos’ cat that hadn’t been seen since Thursday.

“My daughter, Marianna, and my wife are frantic with worry. Every evening I have to face their tears. Marianna can’t study. Things are terrible at home!” Dimos explained. “For days and nights we’ve searched the entire area and – nothing.” Reaching for a donut, Yiannis listened and drank his coffee with as much interest as hearing about a missing glove. Addressing him, Dimos said, “We’re forming another search party this afternoon. Are you available?” Yiannis said nothing for a long while, thinking, “what for?” George, sending eye signals to Dimos said, “There’s a reward.” His coffee cup froze in mid air; the donut paused before reaching his mouth and with fifty cent sized eyes, asked, “How...how much?” Dimos got the hint. “Thirty dollars and a barbeque dinner at my house in celebration for everyone after she’s found.” Looking casually unconcerned, thirty dollars floating from his head to his pocket and the barbeque dinner poking at his stomach, he said, “I guess I can help out. Got a flyer – to get a look at the cat?”

A large photo of Pspisina centered the flyer. It read: LOST: Short-Haired Female Tabby. Has Stripes and Red Collar, Answers to Pspisina: REWARD. Yiannis

studied the cat in the photo. Nothing special – had stripes like a million other cats, green eyes, and the face was exactly like...like most cats! Stands to reason that after four days, figured Yiannis, pocketing the flyer, Pspisina is either going to stay lost or is dead. They all left Dixon’s and went to Astoria to begin the search – all except Yiannis. Dimos, Penelopi, Marianna, John, his wife, George and Kipreos combed the streets, back yards, empty lots and parked cars, calling, “Psi-psi-psi. Here, Pspisina. Good cat.” Some yards were avoided because dogs guarded the area.

Meanwhile, Yiannis, having bought a red collar for two dollars visited the animal shelter, subsidiary of the ASPCA on 33rd Street and Ninth Avenue. “I wanna see your cats,” Yiannis told the attendant. Flyer in hand, he found a cat that was a replica of Pspisina. “I’ll take this one,” he told him. “That’ll be eight dollars – plus license and shots – Let’s see! Twelve dollars.” Yiannis objected. “TWELVE DOLLARS! You ought to be glad I’m taking one cat off your hands!”

“Twelve dollars!” insisted the attendant. Figuring that he’d still be getting eighteen dollars after all expenses – and a barbeque dinner, he handed over the money. “Wait a minute! You can’t take her out like that!” cried the attendant who, then, sold Yiannis a cardboard carrier for three dollars. “Huh! Fifteen dollars – for a cat!” grumbled Yiannis, getting into the subway.

Arriving in Astoria, Kipreos gave Yiannis the good news. “We’ve found Pspisina!” Yiannis’ mouth dropped open, visualizing

fifteen dollars floating away. “WHAT? Where was the little...?” Kipreos told him, “In a locked up garage. Was she hungry! What have you got there?” Kipreos noticed the carrier in Yiannis hand. “This? Oh, ahh, I found a poor little cat – felt sorry for it and thought I’d do two good deeds – give it to Marianna as consolation and give the poor cat a good home, too. I couldn’t think of the kid crying –and all that!” A fifteen dollar consolation, Yiannis muttered under his breath. Eyes narrowed, George asked, jokingly, “Does it happen to have a red collar?”

“As a matter of fact, yes!” Yiannis said, defiantly. When everyone entered Dimos’ house Yiannis remained behind, seeing a couple coming up the street. Approaching, he asked them, “Wanna buy a cat? Cheap! Fifteen dollars.” Opening the carrier they peeked in at the shy little creature with delight. “Oh, how adorable! But, fifteen dollars?”

“Twelve dollars. Got all her shots, is neutered, has a carrier and red collar, too – ten dollars,” Yiannis bargained, desperately, hoping to go away minus a cat. “I...I... got a parakeet and they don’t like each other.” The barbeque was in session, the scent of oregano, roasting lamb, spinach pies, rice pilaf and freshly baked bread, strangled Yiannis nostrils; his stomach roared. He relinquished the carrier for free and ran into Dimos’ house. “Where’s the cat?” asked George, seriously. “Why?” asked Yiannis. “I was thinking! My wife loves cats and ours died three years ago. I’ll buy it from you for fifteen dollars. Deal?”

started to walk up the street again when I saw some men behind a house and a woman with a bloody hole in her cheek. She was fighting with Chief (of Police) Hull. A moment later another officer grabbed her by the arm.

“The tall woman had a brick in her hand. I do not know whether she was going to throw it or not. While they were battling, another woman rushed over. The officer saw her, aimed at her, fired, and the woman fell.

“In answer to a question by Judge Charles A. Sayward, who is presiding at the hearing, as to whether the woman was facing the officer or standing sideways, the witness testified that she was facing him directly. This tends to corroborate the finding of the medical examiner in regard to the positions of the victim and the person who fired the shot which killed her.”

It was impression of the witness, according to his testimony, that the woman who was shot down had intended to rescue the woman who was grappling with the officer.

“Have you seen the officer since?” asked the judge. “Yes,”

found work. And after considerable protest by various lawyers, no effort was made to detain or question Baker further.

Paudelopoulou was buried less than 24 hours after the riot. “After the funeral service 150 persons followed the hearse for more than a mile from the church to the cemetery. “There was no disorder (Chicago Tribune June 12, 1913).”

“The 27 year old Paudelopoulou was buried at the local Immigrant Cemetery, which is part of the Highland Cemetery Annex on Fowler’s Lane, where there are over 300 immigrant graves, many unmarked. Once Baker testified lawyers for the defense made various efforts to have Paudelopoulou’s body exhumed to determine the precise angle of the bullet. Given that the police reported the bullet that killed her came from the windows of tenements across the street of the riot scene the angle of entry became a key point. I have not found any reports that this avenue of investigation was ever pursued.

“Judge Sayward, in the days and weeks that followed, focused all investigations and testimony onto the roles of the outside la-

had been a town which had no more than 30 police officers. Given the available news reports it is often unclear whether the 30 officers were all part of the regular police force or this number during the riot included mill guards as well.

As it turned out only the space between the fence of the local Greek church yard and the front door of that church could serve as a place where Greek strikers and assorted others could meet.

Between 1913 and 1914, Greeks were being attacked and killed all across the country. Not every attack was due to labor issues, but the common underlying fears and prejudices were very often the same. This riot has not disappeared from the pages of history. But rather than an occasion for reflection about basic American rights and the strict limits of public authority other more curious twists and turns have occurred. As we shall see official historical sources often continue to follow the direction town officials threaded in 1913, while others have sought to learn truth.

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If Greece is Really New China, Be Careful What you Wish for

Senor, is this about production of a show by means of placebo effects, market trajectory, the Greek Bond oversubscription, the failed Chinese Bond Auction, and Mr. Nitup? What a week! It had everything. The Greek bond offering was oversubscribed four times while the Chinese bond auction failed! This is great, isn't it? Greece is the new China. The problem is that China is a bubble, and we all know that sooner or later bubbles burst.

The equity markets (especially the technology and biotechnology sectors) suffered significant losses with the Nasdaq having lost 8% in the last three weeks. In the meantime my Russian taxi driver Mr. Nitup keeps telling me that they stand ready for another show in Eastern Ukraine, thus I suggested that they should hire Mr. Spielberg for the special effects.

Let's take those things in the order presented above, and hence start with the "successful" Greek bond offering. Where is the success?

- In the lowering of the unemployment numbers?
- In the number of poor folks who skip meals and medication?
- In the cooked numbers that show a primary surplus?
- In the absence of any liquidity?
- In the lowering of unaffordable taxes?
- In higher incomes?
- In higher GDP?
- In the lost national sovereignty?
- In the overblown public sector with its special political clientele?

- In punishing the perpetrators that drove the country bankrupt in the last 30 years?
- In the number of insolvent businesses or non-performing loans?

- In the creation of real wealth?
- In the reduction of the unaffordable and unsustainable debt?

Needless to say that I could go on and on, but there is no need, because it's about a show and realists do not care about shows but about real things. It seems that we have forgotten that real things such as productivity, capital investments and the like, affect real things such as income and employment levels. Manipulated things such as interest rates, money illusion (especially fiat money illusion), accumulation of debt and the like, can only affect manipulated things such as public opinion polls, bond prices, and statistical scores.

How in the world a country that experiences negative growth borrows at a rate that far exceeds its growth prospects for the next two years? We teach this principle to second-year college students. If things are truly turning around why the rush to borrow more now, rather than wait until rates drop more? Wasn't it debt that drove the country bankrupt? Is the solution more debt?

How in the world Greece borrows more now, and then in October plans to demand debt restructuring of its existing debt? And how in the world investors fall for that, unless it's about a show orchestrated by manipulation? Cui bono?

Really, who benefited from the Greek bailout and the "successful" recapitalization of Greek banks? Was it maybe EU banks, EU politicians, Brussels

(the epitome of inefficiency and bureaucracy), and especially some Northern EU banks whose stake in the Target2 program is in the hundreds of billions of dollars?

Isn't it a fact that if true market forces had prevailed in Greece, major EU banks would have gone bankrupt and the dysfunctional currency aka Euro would have ceased to exist?

Could it be the case that the "successful" Greek bond offering was done for the sake of politics? Could it have been driven by fear that a major upset in Euro-elections in Greece and elsewhere would shake up the political landscape of those who designed and executed a manipulative economic and monetary system that suffers from the complete absence of economic and monetary anchors?

Why so much concern for ephemeral shows of monetary manipulations (aka building on sinking sand) and no concern for real things? For how long could the people take placebo treatments? Are the major beneficiaries then of the Greek bond offering the political status quo in the EU? If it is, it might be time the shake up and rock the Casbah (the old citadel that protected the privileged ones).

Now, let's see what is happening in China. If I could re-view the Chinese developments over the course of the last year, I would say that five things have emerged:

- First, a very powerful leadership – most probably the most powerful since the Deng Xiaoping days - determined to change

things

- Second, a crusade against corruption never seen before in China (old party bosses are imprisoned and their assets in the billions of dollars are confiscated)

- Third, an era of economic reforms has been unleashed which might be the only hope that China has in avoiding a very harsh landing given the unaffordable debt that has been issued and the many bubbles in the real estate, financial, and municipal sectors

- Fourth, economic slowdown has arrived along with the first write downs and bankruptcies. The concern is what to do with the Chinese shadow banking system that may be in the trillions of dollars, the potential liquidity squeezes – a prelude of which we have seen in the last 12 months with intrabank

There is a lot of talk that Greece is becoming "the new China." That may be true, and it is not necessarily a good thing.

rates skyrocketing – that will slow down growth even more than anticipated, and the millions of Chinese who may lose their savings in "wealth management products" that resemble the western toxic assets whose value was determined not by market forces but by manipulated algorithms

- Finally, a wakeup call about pollution has been received by the new leadership, which seems determined to spend up to 8% of its GDP in order to fight pollution

In the midst of these all, China failed last Thursday to raise \$28 billion in new debt issuance facing a market demanding higher yield. That Casbah has started being shaking.

Now, as far as the trajectory of the markets is concerned I would note the following:

- Liquidity and lending activity is increasing (partially in a justifiable way given the higher productivity and employment figures in the US) which

will boost capital investments

- At least in the US the economic and financial house is getting into shape and some order, thus profit margins are getting healthier

- The market consolidation in the last several days is being shaped as an opportunity to shake up opportunistic investment schemes, which in turn will allow good equity purchases at decent multiples

- Consumer confidence is rising while the real estate market (residential and commercial), shows clear signs of an upward trend

- While some additional consolidation may still take place, we are of the opinion that a market upswing is in the works

Having said the above, we do not deviate from our long-standing position that unless fundamental changes take place in the next two-three years, the forces of global debt, global unfunded liabilities, global derivatives schemes and structures, and the absence of anchors in the system will align themselves in a crisis that could become the mother of all crises.

Let's close with our friend Mr. Nitup (<http://blacksunmitfg.com/2145>). Mr. Nitup seems that did not appreciate the Eagles lyrics (hint: get over it, the Eurasia dream is dead) and in his utopian fantasy-world asked for another song. Bob Dylan's Senior lyrics came to mind, dedicated to bonehead mentality:

Senior, senior, can you tell me where we're heading?

Lincoln County Road or Armageddon?

Seems like I been down this way before

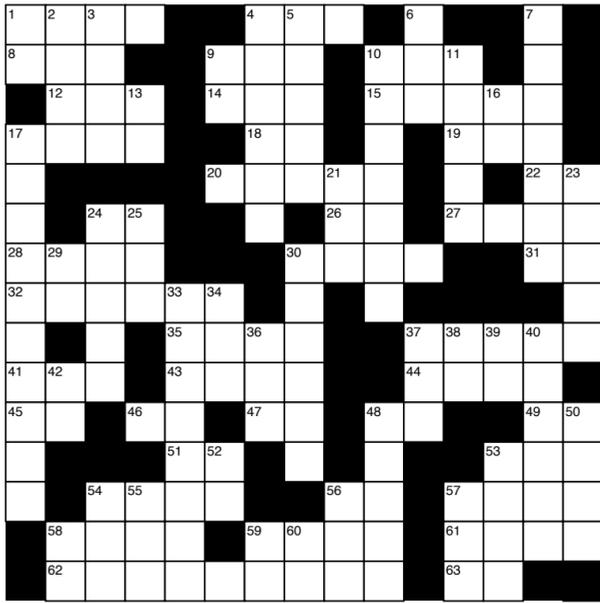
Is there any truth in that, senior?

Is it proper to close by making a request?

Mr. Nitup, could you please turn off that pipeline that goes to Ukraine? It could be the dream that comes true! It could truly mark the beginning of a New Day!

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THE HERALD SQUARE TNH's Crossword Challenge



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ACROSS

- 1 Lead singer of U2
- 4 Counterpart of he
- 8 Epoch
- 9 Frozen water
- 10 Nat'l Armed Forces (abbrev.)
- 12 Opp. of WNW (abbrev.)
- 14 A Health Law grad. deg. (abbrev.)
- 15 John, singer of "Candle in the Wind"
- 17 Sound like a lion
- 18 Latin version of Greek plural diphthong
- 19 Local Ecol. Knowledge (abbrev.)
- 20 Charles Liston's nickname
- 22 Brat Pack membr. (init.)
- 24 French or Italian article
- 26 Priestess of Hera in Greek mythology
- 27 Work for
- 28 Scam
- 30 Zhivago's lover
- 31 North's opp. (abbrev.)
- 32 Tenor legend Caruso
- 35 A Cartwright
- 37 Motion picture type
- 41 Summer insect pest
- 43 Moby Dick captain
- 44 Killer Whale
- 45 Greek plural diphthong
- 46 Sarah Palin's state (abbrev.)
- 47 St. Louis' st. (abbrev.)
- 48 Star of The Hustler flm. (init.)
- 49 The Ocean St. (abbrev.)
- 51 Its capital is Boise (abbrev.)
- 53 ___ Tin Tin
- 54 Roman name of Ares
- 56 "Soup ___ Salad?" Server's inquiry
- 57 Ages and ages
- 58 Greek prefix meaning around
- 59 A Great Lake
- 61 Oscar-winner ___ for all Seasons (two words)
- 62 Was Plato's student
- 63 "In ___" about

- 10 City of skating Rangers (2 words)
- 11 (GW Bridge town (abbrev. 2 words)
- 13 Emerg. Room (abbrev.)
- 16 Latin version of Greek plural diphthong
- 17 Hayes of the White House
- 21 Star of My Life in Ruins
- 23 ___ Gay B-29 Bomber
- 24 Seinfeld creator David
- 25 Six, in Greek
- 29 Word on Power Switch
- 30 Its capital is Mytilene
- 33 Played Bernardo in West Side Story
- 34 "___ la la!"
- 36 America's Uncle
- 37 Baseball great Drysdale
- 38 Pres. who followed JC (init.)
- 39 Casino town in NJ (abbrev.)
- 40 Actress Sirtis
- 42 Nassau and Suffolk cnties. locale (abbrev.)
- 48 Option on a food blender
- 50 Int'l Nepal Solidarity Network (init.)
- 52 Played Ross on TV sitcom Friends (init.)
- 53 Italian City
- 54 Mgmt. Expense Ratio (abbrev.)
- 55 Christina's tycoon dad
- 56 Petroleum
- 57 Com unit
- 58 The Keystone St. (abbrev.)
- 59 Plyd. Al Bundy (init.)
- 60 Played John-Boy on the Waltons (init.)

Solution to last week's puzzle

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DOWN

- 1 "Hallowed ___ Thy name..."
- 2 "Nice" cookie?
- 3 US space agency. (abbrev.)
- 4 Institution of learning
- 5 St. Constantine's mother
- 6 Guy's counterpart
- 7 Mike Stivic's in-laws
- 9 Mode of saying hello on AOL (abbrev.)

A 50-Year Greek Loan Payback Seen

By Andy Dabilis
TNH Staff

ATHENS – Greece's economy is still so shaky despite the floating of a bond and a primary surplus that European Union officials are reportedly preparing to extend repayments on 240 billion euros in two bailouts as much as 30 to 50 years and lowering interest rates.

That would be instead of providing debt relief in the form of writing off some, or much of what the country owes, the financial news agency Reuters reported.

While the government is gloating that last week's oversubscribed floating of a five-year 3 billion euro bond was proof of a coming recovery and full return to the markets, there are fears that was "artificially engineered," Reuters said.

The debt is still at 175 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), there are few signs of growth or more Foreign Direct Investment, unemployment is at a record high, there is deep poverty and austerity measures have put a crushing burden on workers, pensioners, and the poor.

Greece owes 240 billion euros (\$330.7 billion) to the Troika of the European Union-International Monetary Fund-European Central Bank (EU-IMF-ECB) but wants debt relief, preferably in a so-called "haircut" in which it would stiff the public investors the same way as was done to public investors, who lost 75 percent of their money.

But that would force the taxpayers in the other 17 Eurozone countries to pay the bill for generations of wild overspending by Greek governments and likely meet fierce resistance.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, whose country is putting up much of the money and profiting handsomely from it, demanded big pay cuts, tax hikes, slashed pensions, and worker firings in return and has ruled out a debt cut.

But since prospective lenders are more concerned with how long a country has to repay its obligations than how much it owes, the so-called "extend and pretend" idea is on the table as the most politically palatable choice, it was reported.

The bond sale went so well for Greece because investors are expecting debt relief in one form or another that would insulate

them from being burned again. "That has been quite substantially priced in, and the market is also expecting Greece to be quickly upgraded by the credit rating agencies," Alessandro Giansanti, senior rate strategist at ING bank in Amsterdam, told Reuters.

"In a second stage, the market is also expecting a reduction in principal on official debt, and no private sector involvement (write-down) in the coming years," he said.

Most of Greece's rescue packages run out this year although some monies will still be coming from the IMF for two more years.

Greece's recent positive economic data may have been artificially engineered.

The EU officials were said to also be keen to back the bond and Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, the New Democracy Conservative leader who had done their bidding and pushed reforms, but who faces a serious challenge in next month's critical elections for Greek municipalities and the European Parliament.

The major opposition Coalition of the Radical Left (SYRIZA) leader Alexis Tsipras, whose party has been leading in polls, said he believes the ruling parties of New Democracy and its partner the PASOK Socialists will be repudiated and that it will force early national elections which he believes he'll win.

Tsipras said he would seek to revise the terms of the memoranda with the Troika or renegotiate on the loans outright, which critics said could push Greece out of the Eurozone, undermine the financial bloc, and leave the country broke.

The IMF's envoy to Athens, Poul Thomsen, told ProtoThema in an interview that while the bond was a good sign that Greece still doesn't have enough money to function or the capability to fully finance itself yet.

"This is an important milestone. One of the fundamental objectives was to bring Greece back to the markets, to restore market access," he said.

But he said Greece might need another, smaller bailout package.

Greek Agriculture Minister Tsaftaris Talks to TNH about Growth, Jobs

By Constantine S. Sirigos
TNH Staff Writer

NEW YORK – Regardless of the progress Greece as a whole makes on structural reforms, Athanasios Tsaftaris, Greece's Minister of Rural Development and Food, is committed to turning his ministry into an engine for growth and job creation, especially for Greece's struggling youth. On January 1 a fast-track system for new businesses and investments was established within the Ministry of Agriculture.

Tsiftaris spoke to TNH during his recent visit to New York to attend Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) international conference on youth unemployment, which is part of the Recharging the Youth initiative of the Foundation.

One of the Agriculture Ministry's priorities is to support young people's entry into the agricultural sector.

Towards that end, SNF has agreed to help with several programs. "It's not easy for an interested person with no farming family background to proceed. He will need guidance, and mentoring to translate his ideas into practice," Tsiftaris said.

He said SNF is playing a catalytic role by helping the ministry better perform that function through education, by reviewing business plans, and offering advice on crop selection.

In addition to attracting young farmers, he said it is vital to bring young scientists to the sector. The initiatives also serve to help Greece keep its scientists by offering jobs at the ministry's various research centers where they can help develop new products and strains and techniques.

Up to 150 post-doctoral fellows will thus be financed by the SNF.

Tsiftaris believes that many of the young people who had fled the countryside are tired of urban life, and he noted that the agricultural areas are more developed now.

The Internet also keeps them linked to developments in their fields and other areas of inter-



Athanasios Tsaftaris, Greece's Minister of Rural Development and Food is focused on youth, investment and streamlining the bureaucracy, especially through computerization.

est.

He added that youngsters now have a more positive view of agriculture and see its creative dimension. They like that "They create things working with the soil or the sea," and there is more scope for entrepreneurship, innovation and sophisticated deal making.

Not only is agriculture itself more technology intensive, related sectors such as geothermal and solar energy are growing and need technicians.

EXPORT-ORIENTED

Tsiftaris' experiences abroad have enabled him to take a fresh look at Greece's agricultural sector. Appointed in June 2012 when Antonis Samaras became prime minister, he was born near Drama, where he attended high school. He moved to Thessaloniki to attend university studies, and undertook graduate studies in Greece and in North Carolina, where he was a professor before returning to Greece in 1983. He chose to turn down an appointment to teach at Cornell in order to return to help his homeland.

One area that is undergoing rejuvenation is cooperatives. He said that they were very successful when they were first established, but later came to be misused. The Ministry is strengthening successful ones, but they are also working to establish new arrangements, such as Farmers Groupings consisting of teams of young farmers.

He said 169 groupings have already been established and they are very successful, exporting fruit to Russia, the United States and China.

Young people "get it." He said "they appreciate the importance of finding and maintaining the trust of export markets, and they know how to use the Internet."

Tsiftaris said that Greece has improved transportation infrastructure –which is needed for agriculture to thrive – in the past decade, including its ports, roads and airports. They are currently upgrading regional airports with both private and EU funding.

Railway development is lagging, but he emphasized that

Greece is being forced to move forward there because of Chinese investment in the country's harbors, and he noted that investors are looking into the OSE rail system.

ONE-STOP SHOPPING

He is pleased to report that Greece's progress is being noted abroad. "Yesterday I met with 40 Greek-Americans who are involved in trade with Greece, and they are all telling me business is very good. They demonstrate the value of investing in the Greek export process in the U.S. and in Greece," he said.

So Tsiftaris has a strong and simple message to Greek-Americans: it is time to invest in Greek agriculture, not only because of their love for the homeland, but because after the reforms that have already been implemented. He said there are substantial commercial opportunities, not only in primary production but in processing.

"The quality of our products – our olive oil, wine, cheese – is now widely recognized. The Aegean produces fish of the

highest quality," he said, and Tsiftaris is excited about the establishment aquaculture zones were the bureaucratic process has been streamlined and the regions' infrastructure has been developed.

Exports are up substantially, and he said that at every point in the processes, there can be investments.

In response to being told that Greek-Americans were frustrated with delays in the past, he said "This is not true today. Applicants will receive their answers in less than a month. Small and large firms. Nobody believes it," but it is true he said.

"If someone establishes a business, they can also receive financing for up to 50 percent of its start-up costs," he said.

He gave an example of a man who applied on January 20 and received approval and financing by February 14.

There is now a "single window" program where an entrepreneur can electronically submit required documents, and the Ministry has begun to certify

not only particular products but enterprises, so that a firm with a good record that wishes to shift to new products has that flexibility. "A firm that sells oranges should be able to shift to strawberries or peaches or other fruits," he said.

He is also optimistic because of the deepening of relations with Israel, which offers priceless technology and expertise transfers and investment.

"The Israelis appreciate the high quality of our agricultural products and they are very interested in greater cooperation with Greece," he said.

Tsiftaris believes it was significant that when Israel President Shimon Perez visited Greece, "the only minister who accompanied him was that of Agriculture, which gave us an opportunity for extensive talks. We also signed a cooperation agreement and established a six-person panel of experts to examine cooperation in four important areas, including de-salinization, which is very important for our islands."



The Greek olive oil industry, whose products are revered throughout the world, is attracting Greek youth back to the land and is leading the country's crucial export drive.

New Democracy Versus SYRIZA in Critical Greek May Elections

ATHENS – Prime Minister Antonis Samaras' hopes of pushing an economic recovery face a stiff test in May elections for Greek municipalities and the European Parliament in a challenge from the major opposition Coalition of the Radical Left (SYRIZA).

The Leftist's leader, Alexis Tsipras, said his party will win big in the May 18 poll for Greek cities and towns and the elections a week later to determine the representation Greece will send to the European Parliament in Brussels.

SYRIZA has been leading in recent polls, although one showed New Democracy had a razor-thin 0.2 percent lead. If SYRIZA wins big, Tsipras said that could force early elections before the term of the government's coalition of New Democracy and its partner the PASOK Socialists expires in 2016.

Tsipras said if he comes to power he would seek to revise the terms of 240 billion euros in two bailouts from the Troika of the European Union-International Monetary Fund-European



AP PHOTO/KOSTAS TSIRONIS

Demonstrators and pedestrians run to avoid tear gas during a protest against the opening of shops on Sundays and the extension of working hours, in Athens' Ermou shopping street, on Sunday, April 13.

Central Bank (EU-IMF-ECB) or renege on the loans.

New Democracy and SYRIZA are far ahead of the other parties as polls show the far-right Golden Dawn Party, whose leaders have been arrested or jailed pending trial on charges of running a criminal gang, is running neck-and-neck with a new populist, anti-politician party To Potami (The River) started by former TV presenter Stavros Theodorakis.

Samaras is hoping the news Greece has a primary surplus of 1.4 billion euros and his promise to give voters an election gift of returning 70 percent to several groups affected by austerity will give him a boost.

SYRIZA has countered that the release of a damaging video in which a former top aide to Samaras is telling the Golden Dawn spokesman and lawmaker Ilias Kasidiaris that charges against the extremists were trumped up will give the Leftists a rise.

Hoping to shake things up and show voters New Democracy isn't stagnant, the party has in-

cluded on its slate some new faces, including those who haven't been in the political arena.

That's headed by Greek soccer team captain Theodoros Zografos, composer Stavros Xarchakos, publisher Giorgos Kyrtos and Mega TV political reporter Maria Spyrali.

In Greece, journalists are often an integral part of politics and some reporters work on the side for the people they cover, giving the country a reputation for deeply-biased reporting, with newspapers and TV stations siding with parties and tilting coverage toward what is favorable to its agenda and ignoring negative publicity.

The other parties bidding for spots in Brussels are essentially irrelevant, with support in the 2.5-6 percent range, including the KKE Communists, New Democracy offshoot the Independent Greeks, and the once-power PASOK, which has aligned itself with yet another new movement, Elia (Olive Tree) in a desperate bid to keep from going extinct.



President Nicos Anastasiades

Cyprus Peace Talks Still in Plan Stage

NICOSIA – Talks to negotiate reunification of Cyprus, split since an unlawful 1974 invasion by Turkey, are still in the planning stage although President Nicos Anastasiades was hoping to kick start them more quickly.

The two appointed negotiators on the UN-brokered Cyprus peace talks met April 15r the last time before they enter the phase of substantive negotiations on May 6.

A UN statement released after the meeting said: "The Greek Cypriot negotiator Andreas Mavroyiannis and the Turkish Cypriot negotiator Kudret Özersay met today in the United Nations Protected Area of Nicosia at the Good Offices Mission and concluded the screening phase".

It added: "They agreed to meet on May 6, when they will enter the phase of substantive negotiations."

The talks, which have stalled for decades and gone nowhere, tentatively picked up on Feb. 11 after Anastasiades and his Turkish counterpart Dervis Eroglu agreed on a joint communiqué highlighting key principles of a federated Cyprus.

The United States is eager to get some momentum but there's little evidence yet of any hard negotiations going on the table and Anastasiades is already dealing with criticism he's made concessions.

Adding to the difficulty is Turkey's hard line with the government in Ankara directing Eroglu who has been resistant to nearly every offer put on the table from the Cypriot side.

Turkey still refers to the invasion, condemned by the United Nations, as a "peace mission" to aid Turkish Cypriot after a failed 1974 coup on the Cypriot side.

Turkey still occupies the northern third of the island, has a standing army there, and declared it a Republic although no other country in the world recognizes it.



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Easter in Greece

The age-old traditions of Pascha preparation focus people on what transcends the crises of the moment: family, friends and faith. More than 250 million Orthodox Christians worldwide, including Russians and Ukrainians hopeful that peace will prevail and struggling Greeks and Cypriots will celebrate Easter this year on Sunday, April 20 when Greeks traditionally eat lamb roasted outdoors on a spit. An elderly man crosses himself next to the bier of Christ in the church of Agia Kyriaki during the Orthodox Holy Week, in Athens; A butcher shows the prices of the lambs to a customer at the main meat market of Athens in Athens; A woman lights a candle in the church of Agia Kyriaki.

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A Greek in Obama's Cabinet

Peter Petersen (Petropoulos), the billionaire co-founder of Blackrock, was the last Greek-American to be Secretary of a Federal government department. He was the Secretary of Commerce in the Nixon Administration from February 29, 1972 to February 1, 1973.

Forty years later it looks like we are going to have a Greek-American Secretary of Health and Human Services: Sylvia Mary Mathews Burwell, if all goes well with the nomination process.

It is a critical appointment for President Obama. How that department fares under her leadership may determine his legacy to a great extent, given that to this point the centerpiece of his presidency has been the Affordable Care Act (ACA), aka "Obamacare."

We were the ones to break the news, on noon last Friday on our website, that Burwell is a Greek-American – her mother's maiden name is Maroudas. Since then, there has been lively discussion in the community about who the nominee is and whether her appointment affects us.

Burwell was not widely-known in the community, despite the fact that she was the Director of the important Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the White House.

Perhaps it is because she was born in a small town, Hinton, in West Virginia, where there are few Hellenes. Or maybe it is because she has not had much interaction with the community. Nonetheless, she was present at the Greek Independence celebration at the White House on April 4 and has been in contact with some important community leaders in DC.

This is a typical case. The community at large is not aware of the identity of a Greek-American until he or she becomes famous. That pattern seems to be inevitable.

As to whether it matters that a Greek-American has attained a high position, the answer is yes, it is important, indeed.

She is an excellent example for our children. She helps Hellenism's image.

Ultimately, is a matter of honor and pride: recognition of the talent and values of our people.

And, forgive our bias, but we have faith that a Greek-American in that capacity will do an outstanding job.

We hope that Burwell is approved by Congress expeditiously and we wish her success in such an influential and challenging role.

Nine Years without Iakovos

At about 6PM on April 10, 2005 Archbishop Iakovos took his final breath, in a simple suburban hospital room in Stamford, CT. He was 94.

The child from the village of Agios Theodoros on the island of Imbros became a great – perhaps the greatest – leader of the Hellenic Diaspora. A leader who became synonymous with the Greek-American community and who with his strong, charismatic personality spotlighted its achievements, strengthened its identity, and elevated it to its rightful place in American society.

On that Sunday when he left this earthly existence, he was not alone. Beside him were the ever-faithful Paulette Poulos, who stood close at hand like a daughter, and the dedicated Nikki Kale.

Shortly after that we arrived, my wife and I. And immediately after us came Archbishop Demetrios.

We had asked to visit him in the hospital after New York's Greek Independence Parade – I was a Grand Marshal that year, along with Paul and Christine Sarbanes.

That is how it came about that I was present at such a monumental occasion in the community's history.

He may have wanted it that way. For us all to be present at that great moment in his life. Such was the relationship that we had developed. I believe that is what he wanted, judging by the blessings he would offer, for my family, for me personally, for the newspaper.

Iakovos, even nearing death, remained Iakovos. A powerful presence – now with a serene look on his face – imperious, imposing. And yet still the man born Dimitrios Koukouzis.

During the 10 years after his retirement, Iakovos had changed much: he had softened and became even sentimental – indeed he let himself become freer.

He donated his home, with its little chapel and its simple yet aristocratic furnishings, to the Archdiocese to be the residence of future archbishops.

But his successors sold it.

He always had respect for the community, but also for the Patriarchate, to which he was bound by indissoluble ties.

Demetrios asked us to kneel around Iakovos' deathbed. We all joined hands and created a chain around him. He chose an Archieratical prayer, one especially for such occasions, and he read it, slowly, emphasizing each word with emotion.

And we bade him farewell...

I write these words because Iakovos' memory should not be forgotten. Because these testimonies constitute the magic of history. To honor with these few lines a great Greek-American who worked so hard and contributed so much, despite the inevitable small and large mistakes, and emerged as the archbishop with whom I often clashed fiercely, but with whom I became fully reconciled in the end.

During one of our collisions, he had told me "you would be doing an injustice to yourself." It is advice I have never forgotten, and often guides me to this day.

Iakovos was a great man. There was nothing small in him. And he refused to do anything that was beneath him.

Quite commendably, he never thought to take revenge for anything we wrote that he did not like. Neither personally, nor did he ask friends to try to harm us, not advertise with us, or not grant us interviews.

Mainly, our differences were over Greek language and education. And the crux of his errors was that he could have conceptualized and implemented Paideia – education in the community – in a completely different manner. He didn't, as it turns out, not because he didn't care to, but because he did not believe Greek-Americans would support it. When he finally realized he was mistaken, it was too late.

May the memory of this remarkable man be eternal.

Regarding Turkish Invasion, No Two Ways about it

To the Editor:

Peter Sokaris' letter in the April issue "More than One Side to Turkish Invasion," needs to be addressed in order to clarify some misconceptions.

Mr. Sokaris is correct in that indeed there is "more than one side," but that "other side" is not what he misinterprets as Turkey's interest in "Turkish mi-

nority" in Cyprus. Unfortunately, that other side is our own United States of America.

The video "They Owe Us" is very revealing in that regard, by the very words of Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash.

There are two passages: in the first, Denktash explains that it was his group that set off a small explosive device in a Greek Cypriot neighborhood so that the Greek Cypriots would retaliate, giving Denktash's illicit group the excuse that the Greek Cypriots had attacked the Turkish Cypriots.

The second passage shows Denktash advising the Turkish Cypriots to not become involved into the coup against Makarios, for "this is a Greek Cypriot issue that does not concern us."

Turkey's internationally-illegal invasion of Cyprus took place not because of the Turkish illegitimate concern of the Turkish Cypriots.

The Turks don't care about such details. They kill their own denizens with no regard, just so that it fits their own objectives.

The Turks were itching to get to Cyprus. After all, their masterful Kemal Ataturk had said to the military officers' graduating class of 1936: "The time for

Cyprus has not come yet; Cyprus is very important for us."

The real culprit behind the Cyprus tragedy is Henry Kissinger, who looked forward to a division of Cyprus, envisioning the Turks providing for a NATO facility. Dr. Kissinger got nothing.

Cyprus was illegally divided with one-third illegally occupied. There was no NATO facility; he caused the wrath of the Cypriot people and those of

Greece. In fact, if we look at America's failing foreign policies, they all started with our failure in Cyprus.

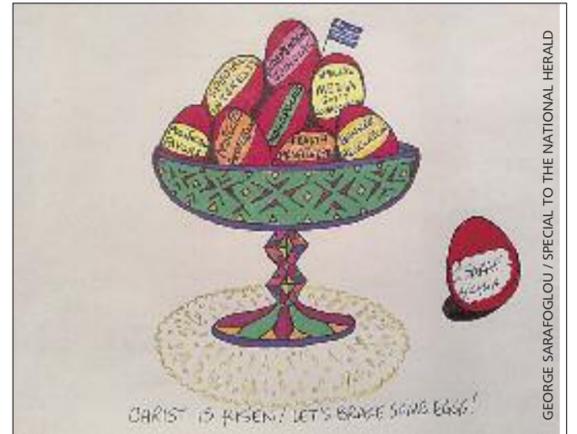
French General DeGaulle's reply to a journalist's question, "What is America's foreign policy?" says it all. His reply was: "America does not have a foreign policy; America has foreign problems!"

Sincerely,
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TO OUR READERS

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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AGORA – THE ORIGINAL MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS

By **Dan Georgakas and Constantinos E. Scaros**

From time to time, an issue emerges and inspires various minds to converge, often at odds with one another, to discuss it. Hopefully, collective enlightenment will result from such conversations. The Ancient Greeks did that in

the Agora, the original marketplace of ideas, and we, their modern-day descendants, aspire to continue that tradition.

We respect one another's opinion very much, but often times we will disagree on particular issues. We would never fabricate a difference of opinion for the sake of writing an interesting column.

Rest assured, anything we write here are our sincere, heartfelt thoughts.

We will share them with you every two weeks. We hope you enjoy them, and we look forward to your taking part in the discussion as well – by contributing letters to the editor in response, and/or commenting on our website: www.thenationalherald.com

Ryan's Budget Proposal: is it Madness, or is it Meaningful?

GEORGAKAS PRESENTS HIS POINT OF VIEW

Let's talk about the proposed federal budget now being considered by the House of Representatives. It is authored by Paul Ryan, the last Republican candidate for Vice-President, who has utter disdain for major policies of past Republican presidents. Ryan proposes to lower the national debt by providing tax breaks for America's 1% super-rich while lowering the standard of living for the rest of us.

The tax breaks for the 1% begin with a 10% cut in their tax rate. Moreover, none of the loopholes that allow corporations like General Electric to pay zero taxes and corporations like Apple to park billions in offshore non-taxed accounts are touched.

Ryan gives a hefty increase in military spending at a time when the military is downsizing as we end two costly wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. The United States already has a bigger military budget than the next five nations combined and many of these five are allies. Rather than serving national security, hikes in military spending just enrich what Eisenhower decried as the military-industrial complex.

The gifts to the rich are paid for by a cut of \$5.1 trillion in basic public services. Head Start, for example, a program universally-recognized as success will suffer severe cuts. So much for George W. Bush's pledge that "no child will be left behind." Also slated are cuts in the Pell grants at a time when college costs are rapidly rising. The Pell grants have been essential for working Americans seeking to better themselves through higher education. Other support of public education is also reduced.

One of Richard Nixon's accomplishments was to add drug coverage and other reforms to health care. Ryan, in contrast, wants to decimate Medicare and Medicaid. Rather than going after fraudulent doctors, attorneys, insurance companies, and swindlers, which the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) estimates steal \$60-90

billion annually, Ryan takes aim at the sick, the poor, and the elderly. I see parallels to the policies now in effect in Greece.

Medicare is to be gradually privatized by allowing younger people to opt for private insurance. That would eventually bankrupt Medicare and the suckers who went private would only understand their folly when they got into a major car accident, developed a catastrophic illness, had a costly medical procedure, or just got old enough to need to see many doctors. No private plan comes close to providing the safety and choices of Medicare coverage.

Additional "savings" come from more reductions in the food stamp program even though unemployment is still over 6% and many working Americans have marginal wages or can only get part-time employment.

Social Security gets stabbed by making 70 the new retirement age, which would be the highest in the world. Americans might be interested to know that medical studies have shown people who work full time from 65-70 have shorter life spans than those who retire at 62-65. Forcing people to stay employed until 70 is counting on death to help reduce the national deficit.

Ryan proposes repeal of Obamacare. Whether one supports Obamacare or not, Republicans have repeatedly failed in this effort at the cost of considerable legislative time and expense. As long as there are even 41 Senate Democrats, there will be no repeal. Savings based on Obamacare repeal are voodoo economics.

When Democrats and mature Republican Senators quash most of Ryan's proposals, right-wing extremists will shout that the opposition will not compromise. This is a bit like giving me two ounces of arsenic and suggesting you'd be satisfied if I agree to swallow half the dose.

SCAROS RESPONDS

Dan, in the five minutes or so that it took our readers to read through your portion of this week's AGORA, the United

States just borrowed another five million dollars. And in the time to read my opening sentence, another \$150,000. That is the staggering pace at which our elected members of Congress – both Democrats and Republicans – of whom collectively about 90% of Americans disapprove, add to our total credit card bill – a bill that might bankrupt us yet.

Unless we reverse this alarming runaway spending soon, someone earning \$1000 per week will have \$800 taken out in taxes, and go home with a mere \$200.

"200? I can't live on 200!" the bewildered worker might say. Yup.

"But, that would mean I couldn't pay my mortgage!" Yup. "And I'd be living on the street!" Yup.

"I'd barely have enough money to put gas in my car and drive to work – I'd even lose my job!" Yup.

"But then, I'd have to pick through garbage cans for scraps of food just to survive!" Precisely.

"Oh," the disbelieving worker might say, "that's never going to happen." Well, that's what the good people of Greece, Italy, Ireland, Spain, and Portugal said, too.

Ryan's budget doesn't merely cut spending, it cuts it by a whopping \$5,100,000,000,000, which translates into a balanced budget by 2024. And I think that's not even giving it enough credit: the nature of the budget would finally unleash an economy that has ranged from dormant to timid for far too long, and I'd bet we'd balance the budget half that time.

I agree, Dan, with some of the criticisms you make about Ryan's budget. It is far from perfect. But it is bold, and a much-needed wake-up call.

I don't like our nation's increasing wealth gap any more than you do. Or that health care and education costs are beyond outrageous. Can we spend our defense dollars more prudently without sacrificing an ounce of our military might? Sure.

But the first thing I'd like to see is Harry Reid and Nancy

Pelosi, and with the support of their off-cheerleader-in-chief, Barack Obama, say: "we've got a budget that will cut 5.1 trillion, too. We can balance the budget by 2024, too." Let's start there.

Let's at least get both sides to commit to a balanced budget, at minimum, by 2024. Then they can argue about the details.

I don't often agree with Mitt Romney – assuming that I even take him at his word – but his proposal during the 2012 presidential race about lowering corporate taxes while closing loopholes is a wise one. That would actually ease the tax burden for thousands of small and midsize companies, while eliminating the perks to Apple and GE that I rail against every bit as much as you do.

As for health care and education, the answer is not the government. It is the American people, voting with their dollars to address the real problem: why on earth hospital stays and tuition costs are so high to begin with. Just as the president – this one, or any one – shows up to convey the nation's grief during a random shooting at some elementary school, so should he or she go to any number of thousands of hospitals and college campuses and express outrage over those despicable costs.

As for individual income taxes: close all loopholes, establish a flat tax or national sales tax. That would prevent multi-billionaires paying less in income tax than do their secretaries, but it would also prevent approximately 50% of adult Americans from paying nothing.

If you and I were the ones putting the budget together, Dan, I'd think we'd probably agree, line by line, a lot more often than not. But the key would be to start with the same goal: balance the budget in 10 years or less, and work from there.

Meanwhile, it took me about 40 minutes to write this response. That's another \$40 million our government just blew.

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

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Observations By Antonis H. Diamataris

Being Buried with TNH!

The relatives and friends who rushed to bid farewell to the late Kostas Zalakostas in Saddle River, NJ noticed that inside his casket there was a copy of The National Herald.

And of course, it became the subject of much conversation.

That is not the first time this happened. I know that other Greek-Americans had instructed their loved ones to ensure that The National Herald was placed next to them in their final resting place.

Indeed, the relationship of mutual love and trust that connects our readers with the newspaper seems incredible to people outside our community.

It is an act that moves me deeply. But are also further increases – in me and in my colleagues – the already high sense of responsibility which we possess, to guard this unique relationship with our eyes.

How? By being as authentic and objective as is humanly possible, thus expressing our love and respect for our readers.

By doing, in a nutshell, our duty.

Light be the soil that covers our brother.

Highs and Lows in Journalism

The coveted Pulitzer Prize has been awarded to the Washington Post and the Guardian for revealing the large-scale surveillance by the NSA. That award embodies journalism at its finest. And then, there is Greece.

The lists of candidates for the upcoming Greek election includes a few names next to which is printed the word "journalist."

It is a tradition that saddens me and which I find outrageous, because it diminishes the journalistic profession in general and discredits the journalistic integrity of

those who indulge their egos in that way.

The man who was a reporter yesterday appears to have obtained his new position in exchange for having manipulated his readers, or at least, misinformed them, as a vehicle for party propaganda.

Such people are then scorned by their former colleagues in institutions that are supposed to be dedicated to the service and protection of the truth.

It is thus no coincidence, then, that the media in general – and in Greece in particular – is undergoing a deep crisis, a loss of faith on the part of their readers and viewers. At the end of the day, that is much more serious for their future than the economic crisis, though that is what concerns them more the moment.

Are these trivial matters? Not at all. They are substantial ones.

In any case, it is sad but true that the more things change in Greece, the more they stay the same.

The Reemerging Russian Empire, Vis-à-vis the West

The collapse of the Soviet Union brought about the end of communism as a major force, and also ended the second Russian Empire. The Russian tsars, beginning with Peter the Great, attempted to extend Russia's frontiers from the Baltic, to the Pacific, and to the Black. Under the great tsars, much of Central Asia, the Baltic states, Belorussia, the Ukraine, the Caucasus, and the Southern coast of the Black Sea fell under the sway of Russia. Ultimately, the empire receded, weighed down by corruption and an inability to adjust to the political and economic forces of the twentieth century, finally collapsing in 1917.

The period of transformation from tsarist Russia into the Soviet Union was momentary, and under Joseph Stalin, a new Russian empire was reconstituted under the guise of Soviet socialism. After initially granting the former non-Russian territories the status of republics, Moscow's rule was quickly imposed with an absolutism that would have made Ivan the Terrible blush. The Soviet leaders faced the same geopolitical challenges that geography had imposed on tsarist Russia and dutifully they proceeded to secure the same regions that had fallen to the Russian tsars.

The Russian and subsequent Soviet empire faced the same challenge of overcoming the fear of invasion – the Russians had suffered under Mongol and Ottoman occupation – made vulnerable by the country's exposed eastern and western flanks. Russian leaders have historically claimed that enemies and rivals have hemmed in the country. In 1941, the German invasion re-awakened Russian paranoia and Stalin's post Second World War ambitions, partially whetted by a desire for more territory, came from a need to safeguard Russia from another invasion.

During the Soviet era, Moscow's leadership also feared the domino effect if one of its satellites broke away, and even if remained a communist state, would encourage others to follow suit.

Some pundits are arguing that Vladimir Putin is in the process of recreating a Russian Empire, but an empire based on corruption more akin to the later Soviet period than that of the Tsars. They argue that in this context, Putin is afraid of another kind of domino effect. Most of the former Soviet satellites are ruled by authoritative regimes that thrive on corruption.

Consequently, if the Ukraine, a country that was governed by a kleptocracy, broke away, it could have inspired similar mass opposition to Putin and his cronies. The theory is that Putin is buying good will with the Russian people by feeding them visions of empire and past glories while solidifying his grip over the country.

No doubt many middle-aged Russians have nostalgic memories of Soviet greatness and harbour resentment at the demise of past greatness at the hands of capitalist America. They certainly revel that Putin has restored the Crimea back to Russia and applaud the Russian leader's attempts to restore Russia as a world-class power. The question that the West faces is:



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is the Crimea enough? Putin can argue that the Crimean Peninsula had always been part of Russia and when Khrushchev gave it to the Ukraine, that country was part of the Soviet Empire. The Russians in Eastern Ukraine are now agitating for union with Russia and it is not certain if these are the legitimate wishes of the population or if they are being organized by Moscow. It is even possible that Russian Special Forces are helping the demonstrators seize buildings and police stations. Certainly Putin has a unique interpretation of the Russian-Ukraine relationship.

For example, the president of the Russian gas company Gazprom, Alexei Miller, confirmed last Saturday that the Ukraine must pay Russia 11.4 billion dollars, which corresponds to the reduction in the price of gas which was given to the country for the last four years. The lower price was part of the Kharkov Agreement, signed in April 2010 (and to last until 2042), which permitted the Russian fleet to use the Black Sea base of Sevastopol in the Crimea. The agreement was annulled this week, Mr. Miller said in an interview with Russian state media, since the Crimea is now part of Russia and therefore the Ukraine must repay the previous reduction.

In effect, Putin is trying to destroy what is left of the Ukraine economy by making it easier for Ukrainian Russians to seek union with Russia, under the fear of poverty, eventually forcing the Ukraine to reestablish its client relationship with Moscow.

Under these circumstances, Washington is faced with a serious problem that will impact to what degree non-aligned (countries not part of NATO or the EU) will be able to trust the US. The dilemma facing the Obama Administration is that if it pours millions into the Ukraine the money will simply enrich Russia, as Kiev will have no choice but to pay its debts to Moscow. A military option is not possible, so it will be a matter of financial aid and sanctions against the Russians. Extensive sanctions will hurt the EU countries and the world economy, which leaves Washington with two options: massive financial aid to the Ukraine or simply leave the country to return back to the Russian sphere.

On the other hand, if the Obama White House had handled the Crimean crisis with more subtlety, it could have avoided a greater crisis.

If the United States had agreed to a referendum for the Crimea, albeit one under UN auspices, it would have given the people of the peninsula a free choice and forced Putin to abide by whatever the outcome. In that case, the Crimea would have either freely joined or rejected to become part of Russia. Putin would not have been demonized and forced to accept the rule of law. As it stands, he has nothing to lose and everything to gain by continuing his aggression against the Ukraine and the United States will be left holding the bill.

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We Have to Learn to Pick Our Fights

You win some and you lose some. The key is to recognize which fights you should avoid because you know you are going to lose. For the United States this requires a dispassionate look at whether we are prepared to pay a higher price than the other guy to win. We have allowed ourselves to buy into the idea that we are exceptional, unbeatable and can force others to do our bidding. Our readers can decide for themselves which past intervention was worth the cost in blood and treasure. Before the rhetoric about the Ukraine drives us down a path of no return, we first need to ask what price we are prepared to pay.

We (Europeans and Americans) appeared genuinely astounded that Russia reacted violently to EU's attempt to bring Ukraine into its orbit. The EU managed to "win" Kiev, replacing a corrupt pro-Russian oligarch with a provably equally corrupt anti-Russian group. The EU then stood helplessly by as Russia took over Crimea and now fears Putin may do the same to the eastern half of the country. We had no dog in this fight. The EU picked it and, once again, dear friends, we have leaped into the breach to defeat Evil. But first let's ask why Vladimir Putin moved so decisively, confident that his actions make him a hero in Russia and equally confident that we cannot undo the damage.

We all agree that we have no military option, not even to stop a full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Besides 7,000 nuclear warheads, Russia has overwhelming conventional military superiority where it counts: on the ground. We have threatened major economic punishment but in today's interconnected global economy (think gas, oil, finance and investments), the West will also suffer. We may hurt relatively less but Putin calculates that we will see it as too high a price for taking Ukraine out of Russia's orbit. Putin, on the other hand, believes Russia is prepared to pay that higher price.

We are all prisoners of our national mythologies; Americans no less than Russians. Ours starts in 1989. We won the Cold War and the Russians refuse to

admit defeat and go quietly into the night. How dare they challenge us? The Russians start their narrative about seventy years earlier. Russia almost singlehandedly defeated the Nazis in World War II but at enormous cost. The Americans and British never felt the German jackboot on their territories, fought long-distance air wars and, together, and suffered only one twenty fifth of Russia's casualties. (NB: More Greeks died than either Americans or Brits.) Russia did most of the ground fighting and killed more Germans than all the other allies put together. Russia won World War II but the US and Britain deny them their place in history.

With regard to the Ukraine, Russians remember that many western Ukrainians, mostly Uniate Catholics, welcomed the Nazis, deserted the Russian Army, and joined the German Army. They assisted the Nazis in



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killings Jews, massacring civilians and suppressing Russian resistance fighters. After the War, many Ukrainian collaborators fled to the west and joined other fervently anti-Russian (posing as anti-communist) intellectuals of East European origin (Zbigniew Brzezinski and Madeleine Albright being two of the most prominent) in American and British think tanks. They demonstrated their true colors at the end of the Cold War orchestrating the dismemberment of Russia and pushing the boundaries of NATO eastwards. The West – led by the IMF -- corrupted post-Cold War Russia and created the environment that grew the oligarchs. Protestant missionaries went East to "bring Christianity to Russia" while a Polish Pope mounted a full-throated campaign to disestablish the Orthodox Church in Western Ukraine. To add injury to insult, the Germans and NATO dismembered



AP PHOTO/RIA NOVOSTI, ALEXEI NIKOLSKY, PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SERVICE) Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks during a meeting at the Novo-Ogaryovo residence outside Moscow, Monday.

Yugoslavia, carving out Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo. The Americans further threatened Russia by setting up missile bases on its borders, ostensibly to protect against a non-existent Iranian threat, and hypocritically rejected Russia's cooperative offer of radars located on Iran's very borders. Lately, NATO encouraged an arguably insane Georgian President to attack Russia, double-crossed Putin in Libya and encouraged revolution in Syria to undermine Russia's last foothold in the Middle East. Russia tried hard to preserve the diplomatic relationship with the United States, collaborating with the Americans to stop Iran's nuclear program and bailing the US out of a tight spot in Syria but the Americans don't seem to appreciate it. Now the EU, with American backing, engineered an anti-Russian takeover of the Ukraine that, besides again humiliating Russia, threatened Moscow's only naval base in the critically important Black Sea.

This is, as stated, national mythology and not critical history. Like all national mythologies (including our own) one can poke lots of holes in it. But so what? The fact is that the Russians believe it and we knew it, ignored it and now we are surprised?

Even paranoids, as Kissinger so famously said, have enemies. So now, which side do you believe will blink first, we, or the Russians? Our over-the-top rhetoric, demonizing the Russians and comparing Putin to Hitler, stems, I believe, from a frustrating appreciation that we will not sacrifice to save either Crimea or even Eastern Ukraine. We should, however, exercise some restraint in the hyperbole because it raises unrealistic expectations and could prove a self-fulfilling prophecy.

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LETTER FROM ATHENS

The Silent Civil War That's Burning Deep Inside Greece

No one's suggesting that Greece, despite its economic doldrums, is anywhere near as bad off as it was in the aftermath of World War II, when another in the long history of Civil Wars split the country, but the ancient enmities have created another societal schism.

The inevitable "zeelia" – ingrained Greek jealousy – and fear that someone else is doing better and doesn't deserve it has combined with the bitter polarization between the hard-left and far-right to make politics downright toxic.

On the left, you have the major opposition Coalition of the Radical Left (SYRIZA), a motley crew of Maoists, Trotskyites, Leninists, Communists, anarchists, ecologists, anti-Capitalists and other fringe elements who couldn't even agree on where to eat dinner never mind run a government.

There are other leftist elements, no longer including the once-dominant PASOK Anti-Socialists who have gone from 44 percent of the vote in winning the 2009 elections when George "The Money is There" Papandreou lied through his teeth to get elected, to somewhere between 3-5 percent now.

PASOK is now misled by Evangelos Venizelos, who sold out what was left of the Socialist principles to back austerity measures being imposed by Prime Minister and New Democracy Capitalist leader Antonis Samaras on orders of international lenders.

So did Papandreou but he blames everyone else but himself for doing so and has been trying to tap dance and

backpedal away from the party his father founded and throw Venizelos under the bus. It would have to be a big bus, of course.

Venizelos was named Deputy Premier/Foreign Minister as a reward for supporting Samaras but if national elections are held early and New Democracy tanks, Venizelos would gladly join whoever won so he could join another coalition, be appointed to another ministerial position and keep himself in the limelight. It would have to be a big light, of course.

To keep from vanishing right before your very eyes like a David Copperfield volunteer on stage, PASOK has aligned itself with a center-left grouping called Elia, or Olive Tree, before the critical May elections for European Parliament and Greek municipalities.

Those olives are already rancid though because of the internecine warfare between the various camps because the Leftists in Greece hate each other more than the Rightists.

The KKE Communist party, what's left of the ideology that fought a bloody, real Civil War with the loyalists and the Right after WWII, has no real standing but that doesn't keep it from trying to bring down SYRIZA, PASOK and New Democracy at the same time.

On the right there is New Democracy and its offshoot, In-



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dependent Greeks, the outcasts and rejects Samaras discarded and it's both immaterial and irrelevant and keep sniping at the Prime Minister in the Right's version of trying to shoot each other in the back.

But the stakes in the bitter hatred Greece's opposing political leaders feel for each other, rooted in class warfare too that has intensified as Samaras kept piling on pay cuts, tax hikes and slashed pensions (begun by Papandreou) picked up in the person of a little-minded little man: Panayiotis Baltakos.

For reasons known only to Samaras and Attila the Hun, who is only a shade to the right of New Democracy, Baltakos was Cabinet Secretary in the coalition government and a top aide to Samaras, someone who had the confidence of a man who went to Amherst and didn't know he had an ear worm when Baltakos leaned over to talk to him.

Baltakos is the one who last year convinced Samaras to pull back from supporting a bill that would have increased the penalties for racist attacks and to go easy on the ultra far-right Golden Dawn party whose members aren't neo-Nazis as alleged. They're Nazis.

One of its Members of Parliament, Ilias Panagiotaros, told an Australian news show that Adolf Hitler was "a great per-

sonality," which is partially true if you consider he could paint a whole room, two coats in one hour even if he killed 40 million people.

Golden Dawn is the catalyst in the war between the parties but Baltakos, who quit after he was seen in a secret videotape telling the extremist's spokesman, MP Ilias Kasidiaris, that the government trumped up charges against its leaders, who were jailed or arrested on charges of running a criminal gang.

Baltakos, a kind of perverse Walter Mitty, said he was lying to Kasidiaris and acting on his own as a deep undercover secret agent to discover what the Nazi whackos were up to.

But now, just to rend apart what's left of Greek society and further poison politics, Baltakos has suggested that New Democracy could collaborate with Golden Dawn and the Independent Greeks to create a just-shy-of-a-junta-mentality new Right Wing Alliance. Maybe it could use a Phoenix as a symbol.

"The right wing must reunite," Baltakos said, Greek media reported. He said a Golden Dawn-New Democracy-Independent Greeks would be unbeatable and corner 46 percent of the vote in a time when politics is so fractured in Greece a party can win with 30 percent.

He's looking to create a Fourth Reich and destroy his country. "If we unite, we will stay in power for 50 years. Otherwise, leftists will rise to power," he added. That is, of course, if anything is left in Greece when nothing goes right.

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We are encouraged to follow His example. Fasting, regular prayer and attending church services are all wonderful things to do at the individual and community level, but it's also immensely important to reach beyond the environs of our own homes and neighborhoods. That's why the Rangos Family is donating \$50 thousand to International Orthodox Christian Charities' program for Greece. The Jaharis Foundation has generously pledged to match all contributions dollar for dollar (up to \$1 million) to help IOCC replace hunger with hope for our brethren overseas in their time of urgent need. The crisis in Greece is not simply economic. It is also a humanitarian crisis, and the Greek American community can help alleviate the suffering in Greece by joining the Jaharis Family's grand effort thru IOCC, our finest philanthropic agency.

Please give as much as you can to help IOCC feed the hungry in Greece, and as we approach Easter, let's all remember that Christ spent every waking moment of His earthly life feeding the hungry, healing the sick and clothing the naked. We can only enhance our own spiritual development by trying to do the same.

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