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"If I Forget Thee, O Jerusalem"

Michael K. Cantwell

Psalm 137 is set during the Babylonian exile, following the deportation of the ancient Israelites to Babylon in the wake of Nebuchadnezzar II's levelling of Jerusalem and destruction of the first temple.

Its most well-known verses impose on the reader a duty of remembrance and have been repeated through the millennia of the Jewish diaspora before the founding of Israel

If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.

Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I remember thee not; if I set not Jerusalem above my chiefest joy.

The mood changes immediately thereafter as in the next verse, as sorrow gives way to calls for vengeance:

Remember, O LORD, against the children of Edom the day of Jerusalem; who said: 'Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.'

The final two verses, far less well known than the rest of psalm, viscerally celebrate the form that vengeance will take:

O daughter of Babylon, that art to be destroyed; happy shall he be, that repayeth thee as thou hast served us.

Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the rock.

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Florida's Waters: A Vital Asset Facing Grave Threats

Sen. Lori Berman

Florida's pristine waters have been an unparalleled attraction. magnetizing of millions tourists with breathtaking beaches, winding rivers, and mystical springs. These treasures not only enchant visitors but also bolster our state's tourism sector, contributing significantly to an industry that exceeds \$101 billion. Yet, a shadow looms as Florida's water quality deteriorates, endangering both our economy and the well-being of our communities.

Disturbingly, recent studies underscore the gravity of the situation. Fecal indicator bacteria (FIB), signaling the

potentially presence of pathogens and waterborne diseases, are increasingly found across the state. More than one million acres of our coastal estuaries and over nine thousand miles of streams and rivers show concerning FIB levels. Alarmingly, Florida topped the U.S. charts last year with 873,340 acres of lakes deemed unsafe for swimming and supporting aquatic life. Contact with these polluted waters can lead to a range of health issues, from skin infections to severe conditions caused by pathogens like vulnificus, a flesh-eating vibrio bacteria.

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Psalm 137 is rarely read to the end. In the words of a commentator who cited the psalm in a sermon delivered in the aftermath of 9/11.

We have moved from the hatred of armed enemies to the hatred of unarmed innocence. We want revenge.

That, he concluded, "is a dangerous place to be." And yet it is a place humanity has inhabited through much of history. Hindus versus Muslims, Croats versus Serbs, Armenians versus Azerbaijanians, Sunnis versus Shia, Palestinians versus Israelis. It is the unending legacy of twin scourges of religion and nationalism.

Yet nothing in the history of this conflict can justify Hamas's murderous attack, which President Biden trenchantly and accurately condemned as an act of "pure, unadulterated evil." Breaking the Silence is a group of Israeli veterans that bear witness to "the reality of life in the Occupied Territories." They publicize the abuses suffered by Palestinians but deny that these can justify the butchering of over 1200 civilians:

Those who find some kind of twisted theoretical logic in order to justify a massacre are not fighting for human rights, and push the goal of liberation further out of reach.

As Israel prepares to invade Gaza. Tom Friedman rightly warns her about the consequences:

There will be no one to extract Israel and no one to help Israel pay the cost of caring for more than two million Gazans — not if Israel is run by a government that thinks, and acts, as if it can justifiably exact its revenge on Hamas while unjustifiably building an apartheidlike society run by Jewish supremacists in the West Bank. That is a completely incoherent policy."



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Further compounding the issue is our faltering wastewater infrastructure. With outdated septic tanks discharging sewage into our ecosystems, we're inadvertently nurturing threats such as harmful algal blooms. A recent deluge in Fort Lauderdale brought this issue to the fore. Post-flood tests revealed fecal bacteria levels in some canals soaring to over 150 times the deemed safe limit – a contamination level surpassing that of a used public restroom.

This crisis necessitates swift and decisive legislative action. The inconsistencies in reporting and the resultant public confusion amplify the health risks. Our proposal, the Safe Waterways Act, aims to

address these gaps. We call for the immediate issuance of advisories when tests highlight unsafe water conditions. Additionally, we advocate for uniform signage across the state, informing the public about water quality, especially in popular recreational spots. After all, an informed public can make safer choices.

Timely transparency isn't just about immediate safety; it emphasizes the pressing need for comprehensive water restoration. Embracing the Safe Waterways Act is more than legislation – it's a pledge to future generations. By championing this cause, we not only safeguard Florida's reputation as a coveted tourist haven but also ensure the health and prosperity of all who cherish our waters.

Enter the Deficit Bogeyman

Michael K. Cantwell

With inflation dropping and a government shutdown pending, it's the perfect time to drag out the deficit bogeyman.

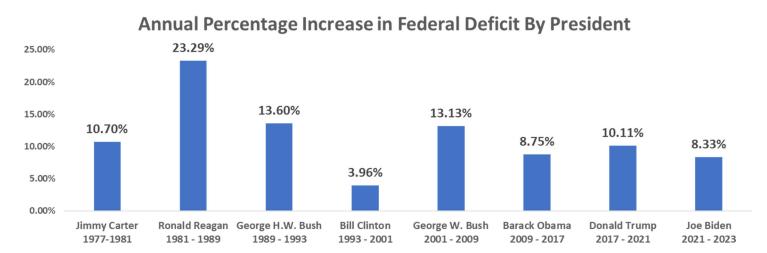
Right on schedule, *The New York Times* (gleefully?) reported on October 20, 2023, that "U.S. Deficit, Pegged at \$1.7 Trillion, Effectively Doubled in 2023." This will be repeated ad nauseam as we hurtle toward a default even though the article omits some critical information.

The article does acknowledge that Republicans "helped run up big budgets deficits" when in power but it fails to address the enormity of their contribution.

Since 1977, when Jimmy Carter took office, four Republican and four Democratic presidents have added some thirty-two and a half trillion dollars to the accumulated federal deficit, with the Republicans responsible for \$17.8 trillion (54.5%) and the Democrats responsible for \$14.8 trillion (45.5%).

The numbers are even worse when we look at the percentage the cumulative deficit increased by presidential term. For example, the cumulative deficit nearly tripled during Reagan's presidency but—because of 30 years of inflation, it represents the third lowest contribution in absolute dollars. To account for differences in the time each president served, the increase in the accumulated deficit is divided by the number of years in office.

Only Bill Clinton (3.96%) has a rate lower rate than Joe Biden's (8.33%) and no Democrat except Jimmy Carter has a rate higher than any Republican:



Letters by Our Members and Friends

Writing to local papers can influence NPAs and give aid, comfort, and information to Democrats. Here is the latest crop from local Democrats.

Value Biden's Accomplishments Over Age

It upsets me greatly when I see Biden's polling numbers so low and many saying they want another candidate because of his age. I feel our country owes him a tremendous debt of gratitude for saving us from four more years of a lying, scheming, greedy shameless demagogue and his enablers who care not a bit for making the country better or the rule of law. Despite continual opposition from Republicans, whose only goal is to obstruct and embarrass him, he still has gotten numerous important bills passed.

His age should not be a disqualifier. Many people in their eighties are still mentally and physically fit. I am continually astounded by his energy, flying around the world dealing with diplomatic issues and also with the numerous natural disasters and problems at home. President Biden truly cares about making the country a better place for everyone, and that type of person is in short supply in the Washington of today.

Dianne Golder, *Palm Beach Post*, September 26, 2023

Teach Your Children

Wishes come true. Then, as we grow up and gain experience — and, hopefully maturity — we learn that wishing for something to come true doesn't make it so.

Unless you're Donald Trump.

Countless official investigations have been mounted into the possibility of fraud in the 2020 election. In more than 63 lawsuits claiming fraud, Trump and his supporters won exactly zero times. The courts have spoken. The election was not stolen.

When a delusional, egocentric, narcissistic manchild denies 63 court findings because he doesn't like them, that's to be expected.

When an elected member of Congress does so, it is inexcusable. It sends a message to our children that the law and the courts can be ignored if we don't like their rulings. Sixty-three times. On election day, you can remove them from office, or not.

What message do you want to teach your children?

Joel Speiser, Sun-Sentinel, September 5, 2023

Bring It On Vouchers and Numbers

As someone with a 45-year career in education who has written about this subject at length, I say it is Scott Kent of Step Up for Students who is wrong.

He contradicts himself. First, he writes in a letter to the editor that 407,000 students were not "siphoned off," then he agrees with Viewpoint writer June S. Neal and says, "407,000 students applied for and were found eligible to receive an education choice scholarship."

Different words, same total.

If we add the 340,731 awarded vouchers Kent reports from both the FTC and FES-EO programs, and from the FES-UA program, 72,049, they total 412,780 — the increase from the 407,000 awards that both the governor's office and Ms. Neal reported as of Aug. 18. All he did was categorize the awards to confuse us. That's insulting to readers.

Perhaps he wanted us to forget the fine job June S. Neal did in reporting the truth behind the voucher program.

Arlene R. Ustin, Sun-Sentinel, September 25, 2023

Where Have All the Black Voters Gone?

Amelia Rose, Ph.D.

In 2020, when it appeared that Biden would lose the election, Blacks braved the rain, the cold, Covid-19 and long lines to put him in the White House. Looking ahead to 2024, it remains to be seen if they will help to keep him there. Truth be told, Black voters have always rescued the Democratic Party, nationally and locally, but over the last few years, in Florida and Palm Beach County in particular, the Fat Lady looks like she's about to sing despite the hard work of some of the party's Zone and Precinct leaders.

There are plenty of reasons and some have been raised but not addressed for years. For the sake of this brief, however, I will only cite a few.

Conversations with some community groups and their leaders, as well as Black voters themselves, have focused attention on several points of dissatisfaction with the PBCDP that have led many to stay home or even switch their registrations from Democrat to NPA or even Republican. If we have any hope of keeping Palm Beach County blue, this dissatisfaction should be reason for great concern to the Democratic Party.

When I ask some of the Black men in the street why they do not vote, the common response is that the Democratic Party does nothing for them and only comes around when they need their votes. A professor friend of mine even went as far as classifying the Party as a part-time lover. Those who still do vote describe themselves as disgruntled; most believe that Black voters in Palm Beach County have been taken for granted by Party leaders, who have consistently failed to engage them in conversations to learn about their concerns.

Another issue often raised by Black voters about their treatment or lack thereof by the PBCDP is that Party leaders have consistently failed to understand the demographic makeup of the Black population in the county. By doing so, they have further disregarded their cultural norms, thereby missing a great opportunity to coalesce individuals from the Caribbean Diaspora for the expansion of the Party and for the greater good.

We have approximately one year to get our ducks in line if we hope to change the newspaper headlines and if we want to identify quality candidates, win elections, and regain the trust and confidence of Black voters. We can ignore these observations at our peril. The work ahead is not for Zone and Precinct Leaders alone. We need all hands on deck, because as my Grandmother used to say, "the horse that is doing pulling is not the horse doing the kicking"

Malice Michael K. Cantwell

These people aren't stupid. Well, maybe Marjorie Taylor Green is, as one commentator called her after she disgraced herself at the State of the Union, "a serious contender for the stupidest person in the room," but even Donald Trump understands that a climate catastrophe is looming, and that their actions are exponentially increasing the likelihood that their grandchildren if not their children will inherit a virtually uninhabitable planet.

It's not stupidity and it's not even recklessness. It's malice. These people like breaking things and hurting people because it makes them feel big and powerful when, as J.K. Rowling aptly labeled Trump, they are "tiny, tiny tiny men."

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Say a Little Prayer for Don

Michael K. Cantwell

I jest, but while some people worry what will happen if Trump is on the ballot, I worry what will happen if he's not.

That's because, as I told my friend Char, "if he's on the ballot, even Grover could beat him."

As you can see, that motivated her to create a campaign flyer for him. Lest anyone think I am an enabler of an RFK Jr. or Joe Manchin with four paws, understand that I have nothing but contempt for anyone who has less than full-throated support for the Biden-Harris ticket.

I worry that Trump could be blocked if his legal woes lead to a stroke (not a stretch given his diet and his obesity). Although far less likely, he could finally be declared insane and institutionalized—have you noticed that his detachment from reality seems to grow more and more extreme by the day?

So say a little prayer for Don . . . And keep Grover in mind for local races. He's one candidate that the developers won't be supporting.



Photo by Char Lane

The Democratic Contract with Florida

David Kulick

- Expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act to save our state money while providing healthcare services to the working poor.
- Reverse draconian abortion laws and enact a law that codifies the reasonable compromise instituted by the Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade.
- Reverse racist education laws that rewrite history, institute book bans, and turn Florida schools into de-education camps..
- Institute commonsense gun control measures such as banning assault weapons and large capacity magazines intended for combat operations.

- Build affordable housing, not as an adjunct to large luxury developments, but as a policy.
- Restore Vote By Mail so that people do not have to jump through hoops to do what should be a simple civic activity.
- Automatically restore voting rights to persons convicted of felonies after completion of their sentences.
- Separate hurricane policies from standard homeowner insurance and use Citizens or some other government backed carrier to handle the hurricane portion.

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Deals with the Devil

Michael K. Cantwell

"Hamas, to my great regret, is Israel's creation," said retired Israeli official <u>Avner Cohen</u>. When it emerged in the 1980s, Hamas was seen as a counterweight to the PLO and its dominant factor, Yasser Arafat's Fatah.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took it one step further, even after it was clear Hamas represented a far greater threat to Israel than the Palestinian Authority. At a Likud party meeting in 2019, he presented Hamas as an ally, much as the United States viewed Islamists in Afghanistan as allies against communism.

Those who want to thwart the possibility of a Palestinian state should support the strengthening of Hamas and the transfer of money to Hamas. This is part of our strategy.

<u>This depraved strategy</u> makes sense if your goal is to create enough fear and chaos to keep you in office and out of jail while simultaneously advancing the settlers' messianic <u>land grab in the West Bank</u>.

Hamas rocket attacks launched from Gaza claimed few lives but were psychologically devastating and diverted attention from what was happening in the West Bank. But on October 7, 2023, Israel learned what America had learned on September 11, 2001, namely, that deals with the devil tend to blow up in your face.

Worth Quoting

Amira Hass, an Israeli journalist who spent many years reporting from Gaza, "Gaza embodies the central contradiction of the state of Israel – democracy for some, dispossession for others; it is our exposed nerve.' Israelis don't say 'go to hell', they say 'go to Gaza." Quoted by Adam Shatz on the war in Gaza, <u>Vengeful Pathologies</u>, London Review of Books.

"Israeli security officials spent months trying to warn Mr. Netanyahu that the political turmoil caused by his domestic policies was weakening the country's security and emboldening Israel's enemies. The prime minister continued to push those policies. On one day in July he even refused to meet a senior general who came to deliver a threat warning based on classified intelligence, according to Israeli officials." Ronen Bergman, Mark Mazzetti and Maria Abi-Habib, The New York Times: How Years of Israeli Failures on Hamas Led to a Devastating Attack

George Will, on the cretin from Alabama: "Senate rules, which allow maximum individual latitude, presuppose minimal maturity. To protest a Defense Department policy pertaining to abortion, a caricature — Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), who says the three branches of government are "the House, the Senate, and the executive" — is blocking confirmation of hundreds of senior military promotions. This, says Gates, is "making the United States a laughingstock among its adversaries." The Senate should immediately end this moronic behavior. Senators should either change Tuberville's unfurnished mind ("My dad fought 76 years ago in Europe to free Europe from socialism") or change the rule he is abusing. George Will, As ominous threats rise, the U.S. is mired in moronic, clownish politics, Washington Post.

Labor organizer Sydney Ghazarian debunking claims that auto strike is based on workers' opposition to electric cars: "Personally, I have no patience for the industry framing that workers are somehow responsible for slowing down the transition to EVs... It wasn't auto workers who suppressed global warming research beginning in the 1960s while also lobbying against climate protections... It wasn't auto workers who made the decision to produce gas-guzzling vehicles, or to locate pollutive plants in working class communities of color. Those decisions were made by auto industry bosses like Mary Barra, Jim Farley, and Carlos Tavares." Sarah Lazare, The Big 3 Want You To Think Striking Workers and the Climate Are at Odds. They're Not, In These Times.

Laphonza Butler, a former adviser of the vice president and the president of Emily's List until appointed to succeed Dianne Fienstein, quoted in Astead W. Herndon, <u>In Search of Kamala Harris</u>, The New York Times. Asked about Democrats' criticism of Harris, she responded, "Cut the bullshit . . . It's disrespectful . . . And the thing that makes it more disrespectful is that we're talking about a historic V.P. who has been a high-quality partner and asset to the country at a time when everything is at stake. Right now is the time to respect what she's done and what she brings."

Thank a Democrat

1964 Civil Rights Act 1965 Voting Rights Act Affordable Care Act AmeriCorps CDC Family and Medical Leave Act Food Stamp Act
Freedom of Information Act
GI Bill of Rights
Medicare and Medicaid
Minimum Wage Act
National Labor Relations Act

National Science Foundation Act
National Voter Registration Act
(a.k.a) Motor Voter Act
Social Security Act
Unemployment Compensation Act
Workers Compensation Act

Thank Joe Biden

American Rescue Plan Act, Signed March 11, 2021

- Provided \$1,400 to every taxpayer and each of his or her dependents
- Expanded coverage and reduced premiums under the Affordable Care Act for 9 million Americans.
- Expanded and extended unemployment benefits.
- Increased SNAP benefits
- Increased and expanded Child Tax Credit, representing the largest investment in child care assistance since World War II
- Increased the Earned Income Tax Credit for frontline workers who helped their communities through the COVID crisis

- Invested \$160 billion to provide supplies and vaccines to combat COVID's heavy toll
- Distributed \$360 billion in emergency funding for local governments to help keep front line public workers on the job and paid
- Provided emergency grants and loans to hard-hit small businesses
- Established a special sign-up period for the Affordable Care Act, adding 800,000 previously uninsured to the ranks of the insured.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Signed November 15, 2021

- The largest federal investment in public transit
- The largest federal investment in passenger rail since the creation of Amtrak
- The single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the interstate highway system
- The largest investment in clean drinking water and waste water infrastructure in American history, delivering clean water to millions of families
- Ensures every American has access to reliable high-speed internet
- Helps us tackle the climate crisis by making the largest investment in clean energy transmission and EV infrastructure in history; electrifying thousands of school and transit buses across the country; and creating a new Grid Deployment Authority to build a resilient, clean, 21st century electric grid

Inflation Reduction Act, Signed August 16, 2022

- Invests \$369 billion in energy security and fighting climate change
- Invests \$64 billion to extend Affordable Care Act subsidies
- Authorizes Medicare to negotiate with drug companies
- Provides an additional \$80 billion to the IRS for tax modernization and enforcement, which is estimated to reduce the deficit by recovering as much as \$203.7 billion from tax cheats
- Closes tax loopholes by imposing a 15% minimum tax payment on companies with over \$1 billion of income and a 1% excise tax on stock buybacks
- Expands Medicare benefits: provides free vaccines (2023), caps insulin costs at \$35/month (2023) and caps out-of-pocket drug costs to an estimated \$4,000 or less in 2024, settling at \$2,000 in 2025
- Provides \$4 billion for drought resiliency in western states

How to Distinguish a Democrat from a Republican

If you have difficulty differentiating a party that treats climate change as an existential threat from one that calls it a Chinese hoax, here's a timeline of the 90-year battle between Republican incompetence and racism and Democratic competence and inclusion.

Republicans Cause the Great Depression Democrats Create the Safety Net

1929-1932: Republicans control both Congress and the White House in 1929 as the country careens into the Great Depression. The government does **nothing** to alleviate suffering as unemployment reaches 25% and millions become homeless: "Hoover feared that providing direct aid to people in need would cause them to lose their incentive to work hard."

1933-1944: FDR announces a "New Deal," restores the economy, and creates a middle class that is the envy of the world. Democrats fashion a "safety net," creating Social Security, unemployment insurance, workers compensation, and protection for unions. FDR proposes a Second Bill of Rights to protect the "right to liberty" in the same way the original Bill of Rights protected "life" and "liberty." The dream dies with FDR's death 2 months later.

Democrats Expand the Safety Net Republicans Resort to Red-Baiting and Racism

1964: Democrats pass Medicare and Medicaid. Ronald Reagan warns that if Medicare passes, "you and I are going to spend our sunset years telling our children, and our children's children, what it once was like in America when men were free."

1964-1965: Democrats pass the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Acts. LBJ warns "we have lost the South for a generation." It is a gross underestimate.

1968: Dick Nixon launches his "Southern Strategy," using racist dog whistles to capture the presidency.

1980-1992: Reagan begins his campaign touting "States Rights" in the same Mississippi county where the Klan murdered Goodman, Schwerner, and Chaney. Dog whistles target "strapping young bucks buying T-bone steaks with Food Stamps" and "welfare queens driving Cadillacs." The Solid South turns Republican. The Raw Deal replaces the New Deal and the federal debt quadruples.

1993-2001: Bill Clinton raises taxes and creates 23 million jobs during his tenure. The annual budget shows a surplus for his last three years in office.

Government "Is the Problem, not the Solution" When Republicans Hold the Reins

2001-2008: George W. Bush invades Afghanistan and corners but loses bin Laden in the mountains. He invades Iraq based on lies, costing trillions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of lives. He signs two tax cuts principally benefitting the wealthiest Americans and doubles the federal debt.

Bush tries to privatize Social Security but fails when the American people rebel. He bungles the response to Hurricane Katrina. He lets the banksters run wild, causing the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Four million Americans lose their jobs and ten million (disproportionately people of color) lose their homes.

2009-2016: Obama takes office. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is passed with only 3 Republican votes. It averts another Great Depression, and 11 million jobs are created during Obama's tenure.

Obama signs the Affordable Care Act, providing coverage to 20 million previously uninsured Americans and saving tens of thousands of lives. Obama oversees the capture and killing of Bin Laden is killed.

2016-2020: Behold the Beast

Dismissed as a joke by a craven, clueless corporate media, Donald Trump becomes "the most powerful person in the world" and presides over the most ruinous presidency in American. His single legislative achievement is to add \$1.9 trillion to historythe deficit with a tax cut that disproportionately benefits plutocrats and multinational corporations. His incompetent and chaotic response to COVID exacerbates the death toll and plunges the country into a Second Great Depression. He loses 9.3 million jobs in his final year, becoming the first president to preside over a net job loss during his tenure.

2021-23: Dems Fix Another Republican Mess

Democrats pass the American Recovery Plan and Inflation Reduction Act without any Republican votes. Biden signs the largest infrastructure bill in decades, the first gun safety legislation in nearly three decades; the biggest expansion of veterans' benefits in over three decades, and an investment in microchip production to make America more competitive with China.

Bidenomics adds 13 million jobs in 30 months, unemployment drops to 3.5% (lowest in 54 years) and Black unemployment drops to its lowest level ever.

2023 Membership

Char Lane

Membership is on a calendar year basis and your dues help provide funding for operational projects, such as *The Delray Democrat*, our meetings, other working supplies and signage for our sign waving events. Meetings are at 7 PM on the third Thursday of each month at the Palm Beach County Democratic Party office, located in the Congress Office Park, 220 Congress Park Drive, Suite 140, in Delray Beach. Our meetings are hybrid so you can also join via zoom. Meeting notices include zoom links to register for or join the meeting and links to our various websites.

Our goal is to educate people as to the importance of voting, why they should vote Democratic and why they should use Vote-by-Mail as a critical tool in support of this goal. We'll have to work hard to help keep our democracy intact and protect it from the manifesting lunacy.

Getting out the vote is our most important mission. You can help by writing postcards, making phone calls, texting, canvassing or becoming a precinct leader. You can register people to vote and help people sign up to vote by mail. You can volunteer for projects to benefit the community. There's so much to do between now and November 2024.

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